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Greeter_Natali	Hi Ashley--glad you could make it tonight! Hope you learn lots :)
AshleyGA	thanks...
Greeter_Natali	Hey, Meghan! How are finals going?
Student_Meghan	Hey Natali!
Student_Meghan	I am working on my ConLaw take home as we speak. My first exam is not until Friday, so I am surviving right now.
Greeter_Natali	Oh, good.
Student_Meghan	Are you ready for break?
Greeter_Natali	Yes I am!
Greeter_Natali	Hello, wilson25!
Greeter_Natali	How are you tonight?
wilson25	Hello, I am fine, thank you
Greeter_Natali	Welcome, ZCO! Where are you chatting from this evening?
wilson25	I am in Los Angeles, CA
ZCO	I am in Portland, OR
Greeter_Natali	Nice! I'm also from the West--Idaho, actually; my husband (a law student here) is from WA.
wilson25	Oh wow, very interesting. So exactly what is the procedure here for asking
ZCO	I actually live in VA Beach...I am in OR on business.
Greeter_Natali	Fire away, wilson25! (Although some people will get here at 7:00....)
wilson25	Oh, well, I will wait a bit....So how is Virginia Beach?
Greeter_Natali	We will eventually have reps from Fin. Aid, Admissions, a Dean, a Faculty member, someone from Career Services, etc.
wilson25	Got it!
Greeter_Natali	Meghan is a 3rd year student, so you can ask her questions too!
ZCO	Is there a way to contact you if we get disconnected?
wilson25	Hi, Meghan!
Greeter_Natali	VA Beach is good--although I do miss the snow!
Greeter_Natali	Yes--our front office number is 757-226-4684, & if you'd like to contact me (the Admissions Counselor), you can call 757-352-4625 or email me at
Student_Meghan	Hello!
wilson25	Where are you from, Meghan? Do you enjoy Virginia Beach?
Student_Meghan	I am from South Carolina.
Greeter_Natali	Good evening, swoolf!
Greeter_Natali	How are you tonight?
swoolf	Hi
Student_Meghan	I do love Virginia Beach, but I am slightly obsessed with South Carolina.
Greeter_Natali	"Slightly"?! :)
Student_Meghan	However, for 3 years, VA has been a great home.
Student_Meghan	Actually, I am more than slightly obsessed with SC.
Student_Meghan	Thanks, Natali!
Greeter_Natali	Yes, I enjoy all of the history here, and the beach is pretty too!
Greeter_Natali	Welcome, Mishell!
Mishell	Hi!
Greeter_Natali	How are you this evening? Where are you chatting from?
Mishell	I am doing great; I am from Jersey.

wilson25 Wow! Great to hear. I have always lived in southern California so I will be excited for the change.

Greeter_Natali Hi, hrsgurl! Welcome to our chat.

Mishell Natali, are you a student at Regent?

hrsgurl Thanks!

Greeter_Natali I am the Admissions Counselor. Meghan here is a 3rd year student!

Greeter_Natali Hi, cera!

Mishell Oh okay, great!

cera Hi! how are you all?

FinAid_Tom Wilson25, many of our students from so Cal like the VA Beach area.

Greeter_Natali Well everyone, currently we have reps here from Admissions, Financial Aid, & a current Student (Meghan), so please start asking any questions you may have!

wilson25 That is good to hear.

Mishell Okay

cera Tell me something you wish you'd known before starting law school...:) --that a first year needs to know.

hrsgurl I agree

Greeter_Natali Meghan, how about you answer that one?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Jlopez & Student! How are you both tonight?

Jlopez Hello, I'm doing great. Thank you for asking.

Student Doing great. Thank you.

Greeter_Natali Hello, Sarah! Hi James!

James Maciel Hello Natali, how are you?

CampusVisit_Sarah Hello everyone!

Student_Meghan I was in school for 6 straight years before coming to law school, so I was a bit exhausted when I arrived....

Greeter_Natali Doing very well. And you?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Dean Gantt!

Dean_Gantt Hello, Everyone!

James Maciel Hello, Dean Gantt

cera I understand that. ;) I'm at the point of the semester where I'm super exhausted. :/

Mishell Meghan, what was the hardest lesson you learned at the end of your first year of law school?

Dean_Gantt Hi, James.

Student_Meghan I guess I didn't realize HOW challenging law school would be. I think I expected it to be like grad school.

