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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome Spring! For many of us, it cannot arrive soon enough. During this stormy semester, the law school has had to cancel four full days and two half-days of classes, and the administration is trying to arrange for faculty and students to attend make-up classes on Fridays (day students) and Saturdays (evening students).

I have been remiss in neglecting to mention that, as of this semester, the Rutgers Newark campus has a new Chancellor, Nancy Cantor, who comes to us from Syracuse University. Chancellor Cantor has been conducting a listening tour of the campus, visiting with faculty, various student organizations, and students throughout the Rutgers Newark community. She believes the law school plays a pivotal role in the University, and the law school administration believes she will be an effective advocate for the law school.

The 31st Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture, which is co-sponsored by the Dean’s Office and your Alumni Association, will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the law school. This year’s lecture on a very timely topic, judicial independence, will feature two distinguished speakers: The Honorable Harold Baer, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Honorable Gary S. Stein, Associate Justice (Retired) of the Supreme Court of New Jersey and Special Counsel to Pashman Stein. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lecture at 6:00 p.m. Please be advised that we invite all of the judges in New Jersey, and this year, the judges of the Southern District of New York as well, and thus space is limited, but if you would like to attend, you can register at www.law.newark.rutgers.edu/weintraub2014.

Although there is a lot going on at the law school this semester, I only have room to mention a couple more events. Also on April 3, 2014, the annual Allan Axelrod Lecture, which was postponed from February 13, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Douglas S. Massey, a prominent sociologist and a co-author of the award-winning book Climbing Mount Laurel: The Struggle for Affordable Housing and Social Mobility in an American Suburb will deliver the lecture, “Learning from Mount Laurel.” On April 10, 2014, the Minority Student Program’s 46th Anniversary Banquet will be held at Nanina’s in the Park. Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia Valdez ’96 is being honored this year. In her capacity as prosecutor, Ms. Valdez oversees sixteen municipal police departments and the Passaic County Sheriff’s Department, as well as William Paterson and Montclair State Universities.

You can find out more about these events and many of the other programs at the law school by checking the news release page https://law.newark.rutgers.edu/upcoming-events or by checking the alumni association page https://law.newark.rutgers.edu/alumni-giving/newark-law-alumni-association. Until next month . . .

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