

*From social worker to saxophonist to software engineer*

## MEET THE FIRST-YEAR CLASS

**E**ACH YEAR, as the UW Law School admissions process becomes increasingly competitive, the students who are selected to enroll are a truly impressive group. Their backgrounds, interests, talents and achievements make for some remarkable reading.

The Class of 2004, which entered this past fall, comprised 236 students. Of these, 108 were women, or 46 percent. Wisconsin residents made up 67 percent; remaining students hailed from 26 states and various other countries. A total of 103 undergraduate schools, including Hanoi Law University, Korea University, Seoul National University and the University of Skopje, were represented. Eighty-three first-year students graduated from UW System schools, including 60 from UW-Madison. And while statistics can tell only part of the story, here's a remarkable one: fully 20 percent of this year's class do not have a parent who graduated from college. On the other hand, 11 percent have one or more parents who are lawyers.

The average age of our first-years was 26, with a range from 21 to 46. Two-thirds of them spent at least one year between completing their undergraduate studies and beginning law school, with a quarter having spent five or more years in other pursuits.

On the next pages, you will see what some of those pursuits are. We invite you to read the lists of occupations, hobbies, honors and degrees, and note the diversity of experiences and professions of our law students. Each of these individuals enriches our law school community immeasurably.

**(Note: A number at the end of a line indicates the total of people who mentioned the same item.)**





## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Human Services**

Junior Achievement  
100 Black Men of  
Columbus, Miss.  
Driver for Women's Transit  
Authority 2  
Organized cancer run  
"Relay for Life"  
Big Buddy Program  
Missionary 4  
Upward Bound 2  
Project Pumpkin—  
inner-city youth  
Special Olympics 5  
American Red Cross  
Organized benefit for ovarian  
cancer research  
Habitat for Humanity 7  
The Nature Conservancy  
Sierra Club  
WasteNot recycling  
Head Start 2  
Nativity House  
Union Gospel Mission  
Briarpatch  
Violence Against Women 2  
United Way  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation dir.  
of special events  
Race for the Cure  
Canterbury Race for Literacy  
Student Health Center  
Amnesty International 3  
Foodshare  
Dismas House—share home  
with former offenders  
Hope House Shelter  
Giving Tree Project  
"Project Kid" mentor  
Take-A-Break respite  
care program  
Men Stopping Rape  
Student Sleep-out for  
the Homeless  
Support provider for  
disabled adults  
Girl Scouting Behind Bars  
Planned Parenthood  
Take Back the Night 2  
Lutheran Social Services  
caregiver  
AIDS walk organizer  
Pro-Choice Coalition of KY  
Hope House  
Casa Maria  
Rape crisis counselor  
MS Walk  
La Causa  
Walk America for March of Dimes  
Church Reach Out ministry  
Luke House server  
MI Juvenile Detention facility  
Big/Little Program mentor  
Started Men Against  
Sexual Violence  
St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program  
Global Village  
Teach for America  
Ronald McDonald House 2  
Project Outreach 211  
to stop delinquency  
Women in Prison  
S.A.D.D. 2  
Hunger Cleanup  
Cats Are Purrsons Too

Dane County Humane Society  
Arthritis Foundation  
VISTA 3  
Charles River Clean-up Project  
Black Men/White Men  
discussion group

### **Political**

Cofounder of Environmental  
Group, RURAL  
Bd. of Dir., RENEW  
Environmental Group  
WI Citizen Action  
Greenpeace  
Analyst, Democratic Caucus,  
WI Assembly  
Intern, Morris Udall Foundation  
Central American activist  
Cofounder, Fighting For Our  
Rights & Gender Equity  
Citizen liaison for legislator  
Intern for legislator 11  
Project Dir., Judicial Campaign  
Finance Reform Project  
College Democrats 5  
United Farm Workers  
Vice pres. of Black Coalition  
Youth delegate to Mass.  
Democratic Convention  
PA Campaign to End the  
Death Penalty  
College Republicans 2  
Delegate, CA Model UN  
Political campaign volunteer 3  
Model United Nations  
Students for a Free Tibet  
Co-chair, Green Party,  
Bernalillo County, NM

