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## SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021







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## **SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW**

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Dennis Honabach

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Jennifer Kreder

Alex Kreit

Tobe Liebert

Michael Mannheimer

Ljubomir Nacev

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David Singleton

Jeffrey Standen

Henry Stephens, Jr.

## THE HISTORY OF CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

Salmon P. Chase College of Law is known for the strength of its people and its rich and storied history. Chase was initially founded in 1893 as an evening law school affiliated with the Cincinnati YMCA, and in 1972 it became a part of Northern Kentucky University. Chase is recognized as a trailblazer for offering an evening program, and many graduates have remarked that had it not been for the flexibility of attending classes in the evening, they would not have otherwise had an opportunity to earn their degrees.

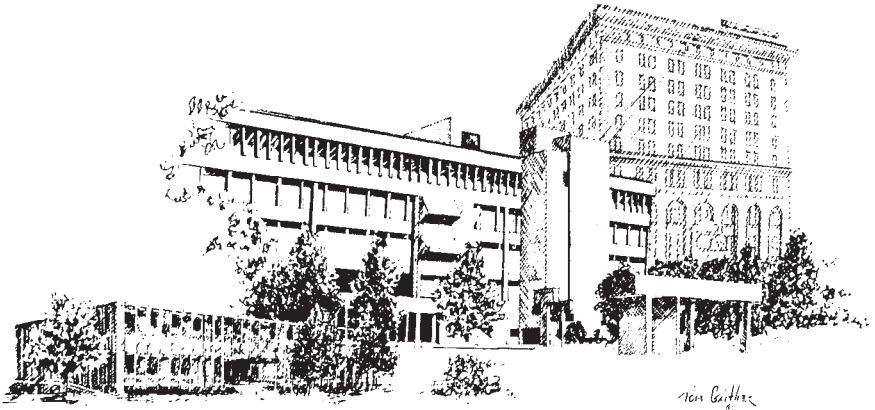
Chase is known for its innovative programming, which has been nationally recognized. The W. Bruce Lunsford Academy for Law, Business + Technology and the Law + Informatics Institute provide a unique, technology-focused legal education. Chase also offers specialized opportunities for students to participate in two practice-focused centers, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. These centers help students develop litigation and dispute resolution skills, while gaining knowledge and training in the ecosystem of emerging business and technology.

Chase has a strong dedication to community service and helping those in need through programs including the Children's Law Center Clinic, the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, the Kentucky Innocence Project and the Chase Pro Bono Service Program. Chase's Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic students provide legal services to entrepreneurs, small businesses and nonprofit entities in the local community. Finally, the newly launched Center on Addiction Law & Policy aims to convene stakeholders around the vexing problem of addiction.

Chase's ongoing commitment to excellence in legal education continues to prepare the next generation of practice-ready lawyers. At Chase, we build lawyers, and we build leaders.



*Class of 1929*



## Salmon P. Chase College of Law

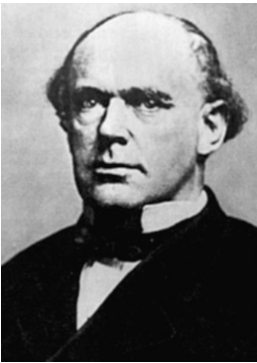
### DEANS

Robert M. Ochiltree	1893 – 1916	William R. Jones	1980 – 1985
YMCA Officers	1916 – 1918	Henry L. Stephens, Jr.	1985 – 1992
Charles C. Benedict	1918 – 1919	W. Jack Grosse	1992 – 1993
Gilbert Bettman	1919 – 1929	David C. Short	1993 – 1999
Floyd Williams	1929 – 1936	Gerard A. St. Amand	1999 – 2006
Judge Stanley Mathews	1936 – 1952	Richard A. Bales ( <i>interim</i> )	2006 – 2006
Ray P. Hutchens	1952 – 1967	Dennis R. Honabach	2006 – 2013
C. Nicholas Revelos	1967 – 1970	Jeffrey A. Standen	2013 – 2018
W. Jack Grosse	1970 – 1978	Michael Whiteman ( <i>interim</i> )	2018 – 2019
Ovid C. Lewis	1978 – 1979	Judith Daar	2019 – Present
Glenn Wells ( <i>interim</i> )	1979 – 1980		