Student_Meghan However, it's a bit more difficult. It's not concrete like some principles I learned in college.

cera I'm thinking of taking next year off before going to law school... is that wise?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, PJ2009. How are you tonight?

Greeter_Natali Hi, Kathy! Thanks for coming.

PJ2009 Great, and you?

Student_Meghan Honestly, Orientation prepares you for everything you need for law school.

Career_Kathy Hi, everyone!

Greeter_Natali Wonderful!

Student_Meghan Hey, Kathy!

Mishell How long is orientation?

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Meghan. I'm glad you found Orientation helpful.
hrsgurl Is it possible to do law school part-time?
Career_Kathy Hi, Meghan!
Student_Meghan Orientation is one week long.
Greeter_Natali Welcome, joe para! How are you tonight?
Jlopez How much is the cost for the entire program and generally, how long?
Greeter_Natali Hi, Hannah--thanks for coming!
Admissions_Bonnie Cera, we don't have a preference whether you take a year off or come straight into law school. Sometimes students reports that a year off gives them the opportunity to prepare for law school emotionally and financially.

Hannah Hello, Natali - looking forward to the info.
cera That's EXACTLY what I thought. ;)
FinAid_Tom Entire program -as in all 3 years?
cera I was just wondering if it affected performance in class at all....
Admissions_Bonnie We offer both full- and part-time programs. Full-time = 3 years; part-time = 4-5 years.

hrsgurl LSAT scores?
cera You know, if you kind of "lose" the touch for studying, etc.
Greeter_Natali Hi, Kelly! Welcome to the chat.
Greeter_Natali And hello, Chad!
Kelly Branch Hola!
Mishell Meghan, what made you go to Regent?
ChadEdwards Hey, Natali.
Admissions_Bonnie Last year's average LSAT score was 153.48.

Greeter_Natali And welcome, Elena!
wilson25 How much does it affect your chance of admissions if you apply after the Feb. 1st priority deadline? I am considering taking the LSAT again in February, depending on my December score.

Dean_Gantt Cera, taking time off can affect that, but if you take some time right before school to read a book on how to prepare for law school, that will help.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Ryan H! Any questions for us?
Jlopez What is the cost for the program?
Mishell Good question--I am also taking my LSAT in Feb.
cera Thanks. :)
cera What was the average GPA last year?
FinAid_Tom Jlopez, our tuition this year is approximately \$28,000 (typically lower than most private law schools).

Admissions_Bonnie wilson, Feb. 1 is a 'priority consideration date.' We accept apps until the class is filled. If you will test later, we recommend that you submit the app by Feb. 1 and indicate that you are a future test taker.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, chabrle!
joe para Does Regent average multiple LSAT scores, or consider the higher of the multiple
chabrle Hello
Dean_Gantt Cera, do you mean the average undergraduate GPA?
Greeter_Natali And hello, JC!
cera Yes

ChadEdwards How high of an LSAT score does an applicant need to be considered for a "full ride" scholarship?

Admissions_Bonnie Regent views "all" test scores, but places significant weight on the highest score.

Mishell Does Regent offer any specific grants or scholarships that one needs to apply for before next year?

FinAid_Tom Jlopez, I awarded \$2.7 million in scholarships, grants and endowments this year too.
joepara Thank you.

Jlopez Ah, that is nice to hear.

Jlopez Thank you.

Dean_Gantt I think our average was about 3.3. Is that right, Bonnie?

Ryan H Hi, yes, I have a question about housing at Regent.

Admissions_Bonnie Correct, Dean Gantt.

cera Great! Thanks.

FinAid_Tom ChadEdwards, a full ride is determined not just by a high LSAT and GPA, but all components of the student's admission profile.

Dean_Gantt O.K., Ryan, what's your question?
wilson25 Do you consider the difficulty of the undergraduate university attended when reviewing an application?

Mishell Where can I find information about grants and scholarships that Regent offers?
joepara Approximately how many seats are available for the entering class of 2009?

Admissions_Bonnie Housing: Regent students may choose from a variety of housing options. Regent Village offers quality housing at affordable rates! Two- and three-bedroom options (with amenities) and a family-friendly atmosphere, about three minutes from the law school. Our newest housing option, Regent Commons, opened in August 2007, offers fully furnished one-bedroom, studio, and four-plex apartments. The Commons amenities include cable, wireless access, and an exercise room. At either location, you can use the University Shuttle. Law students interested in off-campus housing will find numerous options in the area, varying in price and amenities. For more info, visit:
<http://www.regent.edu/campuses/vb/village/offcampus.cfm> AND

CampusVisit_Sarah Information about financial aid can be found at www.regent.edu/finaid.
Dean_Gantt Wilson25, As a member of the Admissions Committee, I would say that we definitely consider the difficulty of the undergraduate school and the program/major.

