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## Dear Parents and Families,

It is so hard to believe that we are in our last few weeks of the fall semester. We here in the [Career Center](#) have stayed busy, creating, organizing, and executing various programs over the course of the semester, two of which I would say I am personally quite proud of and would be happy to share with my own parents -- [Government, Policy and Law Industry Night](#) and [Law Week](#). We held the latter during the week of November 4 - 8 and hosted 9 law schools, including University of Chicago Law School, Columbia Law School, and Yale Law School; this event culminated with the [Boston Law School Forum](#), where over 150+ law schools were in attendance. (Come to think of it, I actually *did* share this good news with my own parents -- I guess we are never too old to share our happy and proud moments!)

I wear two different hats here in the Career Center -- Career Adviser and Pre-Law Adviser. As Pre-Law Adviser, I meet with all students (first-years through alum), advising them on how to prepare to be a successful future law school applicant, law school student, and contributing member to the legal field. There is no official pre-law track here at Tufts and therefore no official script. If your student is considering a legal profession, I would invite you to encourage them to be curious and seek out classes and co-curriculars that peak their interests, not the classes and co-curriculars they think they “should” be engaging in. In my one-on-one meetings with students interested in law, I get a multitude of inquiries regarding what classes they should take, what major/minor they should select, what internship they should pursue, etc. I tell students that there is no one major nor pathway to law school. In fact, I hear time and time again from law school admissions representatives that while it is generally important for students to build strong writing and critical thinking skills, ultimately, they want students to study what they are truly interested in. Law schools also want students who have demonstrated some commitment to a club or organization -- and more is not necessarily better! Often, a focused interest in a particular co-curricular activity is better received than a wide-ranging investment in various activities and interests. I also tell students that everything in life intersects with the law; therefore, they should focus on

studying and exploring subjects that pique their intellectual curiosity, driving them to go deeper and get more involved.

It is also key for my students to understand that there isn't any best time to go to law school. Of the 111 applicants from the 2017-18 cycle, for example, there were approximately 17 seniors, and the remaining 94 were alums. I like to remind prospective law school students that law school isn't going anywhere, and each student needs to be sure they have given study in law school a thorough investigation. The following are a few preliminary resources to begin your student's exploration within the field of law:

- Sign-up to receive the [Tufts Pre-Law Newsletter](#)
- [Explore one of our many law-related courses, including those offered by the Experiential College](#)
- Join the [Pre-Law Society](#) or one of the [many other student groups](#)
- Listen to the ["I Am the Law" Podcast](#)
- [Pre-Law Fast Facts](#)

We at the Career Center look forward to working with your student and supporting them in their individual career journey. We hope you enjoy time with your Jumbo during the upcoming holiday season.

Warm regards,

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