

2020 ORIENTATION LEADERS

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I came to UND Law because ... I am a North Dakota kid. I knew I wanted to live, practice, and raise my family within this state. Even though I had offers from “better” schools, I trusted my gut and chose UND Law from a purely practical standpoint. The success I have had from both a practical and professional standpoint thus far has been more than I could have every guessed.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... Law School is not “like a job,” it *is* a job. So long as you treat it as a 9a-5p, you will be fine. If you try and cut corners or get bad advice on how to make something “easier for yourself,” you will likely fail at your job. You made it into UND Law because the faculty and staff believe you can succeed. Imposter syndrome is normal, do not let it keep you from asking questions.

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- Law school clubs / activities: Phi Alpha Delta (Corliss Chapter)

I came to UND Law because ... they gave me an opportunity.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... that law school is a grind, that will bare amazing fruits from your labor. The friendships that are forged during the law school grind will probably last forever, and do not be afraid to lean on each other during your law school tenure. Law school is a lot easier when you realize you are not in it alone.

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- Second-year law student
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I came to UND Law because ... I wanted a quality education from a smaller law school. I also wanted a change in my environment from what I was used to.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... This is going to be the hardest year of your life but if you push through, it will also be the most rewarding year of your life. Nothing good ever comes easy and law school is a testament to that fact. Stay strong and push forward!!

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- Third-year law student
- Undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology (North Dakota State University)
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- Law school clubs / activities: Law Women's Caucus, Criminal Law Association, Student Trial Lawyers Association, Trial Team, Law Student Orientation Leader, UND Law Student Admissions Recruiter

I came to UND Law because ... I wanted to continue my education in North Dakota, because ND is home to me. I've grown up in North Dakota my entire life and I absolutely loved going to school at NDSU, and I hoped to have the same experience at UND. The faculty and staff at UND Law genuinely care about the students here and their experience as a law student. The environment at UND really feels like family. My experience at UND has been nothing short of exceptional, and I hope that, as an orientation leader, I can help you begin your experience at UND on a positive note as well.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... Enjoy your first year of law school. It's going to be a new and tough experience, but it will all be worth it. Make friends – take this week of orientation to get to know your classmates, because you will likely end up leaning on each other a lot throughout your law school career. Work hard – harder than you've ever had to work before, but don't forget to take time for yourself to take part in the things that make you happy. Do the readings, take good notes, pay attention in class, and ask questions – you'll be glad you

did all of these, and it will make things easier when finals season rolls around. Finally, have fun – take advantage of the weekends when you don't have as much to do, visit with your family and friends, and catch up on sleep! Please, if you ever have any questions or just want to visit, feel free to contact me, and I will try to be of as much help as possible!

Calen King (calen.king@und.edu)

- Second-year law student
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- Hometown: Conrad, Montana
- Law school clubs / activities: 1L Honor Board Student Representative; Vice President, UND Criminal Law Association

I came to UND Law because ... It is very cold which makes me put my nose down and study (actually, my sister used to live in North Dakota and then recently moved). I also enjoyed the sense of a small, close-knit law community.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... Although the saying “keep up with your readings and notes” may seem cliché right now – it is very true. The course load makes it easy to get behind. If you remain diligent throughout the semester, you will thank yourself during finals.

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- Second-year law student
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- Hometown: Bismarck, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: Innocence Project Volunteer; Treasurer, Alternative Dispute Resolution Organization; Criminal Law Association

I came to UND Law because ... I came to UND for the warm, hot weather year-round Alright just kidding (it's not THAT bad) ... I came to UND Law for many reasons. When I toured the school, the atmosphere was amazing. It is a small school that provides for a close relation with classmates and teachers. I have met some amazing people in school, and you learn to lean on each other when you need help with school or personal life. Some other schools around the country are much more competitive and do not foster a friendly community like UND provides.

I would like to tell the incoming students ...

1. You will do great! I know Law School can be a stressful, anxiety provoking experience but you will all do amazing.
2. Be kind to everyone in your class. Your class members will not remember you for your grades, they will remember you for your actions and how you acted throughout law school. There are approximately 80 other people in your shoes that will be struggling too so lean on each other and help each other out whenever you get the chance! North Dakota has a small bar, and everyone will likely be working with each other throughout the entire careers.
3. Work out and exercise! Working out is one of the most beneficial things you can do when feeling stressed. I know it may be difficult to use the Wellness Center due to COVID restrictions but make it a point to get there often and work out. You will feel better both mentally and physically.
4. Reach out to upper classmen if you need to talk. We just went through the 1L year and may have some tips and tricks to deal with stress or other subjects!

To summarize everything... Be kind. Work Hard. Help each other. Stay healthy, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

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- Hometown: Crosby, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: Law Review; Business Law Association; Rural Practice Association; Alternative Dispute Resolution Association

I came to UND Law because ... I wanted a law school experience with small class sizes and connections to North Dakota firms, all while staying close to my family. UND was able to check all three boxes and created the educational atmosphere I need.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... it is important to stay in touch with your support system, whoever they may be. Law school is rigorous, stressful, and demanding. It cannot be tackled alone. Be sure to make time for your friends and family because their support will help you to push through the tough times.

