



Welcome

The Grapevine is your weekly newsletter published by the SBA for law students. The Grapevine features a weekly calendar of events as well as news from the SBA, and announcements from various on campus clubs.

Submissions

The Grapevine is produced by your SBA Secretary. Submissions must be e-mailed to Kelly Watkins at KWatkins@scu.edu by Friday at 5:00 PM to be included in the following weeks newsletter.

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Meet Your 2017 SBA Board Members & American Bar Association Reps



Presidents

Christian Girgis

Hey Y'all! I hail from Sunny Southern California. I miss the beach every day. When I am not off dissecting musical lyrics and overanalyzing sports, I am likely glued to the newest Netflix show. I enjoy discussing politics and hate small talk. If you've got a hot take on some current event issue, feel free to hit me with it. You may see me lounging in the quad, sunbathing when the weather's right. Say hi! I don't bite.

Vice Presidents of Full Time Students

Mikaela Burkhardt

Hi! My name is Mikaela Burkhardt and I am a 2L! I grew up in SoCal and went to undergrad at SJSU. My favorite hobby is playing soccer and I currently play in two coed leagues. I hope you all have a great 2017-2018 school year and I am looking forward to getting to know you all this year!

Vice President of Part Time Students

Sarah Swaty

Sarah Swaty is a part-time 3L pursuing a career in international human rights law. Sarah enjoys traveling, and has interned for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Malta and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative in Ghana. Prior to starting law school, Sarah taught English and Communication courses at CSU Monterey Bay, SFSU, Hartnell College, Las Positas Community College, and San Quentin State Prison.

Kevin Lee

I was born and raised in southern California. I'm a filmmaker and have my own business. Interesting fact: I have had brain surgery twice.

Vice President of External Affairs

Karin Hjorth

Karin is an enthusiastic 2L who comes to law school with industry experience in Regulatory Affairs for medical device and life science companies. In her free time you find Karin training with the Donny Shankle Weightlifting team down the street from SCU Law or exploring local hiking and cycling spots. She had an amazing summer working at Oracle as a legal department intern and welcomes those interested to ask her more about it!

Community Service Chair

Justin Jimenez

My name is Justin Jimenez (3L), and I am your SBA Director of Community Service for 2017 - 2018. As such, my responsibilities include developing and promoting community service activities (e.g. food drives, fundraisers, etc) on behalf of the SBA. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding anything from obtaining funding for your community service event or coordinating events with another LSO's. As for background, my legal interest is in Patent Prosecution, complementing my Computer Science degree."

Treasurers

Chase Carlile

I grew up in Newport Beach. I went to Undergrad at the University of Georgia. My favorite President is Theodore Roosevelt and least favorite is Warren G. Harding. I am interested in College Football, attending concerts, cryptocurrency, crisp handshakes, Cool Ranch Doritos and alliteration. Feel free to stop by and ask me about any of my interests.

Secretary

Kelly Watkins

I am a 3L interested in Criminal Law. I spent my last summer interning with the Santa Clara County Public Defenders Office working on felony cases. I grew up in the Bay Area and went to SDSU for Undergrad. I am currently learning Spanish in my free time. Feel free to stop by and ask me any questions about Law School.

American Bar Association Representatives

Heim Kirin Grewal

I am a part of the Student Bar Association as an American Bar Association representative. Anyone, especially our new 1Ls should feel free to come talk with me about anything relating to law school or the ABA. I will do my best help people figure out what is going on and bring the concerns of the student body to the SBA and the ABA as needed. I live in graduate housing so I'm just about always on campus. Don't feel shy to stop and talk with me if you see around even it's just to say hi.

I am the first in my family to go to law school and before coming to SCU I worked for a number of years as a Development Engineer in LA. I am currently in my second year here at SCU. Along with my involvement with the SBA, I am also the Vice-President of the South Asian Law Student Association (SALSA) and a ASP fellow.

The SBA would like to welcome you to the 2017 Fall Semester. We hope you have a great first week of school! For IL's who are new to the school we would like to welcome you to Santa Clara!

Special Announcements

Did you lose or miss a handout from Orientation? They are posted online at: <http://emery.scu.edu/students/success/first-year-orientation/>.

ASP starts the week of August 21st!

Saturday August 19th is Super Draft. This is your opportunity to select event dates for your LSO. At least one representative from each student organization must attend!

August 19th @ Bannan from 10:00 to 12:00 PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
School Begins		<p>12:00 PM – OCM LinkedIn Lab @ <i>B139</i></p> <p>12:00 PM - Information Session for Honors Moot Court External and Internal Competitions @ <i>B127</i></p>		<p>**Last Say for 100% Tuition Refund and Late Registration**</p> <p>12:00 PM – FYF Academic Success Strategies @ <i>B 127</i></p>	<p>**Saturday Classes Begin**</p> <p>10:00 – 12:00 PM – Super Draft</p>	

Event Details

<p>Wednesday, August 16</p>	<p>Office of Career Management – LinkedIn Lab 12:00 PM Bannan 139 RSVP with OCM. Come by and bring your Laptop and Resume.</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 16</p>	<p>Information Session for Honors Moot Court External and Internal Competitions 12:00 PM Bannan 127 Please join us for an information session regarding how and why you should participate in Honors Moot Court External Competitions this year. It is open to 2L, 3L and 4L. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Kevin LaBarbera (KnLaBarbera@scu.edu), our HMCE Director Gianna Segretti (gsegretti@scu.edu) or HMCI (hmci@scu.edu).</p>
<p>Friday, August 18</p>	<p>FYF – Academic Success Strategies 12:00 PM Bannan 127 This workshop circles back to the ASP sessions at Orientation, and checks-in on your understanding of the big picture of studying in law school. We'll talk about the important strategies to employ that connect reading and briefing cases to classroom learning, to synthesizing material into an outline, and to preparing for and writing law school exams.</p>
<p>Saturday, August 19</p>	<p>Super Draft 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bannan SuperDraft is an opportunity for ALL LSO's to come together, meet each other, learn about hosting events, running an LSO, hear from your new SBA Treasurer's and Presidents, and pick your one shielded event date for the semester.</p>

Upcoming Events

Internal Trial Team

Are you interested in gaining litigation experience? **This fall, Internal Trial Team will be hosting its first annual trial competition!** Students will compete against each other in teams of two for up to three rounds!

The competition will include opening and closing arguments, direct and cross examinations, and the opportunity to introduce evidence. Each of these skills will be part of seminars presented by mentors from the External Trial Team.

Cash prizes will be given out to the top two teams.

Please join us on August 23rd at 12 pm in the Moot Courtroom for an Information Session.

If you would like to get on our email list, please email nayala@scu.edu with your contact information and year (as of Spring 2017).

LSO CLUB Day Thursday August 24th

12 PM – 1 PM & 5 PM – 6 PM

All LSO's are welcome to table to promote their club and meet IL's.

REMINDER:
INDIVIDUAL
RESEARCH
DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

*Forms available in the Law Student Services
Office or online at emery.scu.edu*

