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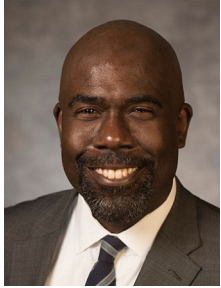
**ELISABETH HAUB  
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Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2020

Sunday, May 17, 2020

## DEAN'S COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE



Welcome Haub Law community, graduating students, family and friends!

This is the Elisabeth Haub School of Law virtual graduation recognition celebration for 2020, and I am Dean Horace Anderson.

While this virtual event will not take the place of an eventual in-person graduation ceremony once we return to campus, we intend to celebrate your achievements in the best way we can now.

This virtual celebration features a video yearbook including each graduating student and remarks from me, from Pace University President Marvin Krislov, and from the Honorable Malachy Mannion, US District Court Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Class of 1979. Pace University's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mark Besca, will confer your degrees.

To commemorate this virtual event, we will be sending a keepsake photo and a surprise gift to each graduating student. Stay tuned for further details regarding the eventual in-person graduation ceremony we will hold when we return to campus.

You have satisfactorily completed a course of rigorous training and solid preparation for those who wish to become lawyers. Your Haub Law education has provided an integrated curriculum designed to ensure the development of appropriate academic, lawyering, and other professional skills.

Your Haub Law degree, and the challenging road you have navigated in order to complete it, will serve you well at the highest levels of the legal profession or in whatever endeavors you undertake.

It is times like these that make me especially proud to be a part of the Haub Law community.

Like a powerful X-ray, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed the fault lines of our Democracy. It has laid bare our weaknesses and the inequalities of our society. And the importance of strong and smart leadership. And the triviality of some things that we treasured only months ago. It has made us sicker, weaker, poorer and more divided. But in other ways it has shown us a strength that we had not known before. It has made us more determined to build back better, as New York Governor Andrew Cuomo says.

As a result of the pandemic, we have at hand a seminal moment: We are forced to envision new possibilities for our government, our economy, our businesses, our educational system, our human relationships, and our legal system, because going back to our old ways is no longer feasible. It's as if we were just now tasked to think outside the box, then we realize -- there is no box.

As you have seen in your studies, the law is an important system of knowledge -- and knowledge is power. The law forms the bone structure, as it were, the skeleton of the body politic. Armed with your Haub Law degrees and your training in the law, you are now well equipped to begin a new journey to help restore health to that body. In many ways, you are the antidote to the pandemic.

As pervasive as it is, the pandemic will not be the final word for the Class of 2020. This class will be defined in large part by its vigorous and determined response to one of the worst calamities in a generation. In the past few months, the graduating Haub Law students and students in other classes have demonstrated their resilience by taking in stride disruption of campus instruction and self-isolation, and adapting to virtual instruction just weeks before finals. You have already demonstrated that you can overcome adversity and keep your focus on the goal ahead.

We are here to celebrate your achievements and your promise. This group of students has been doing many good and impressive things.

Today, we are recognizing a total of 185 Juris Doctor degrees, 34 Master of Laws degrees (16 in Comparative Legal Studies and 18 in Environmental Law) and two Doctor of Science in Environmental Law degrees. Of the J.D. graduates, four graduated summa cum laude, 13 magna cum laude, and 52 cum laude, for a total of 37% receiving honors. Some 16 students earned certificates in Environmental Law, and 6 in International Law.

While those raw numbers are impressive, they do not begin to convey the hard work, earnestness and promise of the recipients.

Anecdotally, I would like to mention a few Haub Law students who are making a difference. Alexandra Feliz and Juan Rodriguez were selected to participate in the prestigious 2020 Catalyst Public Service Fellowship Program. Alexandra will be working at the Legal Aid Society's Housing Unit and Juan will be working at the New York City Law Department.

Matthew Bayley and Anthony Honorowski both serve in the National Guard. Currently, amidst the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, both Anthony and Matthew are serving as part of the Guard's relief effort.

Morgan Dowd, Marissa Cohen and Matthew Pappalardo provided substantial assistance to the NYS Bar Association's Health Law Section, in particular to the Task Force which was created to address legal and ethical issues raised by COVID-19.

Student Amanda Fugel lost her father, a first responder on 9/11. Today, she is responding to the needs of first responders on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, by sewing masks and organizing local food organizations to provide meals.

The Haub Law community united in an unprecedented way to present the first-ever virtual Louis V. Fasulo 1 L Moot Court. Over 200 first-year students prepared and presented successful arguments in front of more than 45 volunteer Advocacy Board members. The final round was judged by Professor Jared Hatcliffe, Professor Steve Epstein and Advocacy Director Professor Louis V. Fasulo, with a select group of the Advocacy Board members. This year's overall winner was Kritikka (Kye) Shah, with Adam Thomas in second place. They were followed by Shayna Vercillo and Keifer Campbell.

These are just a few of the high points our Haub Law students reached this past year. We hope all students graduating this year will keep us apprised of the good work they are doing in the coming years.

I look forward to continuing the celebration of this graduation in person when we are allowed to gather again. Congratulations on achieving this important milestone, and best of luck in your continued success in your career and in life.

Before I close, I would like to say a few words as Professor Anderson, not Dean Anderson. Many of you have come through my classroom over the last 3-4 years. I've taught you first year Contracts and Survey of Intellectual Property. I've supervised your Guided Research projects and helped you turned your Law Review notes into Upper Level Writing papers. I've watched you, and I hope helped you, transform from deer in the headlights to confident, savvy, and skilled legal professionals. As a teacher, my heart overflows with pride and joy.

Be well, stay healthy, go forth and continue to make your mark on the world!



*Horace Anderson, Dean*

## THE CLASS OF 2020

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Rose Lesley Kautoke

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