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LAW STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION

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FROM: Marina Sarmiento Feehan, Chair
RE: Third Quarter Report – NALP LSPD Section
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SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

We had a well-attended year-end section call on Nov. 30, 2011. I plan on having another section call in March or April, right before the NALP conference to highlight sessions being presented by LSPD section members. Lastly, there have been a number of changes affecting work group vice-chairs such as resignation from positions, cross-country moves and pregnancy leave. But our section remains enthusiastic and eager to contribute to NALP.

Work Group Updates

E Professionalism & Social Networking

Vice-chairs: *Kristin Hulse; Ginna Galbraith, South Texas College of Law*

- Webinar: Vice Chair Kristin Hulse presented an outstanding free webinar to NALP members on Dec. 1, 2011. The webinar, “Tips and Tricks for Teaching Law Students about LinkedIn” provided valuable advice and guidance on how members can effectively teach law students (or even lawyers) about using LinkedIn professionally. The webinar included how to design an effective LinkedIn profile, explored uses for networking and job search purposes, how to make meaningful connections and prepare for interviews and career fairs. Members can login and view this webinar on the Nalp website at <http://www.nalp.org/webinars>.
 - Please note that Kristin Hulse left her position at Georgetown University and has moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. She recently had twin boys this January! She continues to do contract work for Georgetown and as such is able to remain involved in the section.
- Collaboration with Social Media Section: Vice-Chair Ginna Galbraith spoke with Social Media section chair Megan McGrath to discuss possible collaborations between their groups. Ginna will be sending a survey out to our listserv re: what CSO’s are doing to teach students about Social Media.

Track Programming

Vice-chairs: *Beth McManus, Univ of Penn; Sandra P. Buteau, Georgetown*

- New LSPD Resource: Beth and Sandra did an outstanding job creating a compendium of Law Student Professional Development resources. This document contains links to resources pulled from NALP's 2010 & 2011 Annual Education Conference materials, NALP Bulletin articles, books, publications, webinars and presentations. Beth and Sandra received assistance from Janet Smith who provided them with information regarding handouts from the 2011 NALP conference. The new resource is posted at <http://www.nalp.org/uploads/LawStudentPDResources.pdf>. There is also a link to it on the Professional Resources > Career Services page and also on the LSPD section page. Janet Smith will announce its availability in the next NALPnow.
 - Please note that vice-chair Beth McManus is out on pregnancy leave.

Law Student Lawyer Collaboration

Vice-Chairs: *Meg Reuter, NY Law School*

- NOTE: *Dalel Raide, who left her position at St. Thomas School of Law, has stepped down as vice-chair. While Dalel wanted to continue on in her role, per NALP rules only NALP members can serve as vice-chairs. I spoke with Meg Reuter about seeking a new vice-chair and Meg felt it was unnecessary.*
- Experiential Learning Survey: In November 2011, we distributed the Phase 2 Experiential Learning survey to public service and public interest attorneys with the help of Leor Neta, from Golden Gate Univ and Steve Grumm at NALP. The survey was sent to listservs that include all US organizations in PSLawNet (approx. 12,000), legal services corporation, NLADA, and more. The survey closed on Dec. 9, 2011. Judy Collins, the NALP research director, indicated we had nearly 1,000 respondents. So we expect the results to be just as robust as the private sector attorneys from last year and the comparisons will be terrific.
- Externships 6 Conference: Meg Reuter, along with Board Member Sandee Magliozzi will be presenting results of the Experiential Survey at the Externships 6 Conference in Boston in early March.

Liaison to Lawyer PD Section: *Kristine Bridges, Univ of Tulsa*

- Three Article Series: Kristine Bridges (UTulsa), our Liaison to Lawyer PD section, is collaborating with Lawyer PD section member Michele Bendekovic on a series of articles addressing the progressive stages of an attorneys' professional development. The article will be published in the NALP Bulletin in April, May, and June 2012. The series is entitled, "It's Easy as 1, 2, 3: Addressing Professional Development Issues from Law School through Retirement."

- Article #1: Laying the Foundation” - 1st article addresses laying the foundation for basic professional development concepts for law students through their first post-graduation placement.
- Article #2: Building Momentum and Sustaining Success”- second article addresses adapting to the first post-graduation placement and options for growing in that placement, or into another placement, and otherwise professionally.
- Article #3 – Rounding Out a Great Career” - final article addresses considerations of attorneys in latter and final stages of professional development.

NALP BULLETIN ARTICLES

Our section members have busy writing bulletin articles! The following articles have been published:

1. Oct 2011. Aisha Joseph (Hofstra NY) & Dina Billian (Miles Stockbridge), “Stepping Outside the Comfort Zone: Organic Ways to Find a Job.”
2. Oct 2011. Beth Shackleford, PDI Conf Planning Comm (UGeorgia): “Why Law School Members Should Attend the PDI Conference.”
3. Nov 2011. Marina Sarmiento Feehan (USF), “LinkedIn Groups: The Power of Community.”
4. Dec 2011. Amanda DiPolvere (Penn State) “Boosting Law Student PD through Civic Engagement.”
5. Jan 2012. Sarra Ziari & Molly Stafford (both UOP McGeorge), “Using Generational Differences to Create Effective Career Programs.”

2012 Annual Conference Update

Gina Rowsam, formerly Asst. Dean for Professional and Development, Oklahoma City Univ. School of Law, submitted an RFP which was accepted for the 2012 Conference, “Core Competencies: Begin NOW!” However, as Gina has left her position at Oklahoma City Univ SOL and is no longer able to take part in the presentation, co-presenters Suzanne Aronowitz and Karen Britton felt it was better to defer this session for another year. Gina was the driving force behind the RFP and we will miss her at NALP!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

A few articles to highlight:

1. Wall Street Journal – Big law firms continue to keep entry level associate hiring lean:
 - a. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203363504577186913589594038.html>
2. Wall Street Journal Blog: A leaner world for Young Associates – there's a link to NALP!
 - a. http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2012/01/30/a-leaner-world-for-young-lawyers/?mod=WSJBlog&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+wsj%2Flaw%2Ffeed+%28WSJ.com%3A+Law+Blog%29&utm_content=Google+Reader
3. The Lawyerist – Urges law students to take practical skills courses!
 - a. http://lawyerist.com/law-students-should-take-practical-skill-classes/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+solosmalltech+%28Lawyerist%29&utm_content=Google+Reader
4. The Lawyerist – How law students can network with Adjunct Professors
 - a. <http://www.google.com/reader/view/?hl=en&tab=my#stream/feed%2Fhttp%3A%2F%2Ffeeds.feedburner.com%2Fsolosmalltech>