Ryan H Are married students without children allowed to live at Regent Village?

Dean_Gantt Ryan, yes.

Greeter_Natali Ryan, yes--my husband is a law student here & we don't have children yet (we will in May!), & we live at the Village.

CampusVisit_Sarah There is also a law specific financial aid page at www.regent.edu/lawfinances.
Student_Meghan I lived there for my first 2 years of law school and I am single.

Admissions_Bonnie Our enrollment goal for Fall 2009 is 160 students.

Dean_Gantt Congrats to Natali and Jess!

Jlopez For those non-native English speakers, can deference be given on below 150 LSAT

ZCO How much weight is placed on LSAT scores?

PJ2009 Congrats, Natali!

Hannah How do I apply for financial aid if I am taking the LSAT again in Feb.? Can I still apply for financial aid while my application is on hold?

Ryan H If I came next fall is there a good chance of there being an opening at Regent Village?

CampusVisit_Sarah However, as far as housing goes, there is a new housing director, so some policies may be changing. You would certainly want to check with them.

Greeter_Natali Thanks, PJ!

Dean_Gantt Jlopez, I would explain the English language ability in an attachment to your personal statement. That would be something the Admissions Committee would consider.

FinAid_Tom Hannah, YES, you may apply for law school aid at any time, we will then wait for your admission decision. The 0910 FAFSA becomes available on Jan. 1 for student

wilson25 Great, thank you!

Greeter_Natali Ryan, you may apply for student housing once you have been accepted & paid your seat deposit.

Hannah Great - thanks!

Admissions_Bonnie LSAT scores are certainly an important part of the decision process. We admitted 22 students with LSAT scores below 150 last year. Those students had other factors in the file that proved to strengthen the overall application.

Dean_Gantt ZCO, the LSAT is definitely an important factor, but we consider the whole file--personal statements, recommendations, etc.

Ryan H Okay, thanks. Are there typically openings for first year students there?

ZCO Thanks.

Mishell How is the Christian atmosphere on campus?

Greeter_Natali There are also numerous apartments off-campus that are still close by--the housing website has links to some:

Mishell Are there churches near the school?

Hannah Good question about the churches!

Student_Meghan Mishell: it is simply amazing- but not suffocating, if that makes sense.

CampusVisit_Sarah Mishell, there are a ton of churches here, of all denominations.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, chipw93!

Admissions_Bonnie We have only admitted a small number of students so far for Fall '09. We most definitely have seats remaining for this August.

Dean_Gantt Mishell, I would say that the Christian atmosphere is one of our definite strengths. The students, faculty, and staff support each other in many ways because of that

Student_Meghan Yes--many great churches in the area.

chipw93 Thanks, Natali.

FinAid_Tom Mishell, this is a great area--plenty of churches and family communities. I have worked in a non-Christian college before, and I can say Regent is wonderful.

chabrle Hi! How much weight do you give to work experience in considering an applicant? I have been out of school for quite some time.

Mishell That is so encouraging to hear.

Greeter_Natali Hello, Troy! How are you tonight?

TROY25 Hey!

joepara Does Regent Law provide opportunities for students interested in public interest law...specifically, the ACLJ?

Prof_Kirkland Hi, everybody!

TROY25 Great, and yourself?

Student_Meghan Joepara: yes--I clerk for the ACLJ now.

Career_Kathy Yes, the ACLJ typically hires several first- and second-year law students to serve as law clerks upstairs.

Admissions_Bonnie Work experience is definitely a consideration. We greatly value diversity of experience and ethnicity in the applicant pool.

Dean_Gantt chabrle, we will review your resume as part of the application, so your work experience would be a factor. I would say that the longer you have been out of school, the more important the work experience is in helping us assess your

joepara That's great to hear...how is the clerkship?

ChadEdwards Does former Attorney General Ashcroft still teach at Regent?

chipw93 If a letter of recommendation covers a pertinent work experience, that I had planned to cover in the personal statement..... is it ok to omit the discussion in the personal statement if the letter of rec does a much better job?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Tamra & Prof. Kirkland!