*Excerpts from The Lawyers' School, A Centennial History of Salmon P. Chase College of Law; C. Maxwell Dieffenbach, Stanley E. Harper, Jr., W. Jack Grosse, Gateway Publishing Company, Inc., 7850 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45242*



## SALMON PORTLAND CHASE 1808-1873



Salmon Portland Chase was born on January 13, 1808, in Cornish, New Hampshire, to Janet Ralston and Ithamar Chase. Ithamar died in 1817, leaving Janet with 10 children and few resources. At 9 years old, Salmon Chase was sent to Ohio to live with his uncle—prominent Episcopal leader Bishop Philander Chase. He graduated from Dartmouth College and completed his legal studies under U. S. Attorney General William Wirt. He passed the Ohio bar examination in 1829 and opened a law practice in Cincinnati.

Chase strongly advocated on behalf of blacks and women, championing the right to vote and the right to an education. During the 1830s and 1840s, he was known as the “Attorney General of Runaway Slaves” for his defense of runaway slaves and the citizens who harbored them.

Chase’s dedication to the abolitionist movement was evident in his political career as well. He spoke about the “slave power conspiracy” of slave owners who attempted to seize control of the federal government. While serving as a city councilman in Cincinnati, Chase helped create the abolitionist-centered Liberty Party, which eventually merged into the Republican Party. In 1850, Chase was elected U. S. Senator of Ohio. He reportedly insisted that as a condition for his accepting the position, Ohio repeal its laws that legislated discrimination against blacks.

In 1856, Chase was elected governor of Ohio, where he served until 1860, when he was again elected U. S. Senator. In March 1861, President Abraham Lincoln appointed him Secretary of the Treasury. In this post, he created a unified nationwide banking system, developed the use of paper currency “greenback” bills—which continue to serve as today’s federal paper money—and established the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1864, Chase was appointed Chief Justice by President Lincoln. As Chief Justice, Chase presided over Reconstruction-era civil rights cases and the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. Chase is one of the few Americans to hold office in all three branches of the federal government.

As successful as Chase was in his legal and political careers, he suffered greatly in his personal life. He was married and widowed three times, and lost all but two children during the 1830s and 40s. Chase passed away in 1873 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum in Cincinnati.

## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



**JUDITH DAAR**

Dear Chase Graduates,

Heartfelt congratulations on achieving this momentous milestone in your life and career path. Graduating from law school is no small feat in ordinary times; doing so in the midst of a global pandemic is truly extraordinary. The Class of 2021 departs our campus having earned a significant portion of your law school credits via Zoom and other remote platforms. While the challenge has been steep, you have shown resilience and dedication to your legal studies in a way that uniquely prepares you to excel in your chosen profession. Early on, you mastered new technologies, embraced change, displayed flexibility and

found new ways to connect with your peers, professors, employers and many others in your world. I am enormously proud of your accomplishments. Today, Chase is stronger for the time you graced our community.

You enter the legal world at a time of heightened attention to the rule of law and its impact on every aspect of society. National conversations about elections, racial and social justice, and the role of government in public health have abounded, making even more clear the vital role that lawyers play in contemporary life. You have the knowledge, skill and power to be a voice in this conversation, to shape the future into a more fair, equitable and compassionate place for us all. I urge you to wield this power with reflection that "what you do as a lawyer matters." It matters to your clients, to your adversaries, to your employers, to your friends and family, and to Chase. We stand by you in times of triumph and moments of difficulty, a steadfast place to anchor throughout your life's journey.

Today you join a cadre of nearly 6,000 Chase alumni across the nation and throughout the world. This robust community of attorneys, judges, lawmakers, entrepreneurs, business leaders, educators and so many more occupations welcomes you and invites your active participation in the years to come. Your faculty and I celebrate with you and your loved ones as a new chapter opens onto your bright and promising future. As ever, we are cheering you on.

With warmest wishes,

Judith Daar

Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean and Professor of Law

## GREETINGS FROM THE CHASE ALUMNI COUNCIL



**RANDY J.  
BLANKENSHIP**

Dear Chase Class of 2021,

Graduating from law school is never an easy undertaking. It takes dedication, diligence, hard work and long hours—even under the best of circumstances. The graduates of the Chase Class of 2021 did not experience the best of circumstances. Due to the COVID pandemic, your law school experience differed greatly from mine. Remote learning and virtual classes were concepts unheard of during my days at Chase. Not only did you meet the normal demands of law school, but you also persevered through these additional challenges to find yourself ready to graduate from Chase and move forward into the legal community.

