



# The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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## Open World Delegates from Ukraine Visit Cumberland to Learn About Democratic Government



from former Soviet bloc countries to the United States to learn skills of democratic government and civil society. The delegation consisted of three lawyers who work for the city council, the director of a legal aid clinic, and a court administrator – all from Vinnytsia, Birmingham's Sister City in central Ukraine. Alan Stevens, Director of the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, professors Cassandra Adams, Mike Floyd, Brad Bishop, and Joseph Snoe all made presentations directed toward the professional interests of the group. In addition, staff of Jefferson County Family Court provided "hands on" advice. Noah Jones from Alabama Arise spoke during lunch. Dean Strickland greeted the delegation. Bob Greene, who has taught in Ukraine, arranged for the visit. Ken England, Kathy Walton, Laura Taylor, Tracy Luke, Grace Simms and Erin Carroll arranged for the guests to have a very productive day.

**O**n Wednesday, April 15, Cumberland played host to a group of Open World delegates from Ukraine. The Open World program sponsored by the Library of Congress brings professionals and civic leaders



# Congratulations to the Donworth Competition Winners



*Garcia v. Clancy*  
 Winner: Alyson Smith  
 Runner up: Rebecca Wright

*Martin v. Griswold*  
 Winner: Christian Borek  
 Runner up: Haley Stencil

*Duvall v. Stitt*  
 Winner: Elizabeth Hartsell  
 Runner up: Anthony Bowling

*Clinton v. Tough Mudder*  
 Winner: Chip Slawson  
 Runner up: Morgan Yarbrough

## SBA Election Winners Announced, Next Election Thursday

**SBA President:**

Rachel Cobble

**SBA VP:**

Brook Robertson

**SBA Secretary:**

Steven Bode

**SBA Treasurer:**

Hunter Garnett

**SBA – ABA Chair** (automatically promoted from vice chair):

Chris Phillips

**SBA – ABA Vice Chair:**

Will Pylant

**3L Class President:**

Joey Gomez

**3L Class VP:**

Stewart Alvis

**3L Class Secretary:**

Weathers Veezy

**3L Class Treasurer:**

Richard Sarrell

**2L SBA Representatives** (4 spots\*):

Andrew Clay

Trey Perdue

**3L Honor Court Justices** (6 spots\*):

Lisa Bailey

Elise McFall

**2L Honor Court Justices** (6 spots):

Adam Buddenbohn      Lee McLean

BriAnn Joyner      Lawson Robinson

Benjamin Keown      Spencer Wilson

*\*Two 2L SBA Representative spots and four 3L Honor Court Justice spots remain unfilled. Campaigning will take place Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22, with elections for the unfilled spots on Thursday, April 23.*

## Officers and Members for Various Organizations Selected

**Officers for the Cumberland Republicans for 2015-2016:**

President: Brook Meadows

Vice-President: Will Pylant

Treasurer: Joey Gomez

Secretary: Weathers Veazey

Social Chair: Rae Bolton

Fundraising Director: Dylan Angeline

**Federalist Society’s Executive Board for 2015-2016:**

President: Dylan Angeline

Vice President: Amy Frederickson

Secretary: Ben Keown

Treasurer: Hunter Garnett.

3L Representative: Whitney Dyer

2L Representative: Lance Adams

**Cordell Hull Speakers Forum:**

Andrew Clay

Daniel Tackett

Depri Hale

Hilaire Armstrong

Jana Rucker

Kimberly Hawkins

Kelly Masters

Lauren Lock

Patrick Perry

Patrick Roth

Sarah Glass

## This Week's Events

### Complete Evaluations to Participate in Jam Before Exams



they click a link in the email to evaluate a particular course and professor. There will not be a link on the website that will connect the students to their course evaluations. Student responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation.

As an incentive/reward, all students in classes that achieved a 75% response rate by noon on April 20 will be eligible for a pizza party to be held on the East (Angel) Patio at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. [Email Ms. Nelson](#) or stop by Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.

The law school will conduct course and faculty evaluations **April 13 through April 29**, the day prior to exams. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and to identify problems that require action. All students are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Students have received an emailed invitation for each class in which they are enrolled, requesting that

#### Jam Before Exams

[Just a Few Cats](#), the group that played during the Rascal Day parade, will be on campus on Thursday, April 23 to play music at the East (Angel) Patio. Music will begin at 11:00 a.m.