Dean_Gantt Hi, Prof. Kirkland!

Law_Wife_Tamra Thank you, Natali! :-)

cera I have lived in a Christian college/university setting since 3rd grade. As much as I'd love to continue in Christian education, I have been wondering if it'd be beneficial to attend state school to get me used to "secular" schools. Any opinions?

chabrle Thank you.

Career_Kathy We also offer public interest grants to help aid students with summer internships all over the country and internationally.

Admissions_Bonnie chip, I'd focus on Regent's specific questions in your personal statement.

TROY25 I was curious about obtaining monies for law school especially in these troubling economic times. How much is a typical year at Regent?

Jlopez Dean Gantt, among the 22 who entered the law school with a less than 150 LSAT, could you let us know what was the lowest score?

Student_Meghan I love it. I have worked there since last April. I actually heavily researched for a case that was just heard before the Supreme Court. Dr. Sekulow took us to hear the arguments- it was amazing!

Dean_Gantt chipw93, it sounds like you can omit that from your personal statement, but remember, as Bonnie said, to address our specific questions in your personal

chipw93 I took a look, and was going to again right now, b/c that question list was pretty specific. :) I was impressed!

hrsgurl Which case, Megan?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Missy!

Admissions_Bonnie I believe the lowest LSAT score for '08 was 146.

Missy J. M. Thank you!

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Bonnie.

Admissions_Bonnie The highest was 173.

Student_Meghan cera: law school is stressful enough- regardless of where you attend- it is nice to have somewhat of the edge taken off because you know that those around you are thankful that you are here and will lift you up in prayer during the stressful times.

chipw93 Ahh 146, I have a chance :)

cera Very true!

joepara Meghan, that's a dream come true. I am very interested in the work of the ALCJ and I would love to be a part of that program.

Student_Meghan Pleasant Grove v. Summum
ZCO Would you all consider an applicant with a score lower than 146?
Mishell I am not sure if I am asking the correct question, but I heard that Regent offers an opportunity for students to go to the DC campus? How does that work? and what are the requirements to get into that program?

Student_Meghan You can probably google it and read the transcript.
hrsgurl I'm interested in the DC program too.

Greeter_Natali Chad, yes, General Ashcroft still teaches here--I believe one 2-week course per
Career_Kathy joepara- Currently, Regent is the only law school that the ACLJ does on-campus interviews with in hiring their clerks so it's a great place to be!

Admissions_Bonnie ZCO, I'd recommend a retest to an applicant with a score of 146 or lower.

Dean_Gantt Mishell, yes, we do have a program where selected second- and third-year students can spend their spring semester at the ACLJ DC offices. They take a few classes there and get practical experience.

ChadEdwards Thanks, Natali!

Greeter_Natali Ashcroft also usually invites all the first-year students to his house for an ice cream
Student_Meghan Well, if you attend Regent, joepara- definitely apply!
Greeter_Natali I believe this last fall he divided them into teams for a pumpkin-carving contest.
TROY25 What is the part-time program like at your law school?
Student_Meghan I love Ashcroft's ice cream socials!
ChadEdwards That's awesome.

Jlopez Hey, I was not invited to Gen. Ashcroft's house! :)

joepara Will do, and thank you.

Prof_Kirkland My students all are 1Ls; they always have great things to say about visits with Gen. Ashcroft!

hrsgurl So there is no DC satellite program?

Student_Meghan You will be invited when you're a student!

James Maciel Ashcroft's house or a house rented by the ACLJ?
Jlopez of the School or the Law program?

Prof_Kirkland There's an opportunity for a DC semester.

cera I have public speaking experience, but little debate or student legislature practice--is this a disadvantage in law school?

Dean_Gantt hrsgurl, no, we do not have a "satellite" program. The ACLJ has clerks here in VA Beach, and then there is the DC semester program for selected students.

Hannah What would be your advice about preparing for being a 1L academically and spiritually because I know it is a "new" challenge?

Student On the LSAC, I noticed that there is a place to put a certification for TOEFL. What purpose does this have in the application process?

CampusVisit_Sarah It's the house Gen. Ashcroft always stays in when he's on campus. He does not own
Ryan H I was wondering if Regent students are able to get competitive clerkships in the summers after their first two years?

Mishell How do people get in to the DC program?

wilson25 On average, how many female minorities are admitted each year?

chipw93 How can one apply to the full-time and the part-time at the same time?