Congratulations on your graduation from Chase College of Law! You are right to be proud of your accomplishments. Chase has long been known as "The Lawyer's School." It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our legal community.

Randy J. Blankenship '86  
Chair, Chase Alumni Council

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

### ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Jennifer Kinsley  
Grand Marshal

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

School of the Arts

### WELCOME

### RECOGNITION OF FACULTY, STAFF AND PLATFORM PARTY

Ande Durojaiye  
Interim Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Northern Kentucky University

### GREETINGS FROM THE COURT

Justice Michelle M. Keller '90  
Justice Robert B. Conley '84  
Supreme Court of Kentucky

### A TRIBUTE TO THE CLASS OF 2020

John Bickers  
Professor of Law  
Salmon P. Chase College of Law

### SALMON P. CHASE AWARD

Megan Smiddie  
Class of 2020

Holly McCabe  
Class of 2021

### VALEDICTORY

Brendan Sullivan  
Class of 2021

### PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD AND REMARKS

Jennifer Kinsley  
Professor of Law  
Salmon P. Chase College of Law

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

School of the Arts

### DEAN'S REMARKS

Judith Daar  
Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold Dean  
Salmon P. Chase College of Law

### PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Ashish K. Vaidya  
President  
Northern Kentucky University

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Judith Daar

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Ashish K. Vaidya

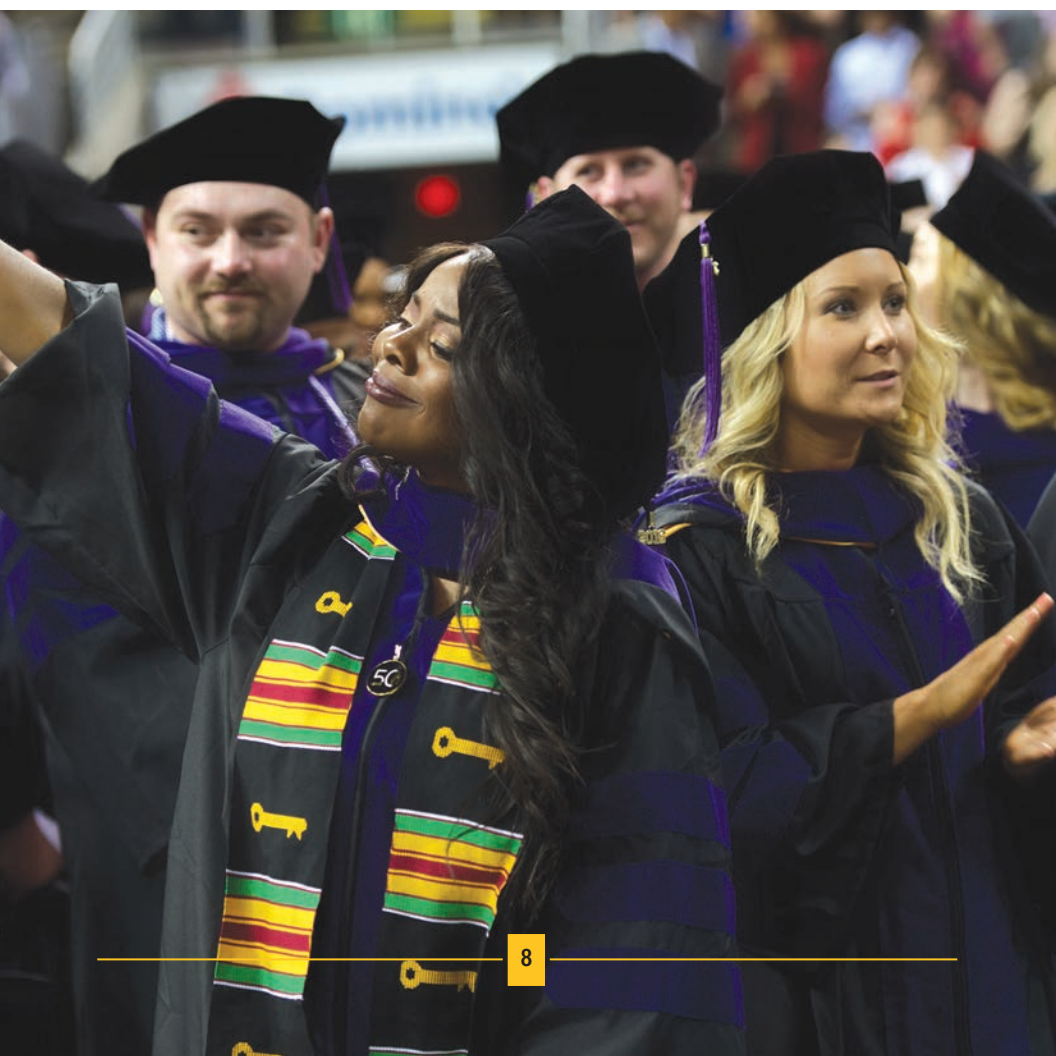
### SINGING OF ALMA MATER

Original lyrics and melody by Charles Wiley  
rev. Carolyn Hagner/harm. Kurt Sander  
