



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friends,

We're back and better than ever! Returning to campus, resuming in-person instruction, and gathering once again in Charney Hall, has been very energizing and uplifting. We all fully appreciate how important our loving relationships are to our learning and our well-being! It is wonderful to see our remarkable community come together in person again.

Of course, we all recognize that these times and transitions are not without their serious challenges. I am deeply appreciative of the adaptability of our students, staff, faculty, and administrative team, who have worked alongside our University partners to navigate a safe and successful return to our campus.

As we return to campus, we will redouble our efforts to nurture our special sense of community, support one another, and reunite as a family. We have already taken advantage of our beautiful California sunshine to gather together outdoors on Panetta Plaza for a series of law school-wide Brown Bag lunches, as well as our Thursday morning Breakfast and Banter get-togethers with the Deans. Every time we gather with each other, we are reminded of why we love Santa Clara Law.

We are planning so many other exciting community-building programs throughout the semester. For those looking for a spirited athletic event, we're encouraging law students, staff, faculty, and alumni to attend the Santa Clara men's basketball game on Saturday, February 26th, right here on campus, at the Leavey Center. Tip-off is at 2 pm, and students, staff, and faculty get in for FREE with their campus ID card.

As we reconnect on campus, please remember that you are not alone! Each one of you is a vital part of the tightly-knit fabric of our law school community. You belong here!

The next time you journey through the Grand Atrium of Charney Hall, I hope you will take a moment to notice our video boards. The linked train of pictures is one way, among many, of capturing our connected, vibrant, and diverse community in action. The genuine love we maintain for one another is on full display in these photos. They make visible the powerful support network that ensures that each one of you succeeds and thrives at Santa Clara Law and beyond.

With warm regards and immense gratitude,



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