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Last January, I sent you a letter introducing you to our full tuition scholarship Leadership Honors Program and asking you to nominate for our inaugural class of students. I am very happy to say that many alumni responded, and as a result, nineteen outstanding LHP students have begun their studies in Keller Hall. In two-three years we will graduate the next generation of lawyer-leaders, women and men uniquely qualified to carry forward the special role of lawyers in building a society organized around principles of fairness and grounded in rule of law. Given the forces of disintegration tearing at our social fabric, these new lawyers will be poised to make a most vital contribution to our society.

Now, as we begin the 2016-2017 admissions cycle, I invite you to once again nominate a student for the Leadership Honors Program. I wish to highlight just a few nomination details for you to keep in mind.

Admissions Criteria

Tuition-free scholarships constitute a tremendous honor for recipients, and we are relying on our nominators for the success of the program. So, please consider your nominee carefully. The minimum *quantitative* criteria are an undergraduate GPA of 3.15 and an LSAT score of 152. Based on our experience last year, many students will have higher--even significantly higher--grades and scores, but we set the minimum where we did because we do not want you to be overly constrained by numbers.

Qualitatively, we are looking for students who show a special potential for leadership. There is no one measure of this potential. Of course, we are interested in students who have held leadership positions, but students who have shown unique creativity, perseverance or allegiance to principle also demonstrate the qualities we value.

The Nomination System

Because the LHP is limited in size, all candidates must be nominated by *designated nominators*. As a distinguished alumnus of the Law School, you are a designated nominator and may nominate one student for the LHP. While we recognize that you may know several excellent candidates, limiting the nominations improves the likelihood that we can accept the qualified nominee of every participating nominator.

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Please note that acceptance into the LHP is separate and in addition to admission to the Law School. You may nominate an LHP candidate either before or after he or she applies to the Law School for JD admission. But, please note, even nominated Leadership Honors candidates **MUST APPLY TO AND BE ADMITTED INTO THE JD PROGRAM.**

Deadline

Due to the high level of interest in the program, the priority deadline to submit a nomination is December 30. We will consider nominations after that date, but applicants will be reviewed depending on space availability. So, if you have a candidate, it is best to nominate as soon as possible. If you don't have one now, however, perhaps someone will emerge later on this year or even in future years.

Final Thoughts

Please complete and submit your nomination at go.udayton.edu/lhp-nominate. You, or your nominee, may learn more about the Program at go.udayton.edu/lhp. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our LHP Director, Professor Susan Wawrose, at 937-229-2235 or swawrose1@udayton.edu.

Upon launching the Leadership Honors Program last year, I wrote to you that by putting our faith in our distinguished alumni, I believed we would produce the best class of LHP students possible, while at the same time strengthening our UDSL family bonds. I am very proud to say that my faith was well placed, and I look forward to continuing to build upon the alumni nomination program we have begun. I cannot think of a better way to fulfill our University's Marianist mission to learn, lead, and serve and hope to welcome a student you nominate to the LHP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Strauss", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Strauss
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P.S. I thought you might enjoy pictures from our September Leadership Honors Program Roundtable. The Chair of the Roundtable series is former Ohio Governor Robert Taft, and the guest speaker was Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig. See the photo gallery at go.udayton.edu/lhp-roundtable.