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VINCENT GLYNN '15



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Concentration

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Honors College alumnus, Vincent Glynn '15

Welcome to the fall 2018 Alumni Feature. As finals seem to be approaching much too quickly for anyone's liking, take a moment to put aside the stress often associated with your collegiate career, grab a warm cup of coffee, and dive into the newest Alumni Feature highlighting Vincent E. Glynn, Jr.

In the spring of '15, Vincent graduated cum laude from Towson University with a double major in Political Science and Sociology and Anthropology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. With a strong drive, desire and passion to pursue law, Vincent not only managed the demanding calendar schedule associated with the double major but also found time to complete a Pathways Internship with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, serve as president of the collegiate Prelaw Society, work with colleagues to lay the groundwork for the Barnes-Harris Scholars program at TU, and graduate from the Honors College, which was one of the main reasons he chose to attend TU in the first place. As he shared, "what sealed the deal for me ultimately ended-up being the full tuition scholarship I received and acceptance into the Honors College."

After graduation and in the fall of '15, Vincent started his juris doctorate at The George Washington (GW) University Law School where from, in '18, he graduated with honors and the exciting prospect of beginning the law career he had imagined since mock trials in high school. It was while attending GW, however, that Vincent truly began to broaden both his legal and professional collegiate career as evident through his first appointment as a judicial intern on the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland for The Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams. Being highly coveted, a position of this nature provides

the intern with invaluable research and writing opportunities and for Vincent that meant dedicating his time to research issues relating to family law and criminal procedure. A month after completing his work with Maryland's Seventh Judicial Circuit, Vincent started his second judicial internship with The Honorable Reggie B. Walton of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. As was similar with the first, he was provided the opportunity to research but this time on issues relating to criminal law and civil procedures.

In the winter of '17 and after the judicial internships were complete, Vincent became a Research Assistant and Corporate Law/Governance Initiative Fellow at GW. Within this capacity, Vincent collected and organized data on corporate diversity officers from Fortune 500 companies and researched issues in corporate governance and securities regulation alongside one of his professors at GW. It was during this tenure that Vincent also completed a Summer Associate position with Covington and Burling, LLP (Covington and Burling), which would later prove to be the firm in which he would accept a Litigation Associate position after graduation from GW. With his focus to pursue a legal career in Litigation and White-Collar Government Investigations, Covington and Burling was the ideal choice given their high-rank among those two practice groups and their ability to consistently lead as one of the best firms in the Washington, D.C. area. It is no surprise, therefore, that while serving as their Summer Associate, Vincent's research parameters continued to grow as he worked on issues relating to securities litigation, civil rights, white-collar government investigations, and election/political law. Upon completing his summer position with Covington and Burling, Vincent became a Student Attorney with The Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics and in this capacity, worked specifically as a Prisoner and Reentry Attorney, which involved representing clients that could not afford legal services. This experience, as others throughout his life, left an impact on not only him personally but also on his work. As he shared, "I always knew that there were people who, in this world...do not have direct access to our legal system...but working for the clinic just reinforced that for me and allowed me to see the impact that attorneys have." Taking this to heart, Vincent continued his desire to help others by providing pro bono work for the Neighborhood Legal Services Program, which is a firm that provides free legal services for residents of the District of Columbia that are involved in civil legal matters.

To top this all off, in the earlier part of this year, Vincent was published in The George Washington International Law Review. His legal note dealt specifically with the casual connection between intravenous drug use in Russia and the country's ever-growing HIV infection rate. Primarily, the infections are concentrated around the intravenous drug users and, as argued in his publication, is enabled because of the illegal trafficking of Afghan opium across the relatively unsecured borders between Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In order to address this issue through legal means, Vincent proposed that a security treaty between Russia and Afghanistan be struck to target the issues of border security and thus curve the HIV epidemic.

Although his collegiate and now professional accomplishments highlight the incredible life and future he has before him, one important reminder for Vincent is that, without the Honors College, he would not have been as prepared for his field of work. As he framed it, "the Honors College specifically introduced me to the idea of discussing different issues or themes with a group of people from different backgrounds and different experiences but who all share the same intellectual curiosities and thirst for knowledge." He goes on to share that within the professional legal community, one must work daily with colleagues who share different viewpoints on a range of topics, and that he's able to do this effectively because it was the Honors College that gave him the opportunity to grow this skillset.

As those in the program currently, you can relate to this perspective and appreciate the power behind what he shared. Whether you're in an English seminar or completing an elective with the Honors College, remember that each person brings to the table concepts, ideas, and thoughts that, although differ perhaps from others, offer an opportunity for critical-thinking and understanding. With a vision to cultivate students' intellectual and character development, the Honors College offers the prime opportunity for us to engage with one another, learn from one another, and as a result, grow and flourish with one another. You have an incredible opportunity being an Honors College student, so make this fall semester the best yet. Talk with folks outside your comfort zone, share your ideas and opinions, and most importantly, take what you've learned and thrive.

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