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Paralegal Student Association Capital Tour

In November, the Paralegal Student Association toured the Minnesota State Capitol.

The Paralegal Student Association took part in a guided tour that included the Governor’s Reception Room, the Senate Chamber, the House of Representatives Chamber, and the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The Capital is home to a vibrant collection of recently restored artwork that details Minnesota’s history. The artwork inside the Governor’s Reception Room honors Minnesota’s contributions to the Civil War, and the stunning murals in the Supreme Court, House and Senate chambers vividly illustrate the founding principles of our government.

After the tour of the State Capitol, the group met at Cosetta Alimentari in Saint Paul for a delicious lunch.



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Spring 2019 Registration Open

Registration for the 2019 Spring Semester is open!

The schedule showing paralegal courses that will be offered during the spring semester is attached on page 6.

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Paralegal Student Association Meetings

Join the NHCC Paralegal Student Association for a chance to participate in fun and engaging events to add notable experience to your resume.

Our next meeting will be held during the Spring 2019 semester. Look out for posters announcing the date of the first meeting or contact PSA@nhcc.edu

If you are interested in being involved as an officer of the club, several positions are available as listed below with a description of the duties of each officer

Roles and Definitions

Vice President

- It shall be the duty of the vice president to assist the president in the discharge of his/her duties and in the president's absence to assume his/her duties and officiate his/her stead

Treasurer

- The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the club and shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements and shall render a written report when requested by the president or board of directors

Secretary

- It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the meeting of the club and to supervise all reports

Editor

- It shall be the duty of the editor to write, plan, and edit the content for the Gears of Law; solicit content for the newsletter; edit all solicited content

Media Officer

- It shall be the duty of the media officer to photograph any club events or board meeting; create and supply visual aids for any club events or board meetings; create advertising media if requested or needed.



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Access to Justice Conference

On November 2, 2018 paralegal students and members of the *Paralegal Student Association of North Hennepin Community College*, attended a legal seminar event hosted by Hamline University. There were four panels in total. All had various speakers who were persons of authority on the specific topics discussed.

-Diana Treptau, NHCC PSA President

The Morning Panels Consisted of Sexuality and Gender and Civil Rights and Racial Justice

The Sexuality and Gender Panel addressed questions about ending gender biases, gender-based violence, and reproductive rights. The panel was made up of Megan Peterson (*Gender Justice*), Eva Wood (*OutFront MN*), and Amy Palmer Lauricella (*Standpoint MN*)

The Civil Rights and Racial Justice Panel focused on housing as a right for everyone, the downside of private prisons, and police in our community. The panel speakers were Vina Kay (*Voices for Racial Justice*), Elizer Darris (*ALCU of Minnesota*), and Michael Vraa (*HOME line*)



Want to Write for Gears of Law?

If you have something you would like to share, please contact Rachel Theis at: dn9681ph@nhcc.edu



The Afternoon Panels Consisted of Immigration and Criminal Justice

The immigration panel was led by four panelists who represented activist organizations, collectives, and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. The panel addressed the question, how do we model resilience and hope? The panel also focused on the lack of access to justice if you're a documented or undocumented immigrant. An important take away from this panel is that we need more strong and compassionate litigators to work on behalf of those that lack access.

-Tea Simpson, NHCC PLSA Vice President

Current Events

Can Minneapolis's Radical Rezoning be a National Model?

<https://www.curbed.com/2018/11/27/18113208/minneapolis-real-estate-rent-development-2040-zoning>

This article discusses Minneapolis's ambitious and radical 2040 plan as an affordable housing solution that could potentially influence other cities nation-wide.

Minneapolis Moves Closer to ID Cards

<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/minneapolis-moves-closer-to-city-id-cards/89-618273851>

This article discusses the steps that Minneapolis has been taking to make ID cards available to its residents. ID cards would be available residents who may not be able to obtain other government issued forms of ID. The ID cards would allow people to feel more comfortable reporting crimes and allow them to open bank accounts and go to the doctor.

Next Minnesota House Speaker will Dump Master Mute Button

<http://www.startribune.com/next-minnesota-house-speaker-will-dump-master-mute-button/501736981/>

This article discusses the controversial mute button that was installed in 2015 by the GOP outgoing speaker of the Minnesota House. Since democrats have since gained control of the MN House of Representatives, the new Speaker of the House, Melissa Hortman says she will make sure the button is removed since it does not align with the "fundamental principles of democratic

Paralegal Student Association Capitol Tour Photos Continued



Did you know?

- The dome of the state capital is the second largest self-supported marble dome in the world.
- The capital was completed in 1905 after nine years of construction and at a cost of \$4.5 million dollars.
- In 2017 an extensive renovation was completed. The restoration took four years and cost \$310 million dollars.



Dress for Success Event

Dress for Success

On Monday, December 3rd, 2018 from 1-2 P.M., the Paralegal Student Association put on an event that consisted of a clothing drive for the charitable organization *Dress for Success*, a presentation, treats, and a runway competition.

There were a lot of outside donations from our paralegal student body which we very much appreciated, and they would be a great organization to work with for future, similar events. The PLSA President, Diana Treptau gave the presentation at the dress for success event, which focused on how to dress as a professional and semi-professional. For the runway competition contestants showed off inexpensive, yet professional outfits. The winner's outfit cost them \$8.00, and they got it all from goodwill.

The PLSA had a great time hosting this event and learned a lot about advertising club events. We are looking forward to hosting more events in the future.

-Diana Treptau, NHCC PLSA President

