The Wanda Denson Low ’81 and Ronald Low Scholarship was awarded to four 1L students this year: Janna Joassainte, Jaime Dinan, Montene Speight, and Winston St. Clair.

“The Denson-Low Scholarship allowed me to pursue law school full time instead of part time, an opportunity that I am incredibly thankful for,” said Jaime Dinan ’20 who is the first in her family to graduate from college and pursue a graduate degree. “It’s an opportunity not just for myself, but for my family and the future.”

Without this scholarship, I may have had to settle for a school other than Brooklyn Law School simply because it was affordable, not because that is where I wanted to be,” said Montene Speight ’20. “It is a humbling experience to know that people are investing in your success and that is what motivates me to push through everyday obstacles.

Many donors, like David Barse ’87, choose to create an endowed scholarship as a meaningful permanent legacy to a loved one. He endowed the Barse Family Scholarship in memory of his father, Lawrence P. Barse, ’58. The scholarship, which is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the areas of securities or bankruptcy law, was awarded to Robert Engelke ’17, who graduated from the Accelerated J.D. Program.

I am so grateful for the Barse Family Scholarship. Knowing that I could finish law school in just two years, without that much debt, was monumental to me,” said Engelke, now an associate in the M&A group at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. “The mentorship of David Barse and Professor Michael Gerber also made a huge impact on the direction of my career. Their advice helped me get where I am today.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

88% Students received scholarships or financial aid
OVER 23,000 LIVING ALUMNI
100+ YEARS OF EDUCATING WOMEN

TOP 20 nationally for public service careers (preLaw magazine)
NAMED TO TOP 50 "Go-to Law Schools 2018" List (National Law Journal)
FACULTY RANKED 30TH in the Nation for Scholarly Excellence (Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports)
RANKED 33RD in the nation for alumni promoted to partner in 2017 (National Law Journal)

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So many Brooklyn Law school students come through our doors with a dream. Some hope to fight for social justice, others want to follow the path to Big Law, serve as in-house counsels to start ups or established businesses, or pursue public service careers in government, policy making, and elected office, among many other career aspirations. Our donors make those dreams possible. Their extraordinary generosity this year has funded scholarships, leading academic programs, and life-changing clinics, and helped enable the Law School to recruit and retain top-tier faculty.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our friends and supporters. Donors are making a difference to the lives of our students and the success of Brooklyn Law School.

Thank you.

The Law School is tremendously grateful for the support of graduates such as Eileen Nugent ’78, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where she is the New York office leader, and head of its Private Equity Group. In memory of her parents, and in appreciation of the scholarship assistance Eileen was given at the Law School, she endowed the Thomas J. and Deborah B. Nugent Memorial Scholarship.

I understand all too well the opportunity that financial access means for those struggling. It opens doors that otherwise would remain closed.

But Eileen is not only generous in her financial commitment to the Law School. She also serves as a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, where she has been instrumental in charting the Law School’s course as a leading pioneer in legal education.

The MANY FACES OF ANNUAL GIVING

Gifts to the Annual Fund have an impact on areas of greatest need and make life-changing financial support available to the talented and promising students. With the elimination of alumni dues, graduates have become annual fund donors, such as Alex Avitable ’82, a real estate attorney who recently retired as Vice President & Deputy General Counsel at Enterprise Community Partners. Mr. Avitable not only makes annual donations, but he has also put the Law School in his will, and he has hired law school students as interns throughout his career.

“The donations I make to the Law School are modest, but they are meaningful. I will never forget the school and I remain devoted to the school and its students.”

1901 Society members like Sophie Hague Hume ’92, VP, Assistant General Counsel, and Interim Secretary of Starbucks Coffee Company, also offer a strong source of support for the Law School. “I am grateful to Brooklyn Law School for my scholarship, and I want to support other worthy students who might otherwise not be able to pursue their dreams,” she said. “The Law School taught me how to be a strategic thinker and strong communicator, skills that have helped me to succeed every day.”

New Alumni Affinity Groups

The Women’s Leadership Network is a council of distinguished alumnae which aims to lead thoughtful and engaging programs and initiatives designed to promote women’s success.

“The Trial Lawyers’ Alumni Group brings together impressive graduates in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, mass tort, and product liability. “These networking groups have been a source of forward-thinking dialogue and important community-building,” said Harvey Weitz ’54. His son Andrew Weitz ’98, founding partner of Weitz Pascale, agreed:

“I feel it is very important to give back to the law school that enabled me to pursue a career in law,” said Susan Karten ’83, founding partner at Susan M. Karten & Associates, who sits on the Network’s Steering Committee and is a leadership donor. “I enjoy helping women lawyers navigate the particular issues that effect women litigators. Hopefully the Women’s Leadership Network will shine a spotlight on how women at the law chart their courses.”

The Trial Lawyers’ Program was an exciting, and highly educational program and one I was proud to be a part of. It’s a privilege to be a part of this new alumni group and give back to my Law School in this way.”