

THE COLLEGE OF LAW CELEBRATED ITS CENTENNIAL DURING 2000-2001 WITH A SERIES OF SPECIAL CAMPUS AND ALUMNI EVENTS MARKING ITS FIRST 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL EDUCATION.

BUILDING ON THAT STRONG

historical foundation, we have begun our second century with great cause for optimism.

Our accrediting agencies conducted five inspections of the College of Law last year, covering summer programs, the LL.M. program, the part-time program and the full-time J.D. program. It was one of the most successful accreditation reviews the College has ever had, with no deficiencies in accreditation standards noted in any of the inspections.

Student programs and services continue to expand. We now have a well-established summer abroad program in Tallinn, Estonia, and our new summer program in Granada, Spain became operational in Summer 2001. A newly-restructured academic support program strengthens academic performance, and a new honors program rewards those who excel. The College of Law now offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate of concentration in one of four areas: advocacy, elder law, health law or international law. More than 50 students are enrolled in the joint J.D./M.B.A. program.

Our student-centered philosophy also is reflected in our building priorities. Construction has begun on a new Student Life and Recreation Center, and a student recreation field and parking lot were completed last year.

Classroom E was totally remodeled and four new faculty offices were built last summer.

Enrollment continues to be strong and the number of applications is steadily increasing. The enhancement of diversity continues to be a priority. About 18% of the student body are minorities and 54% are women. We hired six new faculty members this year, including two African-Americans, increasing the number of minority faculty members to five (15%).

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in International Law and Business now enrolls nearly 30 students from diverse backgrounds. Since the program began four years ago, lawyers from the United States and 21 foreign countries have enrolled.

We are receiving many applications for the new part-time J.D. program, which will open in August 2002 on the Gulfport/St. Petersburg campus. The College of Law opened an information office in downtown Tampa last year, and we expect to begin construction this year on a Tampa facility scheduled for completion in August 2003. Thereafter, some of the part-time program classes will be offered in Tampa.

This issue of the *Stetson Lawyer* highlights the successes of our alumni, including many with distinguished careers in the judiciary, the continued successes

of our student competition teams and the productivity of our faculty, including the establishment of a Distinguished Professorship in Elder Law, and the development of an Advocacy Center. This publication also focuses on other events, programs and activities that are the hallmarks of a vibrant and growing institution. As we prepare for the next century, the keynote theme is growth in quality, reputation and program offerings.

We invite you to join the "Stetson Team" as we work to advance our educational programs and enhance the value of the Stetson degree.



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