Admissions_Bonnie cera, I wouldn't be too concerned about the debate inexperience.

cera OK :)

cera That's good to know.

Student_Meghan Ryan H: Yes--many of my friends--and me included--have had amazing clerkship opportunities.

Kelly Branch How often is the LSAT offered? What is the lifespan on that score (i.e. does it expire in 6 months, a year, etc.?) Also, on average, how many times does one take it before applying to their intended schools?

Student_Meghan Top firms interview at Regent.

TROY25 About how many apply to the part-time program?

James Maciel Is it easier to be accepted to the part-time program than the full-time program? Or does it matter?

Dean_Gantt Mishell, you apply to my office during the spring of your first or second year. We look at your academic background and interest in religious freedom issues, among

Admissions_Bonnie Last year's minority percentage was 23%. I don't have the male/female breakdown available to me at the moment. I'm chatting from my home.

Career_Kathy Ryan, our students have worked with many judges at all levels of the court and with great firms during their summers.

wilson25 Thanks.

CampusVisit_Sarah Criteria for full- and part-time admission is the same.

Prof_Kirkland cera -- The oral experience in the first year is part of my course -- Legal Analysis, Research & Writing. Students argue the case they have been working on all semester. Most students really enjoy this experience, even those that did not expect

Jlopez Should all students admitted to the school be Christian? Can others apply?

Dean_Gantt Kelly, the LSAT lasts for five years, and most applicants take it once or twice; not too many take it more than twice.

Mishell Thanks, Dean Gantt.

Admissions_Bonnie Troy: our part-time pool is rather small. We only started 9 part-timers this fall. Most students prefer the full-time program. Many part-timers transfer to full-time after the first year.

ChadEdwards What was the average LSAT score and GPA of students awarded a full-ride scholarship in 2008?

Student_Meghan Hannah: Continue to pray about the law school that God wants you to attend and He will place you where you need to be. As far as academically, if you are accepted to Regent, your educational background proves that you have what it takes to be here--and Orientation will fill in the gaps.

Prof_Kirkland We don't expect that students arrive with oral experience, however.

CampusVisit_Sarah Also, Kelly, the LSAT is offered four times a year.

CampusVisit_Sarah You can register at www.lsac.org.

Hannah Thanks, Meghan

cera Thank you!

joepara Does Regent Law require a personal statement specific to a topic of its choosing?

Kelly Branch Thanks. i was wondering how much time I could prepare for that before applying.

Greeter_Natali Hi teacheyman! Any questions for us?

Greeter_Natali And welcome, Aquila!

TROY25 I am married with a family; the part-time program would be the only way for me to obtain a law degree.

JC Dringenburg Hi, I was just wondering part-time program admissions stats.
Dean_Gantt Jlopez, we do not require that students be Christian, but almost all are, and all students sign a statement of community life in which they agree to be taught from a Christian perspective.

chipw93 joepara, I know the official people will answer, but as a fellow applicant--yes.
Kelly Branch Do you anticipate offering any law courses online in the future or will it all be on
joepara Thank you, chip.
Elena Hi! I'm concerned about how to send in my application since my letters of rec and LSAT go through the LSDAS service. Should I send the application through LSDAS and have the spiritual life rec letter go through LSDAS as well or should I split up the application materials and send some through LSDAS and the rest directly to Regent?

Greeter_Natali Kelly, the ABA does not accredit online law programs.
Kelly Branch HA, good to know. :)
Dean_Gantt joepara, we have specific personal statement questions.
FinAid_Tom ChadEdwards, we only had a few full-ride (tuition) scholarships; I would have to estimate that their LSAT ranged in the mid-160s and up, with a high GPA 3.8 and up--but again, determining a scholarship is more than just LSAT and GPA.

Greeter_Natali Thus ours are on campus!
Admissions_Bonnie joepara, our personal statement requires answers to 7 Regent-specific questions... Part-time admissions standards are the same as for the full-time program.

James Maciel Dean Gantt, thanks for answering JLopez because I've been wondering about that as well. So it is possible that there are other faiths that attend Regent Law?

chipw93 If you take a look at their application, there are 5 -6 questions that you must address in your PS.

Jlopez That is very interesting, Dean. Thank you.
cera When I tried to apply online for the LSAT this summer, it wouldn't let me--was that just a problem with me? or does anyone know what might have caused it, despite my filling out all the necessary info?