### **Various Volunteering**

Volunteer youth coach 8  
Tour guide, WI State Capitol  
UW Homecoming King  
Volunteer youth tutor 9  
Sunday school teacher 2  
Future Farmers of America  
contest judge  
G.E.D. tutor  
Tutor HS students at  
Milwaukee Rescue Mission  
After-School Program 2  
Volunteer English teacher  
in Japan 2  
Volunteer GAL  
Am. Council for Polish Culture  
summer delegate  
After-school inner city tutor  
Boy Scout leader  
Help 90-yr-old woman w/chores  
Peace Corps in Mongolia  
Teens in Foster Care volunteer  
Volunteer childcare 2  
Americorps 3  
Volunteer recreation supervisor  
for Somalian youth  
Junior Great Books  
program volunteer  
Madison Civic Center  
Lo Nuestro Spanish  
culture association

### **PRE-LAW OCCUPATIONS**

#### **Arts & Communications**

Gemini Consulting  
Reporter & producer at WORT

News writer, WZLY  
Double bass player  
Production crew, WHA-TV  
Furniture refinisher  
Writer for *New York Times*  
magazine, *Vibe*, *Salon*, others  
Model & industrial video actor  
DJ, KQAL  
Translator:  
Spanish 1,  
Japanese 2,  
Chinese 2,  
Korean 2,  
Polish 1  
Production director,  
*Leading Edge*  
Asst. sound technician for  
NBC movie  
Research asst., Lab for  
Human-Computer Interaction  
Props mistress for *Hedda Gabler*  
Backstage security,  
Alpine Music Theater  
Gen. manager, TDS Telecom  
News director, WTHS radio  
Market researcher  
Church organist  
Professional actress & singer  
Antique reed organ technician  
Director of NY art gallery

### **Education**

Substitute teacher 2  
Social Studies teacher  
Adjunct prof. in Archaeology  
College Admissions office 3  
Psych professor at  
James Madison U.  
English teacher in Japan 2  
Database administrator,  
Wellesley College  
English tutor to Hmong students  
ESL teacher  
Asst. prof. of 19<sup>th</sup> century  
literature  
NYU financial aid office  
School social worker  
Middle school prevention  
coordinator  
Adm. asst., UW Law School

### **Science & Technology**

Lead scientist, WI Center for  
Space Automation & Robotics  
Software engineer at Corel  
R.N.  
Research asst., Harvard School  
of Public Health  
Asst. to CEO of Internet startup  
Aircraft parts design, Cessna  
Owner of 16 U.S.  
biotechnology patents  
Archaeologist, MO DNR  
Designed two instruments to  
obtain Martian soil samples  
Quality control chemist,  
Hydrite Co.  
Researcher at Coors Brewing Co.  
Research asst. for  
NASA-related co.  
Research asst. AIDS/HIV project  
Lab asst. UW Dept. of Zoology  
& Harvard Med Sch.  
Research asst.,  
Marathon Cheese Corp.  
Red Cross training specialist

Microbiology prep. asst.,  
Powderject Vaccines  
Soil scientist

### **Business**

CPA  
Shoe store sales clerk 2  
Regulatory compliance analyst  
Communications mgr. for  
Procter and Gamble Global  
Business unit  
GE Med. Systems business  
team leader  
National W Club concessions  
supervisor  
Marketing specialist  
Restaurant manager  
Insurance consultant  
Service rep.  
CEO, Gunderson Lutheran Inc.  
Co-owner, Citadel Fence Co.  
Tax accountant  
Acct. exec., home lenders corp.  
Brinks Home Security  
Insurance clerk

### **Legal**

Legal clinic Intake coordinator  
Paralegal/legal secretary 16  
UW Legal Defense Program  
secretary  
Law clerk/intern 10  
"Runner" at Madison law firm  
Research assoc., American  
Judicature Society