School of the Arts

### CLOSING

Judith Daar

### RECESSIONAL



## 2020 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

*Honors symbols legend on page 11.*

*The following degrees will be awarded provided all requirements have been met:*

### SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW JURIS DOCTOR

Amelia J. Abdon	Jonathan M. Gulla
Nathan J. Allen	John G. C. Gullett
†† Tyler C. Arnzen	Al'Lisha J.D. Hanserd
Patrick Autry	†† Heather Gail Heineman
††† Kenneth L. Baker	† Carly L. Hertel
† William P. Bardgett	†† Christy Hiance
Bryanna K. Barker	Cassidy Nicole Hill
Erin M. Melcher Beam	Chelsea B. Himes
Christopher R. Belknap	† J. Will Huber
†† Jarrod L. Bentley	Caleb A. Hurt
Sara Suzanne Bentley	Erica Brooke Kendrick
† Shelby Lyn Bishop	†† Kelsey Rae Kennedy
Alexander R. Bokeno	†† Alexandria P. Kerns
Zachary B. Bottom	† Benjamin A. Kling
† Micheala Lynn Bradshaw	† Kody W. Krebs
† Patrick Mahoney Brinson	Ginger S. Kubala
Matthew Brookins	Amanda Virginia Lawson
Isabelle A. Buhr	Steven J. Leesman
Andrea N. Bussell	Hope Mary Michelle LeMaster
Emilee Ann Buttrum	† Victoria Anne Link
Cody Von Byrd	William Tyler Lloyd
†† Michael J. Caligaris	†† Jeffrey Michael Lucas
Myla C. Cardona-Jones	†† Rae Luhrsen
†† Alex J. Castle	† Kati E. Massey
Megan C. Craig	Pamela R. Masters
Matthew M. Crump	†† Rebecca E. McDonough
Haley M. Damron	††† Kaitlin E. McLeod
Shaun E. Davis	Wade A. McNabb
†† Brittany R. Ellis	Adam C. Millay
†† Danielle R. Ferris	Jacqueline Nicole Miller
Elizabeth E. Fouser-Gormley	Elizabeth R. Mitchell
Brandon M. Franklin	Stefanie Elena Mitchell
James Z. Gadomski	Faria Morshed
Courtney M. Gerrein	Jake Murray
Angela Star Meyer Goebel	Julie A. Myers
Alexander T. Graham	Katie S. Napier
† Marian Ruth Graves	† Landon Thomas Norman
† Millicent K. Green	Shaw T. Owens