### Last Chance to Attend Bar Exam Preparation Meeting Attendance at One Meeting is Mandatory for 3Ls

Cumberland is holding a series of four identical meetings about the bar exam over the next few weeks. The meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. The final meeting will be held at the following time and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Wednesday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 115.

← **This Week's Meeting**

All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).



## Vote in SBA elections

The election for the 2L SBA Representatives and 3L Honor Court Justices will be held **Thursday, April 23**. Polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.



Please join Samford University's  
Cumberland School of Law  
faculty & staff, graduates, families & friends  
for a reception honoring the

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW  
CLASS OF 2015**

Friday, May 15, 4:00—5:15 p.m.

Cumberland School of Law  
Brewer Plaza  
(in front of the law school)  
800 Lakeshore Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35229

## Faculty Notes



**Professor Woodrow Hartzog**, along with Evan Selinger, participated in an [interview with FTC Commissioner Julie Brill](#) on the right to obscurity. The interview is online at The Christian Science Monitor's Passcode.

Professor Hartzog was recently quoted in Vice's Motherboard on a story titled "[The Sheer Difficulty of Defining What a Robot Is.](#)"



On Tuesday, April 14, **Professor Bob Greene** presented a talk on Water Law in the United States to the New Horizons group at UAB. New Horizons is a program for retired folk (including a number of Samford faculty) who attend lectures and presentations on a year round schedule.

## Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events

Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations, at [amarovic@samford.edu](mailto:amarovic@samford.edu).



- **Thu., April 23 @ 5:30- 7 p.m.**  
Alumni Reception, Roswell, Ga., McCalla Raymer law firm
- **Thu., June 18**  
Alumni Reception, Asheville, N.C.
- **Wed., June 24**  
Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.
- **Thu., June 25**  
Alumni Reception, Boca Raton, Fla.
- **Thu., July 16**  
Alumni Reception, Point Clear, Ala. During Alabama State Bar Meeting
- **Fri., July 31 - Sat. Aug. 1**  
Annual Military Law Symposium Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Military Law

# Cumberland's Calendar

## Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

### April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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### May

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### June

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28	29	30				

### July

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### This Week's Events

Tue., April 21

**Spirit of Service Applications Due**

[More information](#)

Wed., April 22 @ 8:30 a.m.

**Bar Exam Prep. Meeting**

Room 115

Thu., April 23 @ 11:00 a.m.

**Evaluations Pizza Party**, East Patio  
**Jam Before Exams**, East Patio

Thu., April 23 @ 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Office of Alumni Relations

**Alumni Reception**, Roswell, GA

Tue., April 28

**Classes End**

Wed., April 29

**Study Day**

Wed., April 29

**Samford Baseball**

Graduate Student Night  
(2 free tickets with ID)

Thu., April 30

**Exams Start**

### MAY

Tue., May 5 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Student Cookie Break**

Friendship Room, Law Library

Wed., May 13

**Exams End**

Fri., May 15

**Commencement**

Tue., May 26

**Summer Classes Begin**

### JUNE

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Military Law

### FALL 2015

Thu.-Fri., Aug 6-7

**ADLA Trial Academy**

Mon. - Fri. Aug. 10-14

**First Year Orientation**

Mon. Aug. 17

**Classes Begin**

Wed. Nov. 4

**Supreme Court Oral Arguments**,  
Wright Center

Do not see your event listed?

*The first step* is to confirm your room reservation with [Mrs. Kathy Walton](#) in the Dean's Office.

*The second step* is to send your event details to [Mrs. Laura Taylor](#).

**Samford's Events**

- Samford University's Public Events
- Sporting Events
- Performing Arts Calendar

**Click on event titles  
for more information**

**Samford Arts**

**Free for Samford Students, Faculty and Staff**

**Annie Moses Band**

Thu., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Wright Center

## Photo of the Week



On Monday April 13, the Black Law Students Association of South Carolina School of Law and Charleston School of Law challenged their entire state to participate in a silent protest, in response to Walter Scott, and unarmed African American male, being shot dead after a routine traffic stop. The silent protest simply consisted of students, faculty, and staff wearing a green shirt with a name tag that said "I am Walter Scott" or signs that say this phrase.

On April 15, Cumberland faculty, staff, and students joined together to raise awareness during their own Silent Protest organized by Hilaire Armstrong a Cumberland 2L. Several people participated to stand up and say "All Lives Matter!"