ChadEdwards Excellent. Thank you, FinAid_Tom.
Law_Wife_Tamra TROY25 if you were to attend Regent, there is a network for your wife --Regent Law Wives Organization where we have Bible studies, Girls Night Out, couple events such as Scavenger Hunts, Bowling, etc. and family picnics...I'd love to give her information if you like....

Dean_Gantt Elena, you can send everything through the LSDAS although some applicants choose to send their spiritual recommendation letter directly to us.

teacheyman Hello! I would be an older student after completing 30 yrs in the Marine Corps. Do older students have a harder time keeping up and being competitive?

Elena Thank you!
joepara Thank you for your help.
TROY25 Would it be hard to find a job in Virginia Beach in this economy?

Admissions_Bonnie Elena, you may send your app directly to us or you may apply through LSAC. We have no particular preference. Same with letters of recommendation, though we do prefer that you use our 'spiritual' letter of recommendation form.

Student_Meghan teacheyman: Not at all... many of my classmates are older than me and they do very
Greeter_Natali cera, I'd recommend calling LSAC directly for technical help at 215.968.1001

Hannah Student_Meghan FinAid_Tom cera Greeter_Natali Prof_Kirkland Career_Kathy TROY25 Dean_Gantt Admissions_Bonnie

Can I send a faculty recommendation directly to Regent instead of going through We even have a retired Doctor in our class. Tory25, depends upon what kind of job--anything specific? OK, thanks. Welcome, Ca! teacheyman -- I have students right out of college and students in mid 50s. I've had top students from both groups. Troy--there are several local firms and organizations that hire Regent students. Last year 93% of our grads had full time positions 9 months out of school and earlier. Paralegal (B.S.) teacheyman, there may be a little adjustment in the beginning in getting back into the academic swing of things, but many of our "older" students do very well because they are very disciplined about their studies. The age range for the '08 incoming class was 19-59.

Elena James Maciel Greeter_Natali CampusVisit_Sarah Career_Kathy Dean_Gantt FinAid_Tom Alumni_Troy TROY25 cera joepara teacheyman Dean_Gantt wilson25 Admissions_Bonnie

Ok, thanks. ? Again -- is it easier to be accepted into the Part-Time Program vs. the Full-Time program? Or it doesn't matter? Welcome, Troy! Thanks for coming tonight. James, the criteria for both programs is the same. Older students, or "second career students" as we like to call them, typically fair well in the job market as well because they have previous experience. James, the admissions standards are the same. Troy25, Don't know the answer to that one, but with our network within the area, I think it has potential. Hey Natali (and everyone else). Thanks for the info. Do you have opportunity to get involved in church and outreach activities, etc., with the busy school schedule? OK, I have to go...thank you very much for your help and good luck to everyone during the application process! Thank you, Meghan! How hard is it to attain a dual major? I love Business as well! James, the only thing to add is that for part-time students, we ask them to explain why they need the part-time program (e.g., if they will be working). I saw that there are forms for the recommendation letters. Do we have to use those, or is a personalized letter OK? Law Students enrolled in either the full-time or the part-time program may obtain another graduate degree in business, communication and the arts, psychology and counseling, divinity or government, in addition to the juris doctor (J.D). Joint degrees students are able to obtain the J.D. and another graduate degree in significantly less time than would be required if the two degrees were pursued separately. Individuals interested in the joint degrees program must meet all admissions criteria specific to each academic program. Please contact the individual school for admissions information. Joint degrees offered with the juris doctor are: Master of Business Administration (MBA), MA in Communication, MA in Counseling, Master of Divinity (M. Div), M.A. in Management, M.A. in Political Management, M.A. in Practical Theology, Master of

Dean_Gantt Thanks, joepara!

Student_Meghan I believe it requires an extra year of school. I actually earned my MBA before coming to Regent but I have friends who are in the joint degree program now.

Greeter_Natali joepara, if you have any more questions feel free to call our office 757-226-4584, or email at lawschool@regent.edu.

Aquila M. Robertson I have heard some horror stories from my 1L friends about the professors being unapproachable , unavailable and unwilling to answer their questions. Can someone comment on the general attitude of the professors towards the Regent students?

Mishell I sent my recommendations (printed them out from the Regent website) already to my recommendors. I did not send anything else with it--am I missing something? I just read that people are sending their recommendations through the LSDAS.