## 2020 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES *continued*

Sergio Pascual Quintas

Madeleine A. Plummer

††† Megan N. Price

Timothy Patrick Real

Lashae D. Richie

Emily Christine Robbins

Amberly M. Robinson

Joshua Scott Robinson

Clara E. Rogalinski

Jenna Brooks Rohrig

Jared Rosely

†† Joseph J. Ruwe

†† Virginia Leigh Schell

Abigail K. Sears

Scott W. Shofner

††† Eric James Shumate

Vanisa T. Siler

Matthew C. Smallwood

Megan L. Smiddie

Alex Dean Smith

Zachary J. Smith

† Zachary Ryan Smith

Andrea Lambert South

Rebecca Nicole Spears

†† Lauren M. Spuzzillo

Haley P. Stahl

Madelyn L. Stampley

Stuart R. Thaman

Gabriel E. Thatcher

Wesley R. Tipton II

Sebastian D. Torres

††† Nathaniel L. Truitt

Logan B. Tucker

Alexander P. Valenti

††† Michael Tyler Votel

Tiffany R. Wagers

Niccole Roxanne Weber

Rachel Wilhite

Diane Williams

Dayna M. Wilson

Jay Perry Wilson

Julia T. Wood

†† Mitchell Zegafuse

### MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

Tori Ferrell

Lawrence Dwayne Gaines III

Michael Kristoff

Stephen Saylor

### JURIS DOCTOR AND MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

James Z. Gadowski

Madeleine A. Plummer

## 2020 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES *continued*

### DECEMBER 2019 GRADUATES

Amelia J. Abdon

Kenneth L. Baker

Shaun E. Davis

Kelsey Rae Kennedy

Kody W. Krebs

Wade A. McNabb

Angela Star Meyer Goebel

Faria Morshed

Shaw T. Owens

Sergio Pascual Quintas

Lashae D. Richie

Jared Rosely

Abigail K. Sears

Alex Dean Smith

Diane Williams

Mitchell Zegafuse

### AUGUST 2020 GRADUATES

Nathan J. Allen

Zachary B. Bottom

James Z. Gadomski

Amberly M. Robinson

## HONORS SYMBOLS

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

†† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.650 to 4.333 are graduated summa cum laude.

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

†† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.400 to 3.649 are graduated magna cum laude.

### CUM LAUDE

† Students who attain a grade point average of 3.150 to 3.399 are graduated cum laude.

## 2021 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Honors symbols legend on page 11.

The following degrees will be awarded provided all requirements have been met:

### SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW JURIS DOCTOR

Rachel M. Alexander	Phoebe Hart
Hissem A. Alsaman	Shelby M. Harville
Bradley R. Baker	Kelly S. Helton
Jonathan Ball	Caroline T. Herald
Adam P. Basinger	†† Jesse D. Hockenbury
Taylor R. Blair	Joshua W. Hoover
Melissa M. Bolitho-Zingo	Austin R. Howard
Matthew R. Broering	Jeffery A. Johns
† Christopher J. Brubaker	†† Michael M. Justice
† Jake Russell Garst Carter	†† Jordan D. Kells
Tiffany M. Caudill	Natalie L. Kreutz
Karen Anne Cittadino	Shay Kumar
Kaylee F. Collins	Jordyn E. Lear
Troy P. Combs III	Griffin H. Levy
Briana R. Conley	†† Brandi E. Liebing
Daniel A. Crall III	Jose A. Lopez-Sanchez
Chandler L. Crowder	Ethan K. Losier
† Ellen M. Dankelson	Dustin T. Maynard
Emily Sirena Davis	Holly Jade McCabe
† Allison M. Day	Che R. McGowan
††† John Trevor DeRossett	†† Patrick McGrath
† Rutger L. Dole	Jillian K. McGraw
Diane R. Douglas	Jerod Dearl Metz
††† Holly M. Duke	Jared M. Miniard
† Taylor Gregory Ehrman	Joseph D. Mooser
† Logan Edward English	†† Mikaela L. Mustaine
Keegan Nicole Facemire	Russell Nelson
† Laura Lee Finke	†† John H. Nienaber
Raegan Marie Freeman	Mary A. O'Brien
Brianna D. Fuqua	Anthony J. Olasz
Ciara M. Goodman	Jordan T. Olinger
Joshua D. Grandison	†† Jacob M. Ollier
James M. Green	††† Alec C. Ott
†† Nicholas R. Groman	Montanna Lee Palmer
Jason W. Hall	Kevin T. Parent
Alexandra Hamilton	† J. Douglas Peterson
James L. Hamilton	Christine Marie Pickett



## 2021 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES *continued*

† Hope E. Platzbecker  
† Megan T. Prather  
Andrew E. Prem  
Meredith J. Franklin Pusey  
Charles B. Redmond  
Jackson A. Rice  
Whitney Danielle Rowe  
Nikole D. Seay  
† Taylor N. Shutters  
Rachael E. Specht  
Abigail Rae Stanley  
Stephanie D. Stier  
Charles E. Stutenroth V  
†† Brendan J. Sullivan  
Daniel Meagher Sullivan Jr.

