

Family and Friends Learn About Law School Life

MORE THAN 200 PARENTS, SPOUSES, family members and friends of law school students experienced a day in the life of their favorite law student during the College's inaugural Family and Friends Day on September 21.

Guests were treated to breakfast and welcomed by the chair couple, **Gary Trombley '73**, his wife, **Jacqueline**, and their son, **Wes**, a second-year student. Following introductions by Dean **Gary Vause** and Associate Dean **Darby Dickerson**, the group attended classes with students.

Professors **Peter Lake**, **Robert Bickel** and **Royal Gardner** taught Torts to first-year students and their guests in auditorium-size classes while Vice Dean **Thomas Allison '77** welcomed guests of second- and third-year students to his Trusts and Estates class. After class, they assembled in the old library to listen to a panel of student leaders including **Andy Bolin**, **Ya'Sheaka Campbell**, **Paul Capiello**, **Justin Hosie**, **Yvette Lopez**, **Tammy Stanton** and **Sarah Stith**, moderated by Assistant Dean **Lynn Howell**.

More than 100 students and faculty members later joined family and friends in the courtyard for a barbeque lunch, then sat in on a mock law class taught by Professor **Roberta Kemp Flowers**, who called upon guests to use their newly-acquired knowledge and argue several issues.

Dean Vause provided a historical overview of the College of Law complete with photographs, and a panel discussion on "Life Beyond the Classroom" concluded the afternoon session. Panel members included **Carolyn DuPree Hill '92**, Career Services Director **Cathy Fitch**, Professor Gardner, **Jim Thaler '00** and moderator Associate Dean Dickerson.

Guests also attended a reception in the Mann Lounge that evening, and the Hispanic Bar Association picnic the next day.



Students, families, friends, guests, faculty and administrators gathered in the courtyard for a barbecue at lunch.



Associate Dean Darby Dickerson moderated the "Beyond the Classroom" panel. Panel members included (left-right) Professor Royal Gardner; Jim Thaler '00, Cathy Fitch and Carolyn DuPree Hill '92.



Professor Robert Bickel taught Torts I to students and visiting guests.

Hispanic Bar Association Sponsors Picnic

THE HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION PICNIC IN SEPTEMBER

attracted community leaders and families to Stetson for a day of food, music and dance.

“Our aim is to create close friendships and a support system for incoming Hispanic students, but you do not need to be Hispanic to join our organization and assist in furthering our efforts,” HBA President **Yvette Lopez** said. “Our events target Hispanic attorneys and judges as well as other leaders in the community so that the members will have an opportunity to network. We also want to work jointly in these efforts with some of the Hispanic organizations in the community, as well as working together for the community by volunteering as an organization for charitable events.”

The event also showed area Hispanic children that law school is a real possibility for their futures, she said. A clown and a martial arts demonstration entertained the kids, while **Vaya DJ** donated his time to play a diverse set of Hispanic, Caribbean and popular dance music. The week before, HBA hosted salsa/merengue lessons with **T.K. Lawrence**, assistant director of choreography for the Miami Heat, so that people would become familiar with the music and dance steps before the picnic.

The association’s goals include educating the Stetson community about the cultural differences that Hispanics experience in law school and the legal profession.

“We have set out to promote Stetson as a place where diversity is not only accepted, but encouraged,” Lopez said. “In doing so, we have teamed up with the Admissions Office and the Student Bar Association to form a task force to make sure that we target minorities in recruiting, as well as working to co-sponsor with other minority organizations to further these goals.”

The group also plans to present informational panels and other events to keep students informed of the legal issues that affect the Hispanic community, she said. “We hope to set the stage for many students and instill the need to give back to the community once we have attained success in our professions.”

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Community members learn to dance the Cha Cha Slide at the HBA picnic with student officers Yvette Lopez and Mercedes Pino (back row, left-right).