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- Second-year law student
- Undergraduate degree in Psychology (Ryerson University)
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- Law school clubs / activities: Secretary of the Canadian Law Student's Society, Treasurer of the Criminal Law Association, Intramural hockey, Cross Border Classic, Malpractice Bowl

I came to UND Law because ... I want to open up as many doors as possible. Attending UND gives me the opportunity to practice in the States and Canada. I am also a hands-on learner and with UND's wide variety of experiential classes and options, I can get the most out of my time in law school.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... It's really not as scary as you think it will be. Just focus on studying hard, making a good group of friends, and always being professional and you will do great. Another important thing to remember is to prioritize your mental health – that is your foundation to everything.

Ashley Olson (ashley.olson.4@und.edu)

- Third-year law student
- Undergraduate degree in Legal Studies (Winona State University)
- Hometown: Wells, Minnesota
- Law school clubs / activities: Internal Moot Court Competition; International Human Rights Organization; Law Women's Caucus; Student Trial Lawyers Association; Rural Practice Association; Malpractice Bowl Football Team

I came to UND law because ... I wanted to attend a law school which had a goal of producing practice-ready lawyers and emphasized developing skills beyond analytical reading. The small class sizes allowed me to develop important relationships with my professors and be involved in a variety of courses and activities which will help prepare me for life outside of law school.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... Get to know your classmates and spend time with them! Your classmates will be the people you rely upon during the stressful periods of law school and will be there to lend you a helping hand when you need it. It may seem scary to introduce yourself to a bunch of strangers, but I promise it is worth it. Although it does not seem like it now, you will make great friends during law school. I cannot count the number of times a classmate has brought me coffee; given me a ride while my car is at the mechanic; or offered me their notes because I, yet again, did not understand the lecture in Contracts. I also strongly

recommend attending the social events hosted during Orientation Week and throughout the semester as they are great opportunities to meet your classmates and the upperclassmen.

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- Hometown: Mandan, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: Law Women's Caucus, Student Trial Lawyers Association

I came to UND Law because ... of two main reasons. First, I appreciated the clear commitment UND Law makes to knowing who their students are and dedicating themselves to their success. I always have found myself or my peers showing greater academic success when they know they are more than a name or number on a sheet of paper to their professors. Further, I personally thrive in environments where I know the names and some personal aspects of those around me, inducing a more family orientated setting, and UND Law does a phenomenal job of aligning with those needs. Second, UND Law is close to home for me. My hometown is roughly in the middle of North Dakota, and my undergraduate location is roughly an hour south of Grand Forks. UND Law provided an easy transition from both of those locations.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... do not lose sight of your "why." Why did you come to law school, what drives you, what inspires you, etc. As you begin your law school journey, you will experience numerous ups and downs. Do not forget that you are here [in law school] because someone looked at your application and recognized your ability to make it to graduation. My best advice is when you are traveling a rocky path or are feeling incapable, take a moment to remember your "why" and know that you are one out of many that experience the same thing. Reach out to those around you when you are feeling lost and never hesitate to contact me for help if you need it.

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- Hometown: Mandan, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: Secretary-Business Law Association, Rural Practice Association, Law Review, Teaching Assistant

I came to UND Law because ... I am from North Dakota and I plan to practice in North Dakota, so I thought it best to remain in state and receive my legal education from UND.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... Everything will be fine! (I promise) The first year, especially the first semester is hard, but it is manageable. Every one of you is capable of doing law school, you just have to remain focused. Enjoy the first year as much as you can, you're finally learning about the law!

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- Undergraduate degree in Business Management (North Dakota State University)
- Hometown: Jamestown, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: ADR Board, Law Women's Caucus, Business Law Association, Student Bar Association

I came to UND Law because ... I loved the family atmosphere that comes with being at a small law school. I really appreciate the fact that professors/faculty know us by name and take the time to get to know us as people!

I would like to tell the incoming students ... you are enough and are fully capable of doing well in law school, while still maintaining your wellbeing! You just have to find out what study methods work for you ☺

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- Second-year law student
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- Hometown: Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Law school clubs / activities: Student Bar Association, Criminal Law, and Student Trial Leaders Association

I came to UND Law because ... I've always had an interest in the legal field, and I want to help support people/businesses through the legal process.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... to slow down and take everything in! Find a study group and use outside prep materials. When it comes to studying for finals, complete practice problems!

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- Second-year law student
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- Hometown: Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Law school clubs / activities: Incoming Secretary, Criminal Law Association; Incoming Director of Finance, Canadian Law Students Society; Incoming Helen Hamilton Day Coordinator, Law Women's Caucus; Student Trial Lawyers Association

I came to UND Law because ... of the collegial atmosphere. The professors and classmates want to see you succeed and work together to support one another.

I would like to tell the incoming students ... take advantage of as many opportunities as possible. UND offers so many different kind of opportunities, both social and professional. You will get the most of your experience by taking part in both. I cannot stress how important it is to network and have a good relationship with your classmates, professors and other legal professionals. You will build your relationships and make memories by attending these events. It makes a complete difference in your experience at UND Law if you take advantage of as many events as possible. Lastly, the North Dakota bar is small and builds on community. The relationships and reputation you make along the way will follow you, good or bad. So again, take the opportunity to make a positive impact on everyone you meet.