Breyanna Taylor  
† Addison Sutton Thompson  
†† Kaley J. Thompson  
††† Logan D. Todd  
Molly T. Tolbert  
Savannah Grace Tolle  
David Torres  
Maximilian F. von Doemming  
† Elisher J. Williams  
† Alex G. Woodward  
Jared L. Wyatt  
Lindsey Yates  
† Nathaniel Grant Young  
Cheyenne Nicole Younger  
††† Angela R. Zippin

### MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES

Emily Anne Barth  
Tiffany Brooke Barton  
Michelle L. Burchfield  
Joseph Alexander Enzweiler  
Shanda Marie Harris

Kaytlin Elizabeth Lake  
Montanna Renee' McClain  
Mollie O'Hearn Ruiz  
Hannah Elizabeth Sampson  
Pete Yerace III

### DECEMBER 2020 GRADUATES

Jonathan Ball  
Christopher J. Brubaker  
John Trevor DeRossett  
Holly Jade McCabe  
Che R. McGowan

Jillian K. McGraw  
Mary A. O'Brien  
J. Douglas Peterson  
Andrew E. Prem  
Kaley J. Thompson

### AUGUST 2021 GRADUATES

Alexandra Hamilton  
Jesse D. Hockenbury  
Austin R. Howard  
Dustin Maynard  
Stephanie D. Stier



Photo courtesy of  
Cincinnati Museum Center.

## THE SALMON P. CHASE AWARD

NKU's Chase College of Law created the annual Salmon P. Chase Award to recognize a graduating student for selfless advocacy on behalf of others. It is named for Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, inspired by Chase's extensive advocacy on behalf of the oppressed and his condemnation of the legality of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793. In recognition of his passion, dedication and advocacy, Chase was presented with a sterling silver pitcher, recently added to the Cincinnati Museum Center's extensive Chase collection, which is inscribed as follows:

*"A Testimonial of Gratitude to Salmon P. Chase, from the Colored People of Cincinnati, for his various public services in behalf of the oppressed, and particularly for his eloquent advocacy of the rights of man, in the case of Samuel Watson, who was claimed as a fugitive slave, February 12, 1845."*

Chase students, peers and faculty nominate graduating students for the award. The award is presented to the recipient each year at commencement. The recipient of this year's Salmon P. Chase Award is **Holly McCabe**.



**HOLLY MCCABE**

## 2021 SALMON P. CHASE AWARD RECIPIENT

As a Salmon P. Chase College of Law student, Holly McCabe has represented children in court through the Children's Law Center Clinic, investigated claims of wrongful conviction through the Kentucky Innocence Project and pursued redress of individuals' rights through the Ohio Justice & Policy Center.

It is because of this work and more that she has been selected to receive the 2021 Salmon P. Chase Award, presented to a graduating student who exemplifies the commitment to advocacy for others that Salmon P. Chase demonstrated as a lawyer in pre-Civil War Cincinnati, prior to serving in the cabinet of President Abraham Lincoln and later as Chief Justice of the United States.

Beginning with her first day as a student, McCabe's goal has been to be able help people who are in need, as Salmon P. Chase did for escaped slaves who sought to preserve their freedom. "All I've ever wanted to do was advocate for others, especially those who face the biggest roadblocks," She has said of her desire to become a lawyer. "Chase College of Law has given me the opportunity to fulfill my dreams of helping people over those roadblocks."

Her advocacy has also included work with a Chase professor on an amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court of the United States in a capital punishment case, an internship with the Hamilton County Public Defender in Cincinnati and participation at Chase in Street Law, a national program to teach young people about law and law-related careers.

Prior to entering Chase, McCabe worked for nearly 10 years as a paralegal.

## SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT



**JENNIFER KINSLEY**

In selecting Professor Jennifer Kinsley as Professor of the Year, the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Class of 2021 is recognizing her commitment to students in the classroom, in their professional development outside the classroom and as a role model.

As one graduating student explained, “Her accomplishments, her demeanor and her kindness have greatly inspired me. She shows that you can be both a compassionate person and incredibly strong and successful. She devotes an extraordinary amount of her talent and time to

bettering her students academically, professionally and personally.”

Professor Kinsley does all of this through her roles as professor of law, associate dean for professional development, director of the field placement program, author of law review articles, speaker at legal seminars and zealous pro bono lawyer.