### **Government**

Lobbyist  
President of China Economic  
Forum  
Nat'l Immigration &  
Naturalization Service Council  
INS Facilitator  
County Bd. of Supervisors &  
Planning Commission  
Census Bureau 3  
IRS 2  
Staff asst., US House Comm.  
on Science  
Policy analyst, Senate Comm.  
on Post Audit & Oversight  
Common Council alderperson

### **Other Occupations**

Shelter mgr., mental illness  
halfway house  
Sailing instructor  
Vendor for minor league  
baseball team  
Camp counselor 3  
Professional bicycle racer  
Restaurant asst. mgr  
Ticket agent, Dells Boat Tours  
Mail worker, UW Medical School  
Professional hockey player  
Restaurant head cook  
Ski instructor  
U.S. Army 2  
UPS driver  
Bartender 10  
Lifeguard 5  
Sears commission salesperson  
Custodian 3  
"Grunt" for Mpls.  
roofing company  
Tennis instructor



Shift manager  
Maintenance for University car fleet  
CIA summer job  
Restaurant server 2  
Landscape architect  
European Tan Spa  
Animal hospital kennel assistant  
Rent-a-Car staff  
Manual laborer 3  
Korean Army—52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry  
Child care provider 2  
Painter for UW Housing  
Department store clerk  
Pizza server 2  
Head cook at summer camp  
Restaurant kitchen manager  
Forklift operator  
Motel front desk clerk  
Farm hand  
Golf pro shop  
GAP sales  
Wisconsin Veteran's Museum researcher  
Dishwasher at nursing home  
Prefect at seminary  
Rec. coordinator for Alzheimer's patients.

## INTERNSHIPS

US Dept. of Commerce  
Deloitte Consulting  
Children's Defense Fund  
Milw. County Chief Justice  
Mass. Attorney Gen.  
San Diego Chargers  
Scitex  
US Consulate to Spain  
Milwaukee Art Museum  
Kohler Co.  
Cap Gemini  
Duke U. Career Ctr.  
ASYST Tech.  
Assembly of First Nations  
Xerox Corp.  
NBC affiliate  
Z104  
AFL-CIO  
*The Progressive*  
Seattle DA office  
DOJ 2  
Federal District Ct.  
ARCO Alaska  
Investigative intern, Public Defender 3  
Alliance to Save Energy  
Harley-Davidson  
BDO Seidman  
Legal Aid Society  
State's Attorney

## COLLEGE LIFE

### Degrees beyond bachelor's

M.Ed. Adm.  
M.S. Health Care Adm.  
Concurrent M.D. degree candidate  
M.A. Poli. Sci. 4  
M.A. English  
M.A. Ed. Policy  
M.Ed., Harvard  
M.B.A. 3  
M.S. Urban Planning  
M.S. Chemistry  
M.S. Sociology

MS. Industrial Relations  
M.S. Industrial Engineering  
M.S.W.  
M.A. Southeast Asian Studies  
M.L.I.  
M.A. Public Admin.  
M.A. Politics & Education  
M.S. in Foreign Service  
M.S. Industrial & Organizational Psych  
M.S. Engineering  
M.A. Philosophy  
Master of Music Performance  
M.Sc. Plant Physiology  
M.A. History  
M.A. Lang. & Cultures of Asia  
M.S. & Ph.D. in Psychology  
M.A. & Ph.D. in Anthropology  
M.D., U. of Iowa  
M.A. & Ph.D. in Medieval History  
Ph.D. Molecular Biology  
M.A. & Ph.D. in English

## Writing

*Black Student Monthly* (U. MI)  
*The Korea Times*  
Assoc. Editor, *Nebraska Juvenile Law Digest*  
*Indiana Daily Student*  
Exec. Dir, U. Chi. yearbook  
*Statesman* (UM-Duluth)  
*The Justice* (Brandeis)  
*Red Ink* (Native Am., U of AZ)  
*Maroon* (U. Chi.)  
*Gidra* (Asian-American mag.)  
*Al-Talib* (Muslim UCLA student mag)  
*Aspects* (Purdue lit.)  
*The Michigan Daily*  
*Daily Cardinal 2*  
*Badger Herald*  
Report on *UW System v. Southworth*  
Labor editor, U. Oregon newspaper  
*Wisconsin Engineer 2*  
*The Free Thinker* (UCSB)  
*Daily Iowan*  
*The Current* (Carthage Coll.)

