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Get Involved

LSJ alumni continue to have an impact on communities beyond UW. They are engaged, passionate, and service oriented. Our alumni are well connected to the department and continue to support current LSJ students in various ways. If you're an LSJ alumni looking to get involved, contact us at lsjadv@uw.edu to be a part of any of the opportunities below:

Learning from Failure

This is a two-credit course focused on learning from failure. Each session consists of a presentation by LSJ alumni, each of whom describe their career trajectory, with a special focus on those key moments when failure became the foundation for a positive shift in mindset and opportunity. Through those presentations and class discussions, students will learn how to persevere in the face of obstacles, and how to develop the resilience necessary for long-term success in any career field.

LSJ Career Nights

LSJ Alumni discuss their career trajectory, the rewards and challenges, and how they prepared for it in a panel discussion with current students.

LSJ Gap Year Panel

LSJ alumni discuss how and why they decided to take a gap year(s) in between undergrad and grad school and how that decision impacted their future career trajectory in a panel discussion with current students.

LSJ Day of Service

LSJ Day of Service provides an annual opportunity for local alumni and current students to give back to the Downtown Emergency Service Center. The Day of Services occurs each year in February.

Friends of LSJ

Friends of LSJ is an alumni board focused on building a strong alumni network and providing a supportive community for students. The board provides advice to the Chair on how to better interact with alums, and how more generally to improve the Department. Additionally, the board will assist in philanthropic efforts to help provide the financial resources needed to support for LSJ students.

If you’d like to stay connected with the Law, Societies, and Justice program, join our LinkedIn group, like our Facebook page, follow us on Instagram, or join our Mailing List.
Alumni Profiles

Dakota Blagg, BA Law Societies & Justice ‘15, [LinkedIn]
Senior Consultant, Privacy - Booz Allen

**Tell us about your current position:** I work with various federal agencies to implement privacy regulations, laws, and best practices; design better experiences to give users more control over their own data; and provide privacy training and guidance.

**How does your LSJ education continue to influence your career?:** In privacy, you sometimes have to get creative to find the solution! The answers vary based on context and are almost never black and white. LSJ taught me to dive into this type of ambiguity, critically examine all perspectives, arrive at balanced conclusions, and communicate effectively in each step of the process. On a topical level, because data privacy is all about protecting personal information and giving individuals more control over their data, LSJ gave me a head start with the conversations we had surrounding the Fourth Amendment, individual rights, property, and space.

Sasha Lee, BA Law Societies & Justice ‘18, [LinkedIn]
International Program Coordinator - NorthWest Student Exchange

**Tell us about your current position:** I oversee and manage the outbound program, which focuses on facilitating the study abroad experience for American high school students in foreign countries.

**How does your LSJ education continue to influence your career?:** LSJ prepared me to understand political and cultural impact at both a domestic and international level. Because of this program I continued to pursue an international-focused education, which has allowed me to be an advocate for cultural education and exchange through programs such as NWSE.
William Langevin, BA Law Societies & Justice '18, MPA Student - Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, UW

**Tell us about your current position:** I am attending the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance looking to specialize in Public Leadership and Decision Making. I intern with the City Manager’s Office in the City of Sequim where I am applying my analytical and critical thinking skills to research-based projects for the City spanning across multiple departments and issue areas.

**How does your LSJ education continue to influence your career?:** Through my time in LSJ, I became exposed to the expansive and seemingly never-ending questions of "why". This desire for a greater understanding of people and systems introduced me to a more interesting outlook on everyday life where I constantly feel engaged with what is around me. I am grateful for the education provided to me through the LSJ community inside and outside of the classroom as it has changed the way I think which is changing the way I lead and serve others.

Nicole Roberts, BA Law Societies & Justice '13, Associate - Covington & Burling LLP

**Tell us about your current position:** I am an associate at a large law firm in Washington, D.C., where I maintain an active advertising/consumer protection and investigations practice.

**How does your LSJ education continue to influence your career?:** My LSJ major introduced me to the role that law plays in society, both nationally and at the global level, which prompted my desire to apply for (and ultimately attend law school). The rigor of the coursework and the quality of my professors prepared me well for the demands of law school. During college, I had the opportunity to take a number of disability-related classes, including a special education law class with a wonderfully caring professor. What I learned in those classes inspired me to work on disability rights issues as a part of my pro bono practice at which I currently practice.

Martina Kartman, BA Law Societies & Justice '09, Soros Justice Fellow - Community Justice Project at Public Defender Association

**Tell us about your current position:** I am a Soros Justice Fellow with the Community Justice Project (CJP) at the Public Defender Association. In this role, I support community based responses to interpersonal and state violence that uphold the needs, humanity and dignity of all impacted people.

**How does your LSJ education continue to influence your career?:** LSJ provided me with the frameworks, tools and language to engage with complex social problems. I've gained not only the knowledge, but also the relationships, mentors and community to guide my work.