As a professor, she has taught such courses as Constitutional Law, Legal Analysis and Problem Solving and Trial Advocacy. As associate dean and field placement director, she facilitates experiential learning opportunities for students to gain practical experience.

In her extensive academic pursuits, she has published articles in numerous law reviews and made presentations at local, national and international seminars, many of them focused on issues involving freedom of speech and expression.

As a lawyer, she is a member of the Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission, which oversees the Kentucky public defender system, and she is a diligent provider of pro bono legal services in issues of public significance. In one instance, her six-year pursuit of justice for a client culminated in a grant of clemency; in others, she has successfully represented individuals against attempts to stifle their participation in political and societal issues.

Professor Kinsley joined the Chase faculty in 2012, and has been active in planning and oversight committees at both Chase and Northern Kentucky University.

## IN MEMORIAM



**TORI RENEE CARROLL**

*Tori Renee Carroll started her first year of law school at NKU Chase College of Law in August 2017. She was tragically lost in a car crash on the way home to celebrate the holidays with her family after successfully completing her first semester of law school. Her classmates have penned a letter about this extraordinary woman who left a lasting mark on the Class of 2020.*

Tori Carroll was and remains at the very heart of the Class of 2020. We came to know Tori in the first week in LAPS. She was the one with the incandescent smile and unmistakable laugh. As we measured one another in the ritual of class, we grew to admire how she was always prepared and ready to share what she had gleaned through her dedication.

Tori had, after all, graduated from college at 19 years old. While she was younger than we were, it was apparent that she was on her way to going the furthest. She was disciplined because she loved a challenge and because she loved justice. Calling her one of a kind cannot begin to describe how her joy found its way into all our lives.

It is perhaps too easy to let the shock of her passing obscure the light of her life. The hollowness we feel can seem overwhelming, because it is as great as the welcome we always found in her. When Tori extended her hand, we knew we would be treasured. As we approach the goal that Tori had set for herself, it is tempting to say that we will always carry Tori in our hearts. In truth, Tori yet carries us in hers. It is our challenge, and our privilege, to carry Tori with us into court to see justice done.

With gratitude, Dearest Tori,  
The Class of 2020  
Chase College of Law

## HISTORY OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still unknown whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or in civilian dress. Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until they were superseded by skull caps. These were themselves displaced by a headdress somewhat like those now recognized as "academic." Both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control to the extent of minor details and have repeatedly issued revised regulations governing it. In 17th-century Oxford, it was prescribed that any tailor who departed from the authorized design "by a nail's breadth" in the making of any article of collegiate costume was to be punished by the vice-chancellor of the university.

European institutions continue to show a great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, while American colleges and universities have adopted, through the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume and the American Council of Education, a standard code of dress for academic ceremony. Created in 1902, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume serves as a source of information and guidance in such matters and, through occasional review by the American Council of Education, these standards have been adopted and followed by hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edgings of hoods and tassels of caps, the color associated with law is purple.

Those wearing academic costumes wear caps in the academic processions and throughout the ceremony. Members of the university governing body are entitled to wear doctoral gowns. The regents' regalia is a gold gown with three black chevrons and trim and an eight-sided tam with gold tassel. This attire is distinctive of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University.

## GRAND MARSHAL

The Grand Marshal is Jennifer Kinsley.

## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace, which traces its roots to medieval weaponry, has become a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the 11th century. Today, the university's grand marshal carries the mace to indicate the solemnity of the occasion and the confirmation of the academic process.

Northern Kentucky University's mace is rich in symbolism. The spiral base, made of walnut-stained mahogany, suggests growth, evolution and higher achievement. The gold-leaf flame, inspired by NKU's official seal, the lamp of learning, symbolizes eternal light and learning. The gold and white braided cords flowing from the base of the flame represent purity, as well as NKU's school colors.

The mace was presented as a gift to the University from the Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Inc. It was designed by Kari Messner '91 and was sculpted by local artist Jack True.

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## **ALMA MATER**

**Northern, let your vision lead us,  
hearts of women, men and youth.**

**Help us seek the higher virtues,  
guide us to the greater truth.**

**Northern, Northern, alma mater,  
may our lives enrich your name.**

**And in time leave us, your children,  
better far than when we came.**

**Original lyrics and melody by Charles Wiley**

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