## Student Government

Bd. of Dir. of Muslim Student Assn.  
Founder of Conservative Leadership Coalition  
Student govt. finance committee  
Head resident, Smith College  
V.P. Student Govt.  
Catholic Student Union  
Leadership  
Notre Dame Student Senate

## Athletics

U. MI women's rugby  
UW Ultimate Frisbee Team  
Trinity U. cross-country  
Boston College varsity swimming  
3-time All-American track & field  
MI women's field hockey  
Student Athlete Advisory Council  
Academic All-Big Ten  
Recruitment administrator, UW football team  
Northwestern U. boys basketball camp administrator

Georgetown women's soccer  
Varsity men's soccer  
U. Chi. women's hockey  
U. of Alabama football  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
MVP Notre Dame hockey  
Emory U. hockey  
Captain of U. MI swim team & US National team  
U. Va. women's varsity soccer  
Varsity swim team  
UWM volleyball  
Intramural tennis champion  
Varsity crew  
Varsity fencing  
Mich. Tech soccer  
Student mgr., UC-Berkeley football  
Capt., Loyola women's rugby

## Foreign Study

Singapore  
Scotland 2  
Guyana  
Peru  
Argentina  
Russia  
Belgium  
Denmark  
Spain 7  
Italy 3  
Chile  
Israel 3  
England 4  
Australia  
France 3  
China  
Costa Rica  
Ireland

## Honors

Dean's List 109  
National Dean's List 2  
Golden Key honor society 28  
Notre Dame Scholar Award  
Presidential Scholar 3  
Mortar Board 3  
Sigma Tau Delta 2  
Blue Key  
Alpha Kappa Psi  
Tau Beta Pi  
Pi Gamma Mu  
Sigma Delta Pi 2  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
Outstanding English Senior at Purdue  
Academic All-American  
Phi Theta Kappa  
Alpha Pi Mu  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Pi Sigma Alpha 4  
Alpha Lambda Delta 2  
Pi Sigma Phi  
Phi Sigma Tau  
Phi Eta Sigma 2  
Phi Beta Kappa 5  
Mortar Board 3  
Rho Lambda  
# 1 ranked Army cadet—Mich. Tech  
Beta Gamma Sigma 2  
Omicron Delta Epsilon  
Sigma Delta Tau  
Quill & Scroll

Conservative Party of England  
WBAY-TV  
Big East Academic All-Star Team  
Beta Alpha Psi 2  
Phi Alpha Theta 3  
Student Senator of the Year  
Pi Sigma Alpha  
GTE Academic All-American 2  
Beta Gamma Sigma 2  
Pi Alpha Theta  
Beta Alpha Psi

## Legal

Prelaw Society 19  
Mock Trial 6  
Pro Bono Advocates

## Eclectic

Humorology  
University Pep Band  
UW REACH Program  
Alternative Spring Break 2  
Founder of Non-Fraternal Brotherhood of Madison Scholars  
Gregarious Opponents of Dogma  
College Bowl Academic Challenge team member  
ROTC 5  
Badger Buddy Marching band  
Symphony band  
VP, NYU Chess Club  
Summer school in Alaska and Hawaii

## HOBBIES

2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up, Miss Wisconsin pageant  
Japanese Animation Society  
Green belt in Kyuki-Do  
Saxophone improv.  
Tae Kwon Do  
Licensed pilot  
Violinist 2  
Pewaukee Lake Yacht Club racer  
Competitive snow boarder  
Pianist/guitarist  
President of card collectors club  
MENZA  
Jazz pianist 2 ♦