TROY25 Does Regent offer an immigration study of law? I would be interested in immigration

JC Dringenburg Hello everyone, I was wondering the number of people who send in applications for the evening program and the number of those who were accepted. Also median GPA and LSAT if available.

Student_Meghan Aquila: I never experienced that my 1L year. The professors are amazing. They are challenging but always willing to help.

Dean_Gantt wilson, a personalized letter is OK, but for the clergy/spiritual life recommendation, we prefer that that person use the form.

Law_Wife_Tamra Cera, you would have time in your schedule to participate in outreach activities. My husband is the music director at our church and several 1L girls come and help with Junior Church and Awana....

cera Great!

Ca I have a question regarding GPA. My undergraduate GPA is a 3.42. The LSDAS is reporting my degree GPA as 2.5 an my accumulative GPA as 2.9. Which one does the school consider & should I be concerned?

Greeter_Natali Aquila: My husband is a student here, & he was able to chat with a prof after class several times, & it turned into a research assistantship for him!

Dean_Gantt JC, we no longer have an evening program; our part-time program is a day program.

Admissions_Bonnie Law Services offers a letter of recommendation service. You are free to use that service OR you may send your letters directly to Regent Law.

Alumni_Troy Aquila, if you attend Regent your 1L stories will be the exact opposite of your friends. The profs are very approachable. They care about each student and want you to

wilson25 Thank you

JC Dringenburg My mistake, that was what I was concerned about.

chabrle Is your part-time day program all on one day of the week or is it certain hours of various days of the week?

Ryan H Is it okay if I send in my clergy recommendation form before the rest of my

Dean_Gantt Ca, the school will primarily focus on the LSDAS GPA, but if there is a big discrepancy, you can point that out in your application.

James Maciel Is there a Family Law Clinic and will there remain a Family Law Clinic or has there been discussion about eliminating that clinic?

ChadEdwards I am interested in a joint MBA/JD program. Must I take the GMAT to apply, or will my LSAT score suffice?

Dean_Gantt Ryan, yes.

Aquila M. Robertson This is good to hear! Thanks, everyone.

Ryan H Also, what is needed to join the honors track?

Prof_Kirkland Aquila -- I'm a 1L prof, and I actively encourage students to come see me when they need help or want to talk. A pretty good group of them trickle through my office regularly. I also see 1Ls around the faculty suite visiting their other profs as well.

Dean_Gantt charbrle: The latter--it is certain hours on multiple days during week.

Hannah i am thinking about being a judge in the future. Are there students with that interest at Regent and how do they prepare for that career goal?

Greeter_Natali Troy, we do offer an Immigration Law class, and have a strong International Law program as well. However, it's good to keep in mind that the Juris Doctor is a general degree, designed to prepare you for the VERY broad & general bar exam!

Dean_Gantt Ryan, Honors Track students are those in the top 15% of their class or those with a 160 or higher LSAT and top 25% of their class.

Kelly Branch How many hours per week would we need to set aside for studying?

Student_Meghan Hannah: Many of us have applied for clerkships with Judges at all levels. There is a definite interest amongst the students.

Prof_Kirkland We do have some students interested in becoming a judge. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia visits our campus monthly and teaches here for a week every spring. He recently hosted a meeting with a group of students about how to prepare for a career as a judge.

Dean_Gantt Kelly, I recommend that you set aside three hours for every hour of class.

James Maciel ? Again about the Family Law Clinic.

Admissions_Bonnie Kelly: we recommend at least 3 hrs per study for each credit hour.

Kelly Branch Thank you.

Hannah Wow - that is excellent!

Kelly Branch How soon do you recommend we start the application process?

Dean_Gantt Hannah, there are MANY paths to being a judge. One common path is to work as a prosecutor or city attorney before judging.

Aquila M. Robertson There seems to be no joint degree available in social work. Is there an alternative route that I could pursue in order to obtain a MSW from Regent?

TROY25 How would my paralegal classes at my university compare to 1L classes? I have had torts, contracts, legal writing, admin, etc. Are there a lot of case briefs???

teacheyman Is help available to assist an individual with preparing for the LSAT?

Career_Kathy Hannah, we have several alums who have gone on to be judges, even in the local

chipw93 I have to leave--Is there any way to get an email transcript of the chat?

Hannah Thanks, Dean Gantt.

CampusVisit_Sarah James, there is a Family Law Clinic, but I don't know too much about it. Darlene Weiss is the secretary you would want to speak to about it. She can be reached at

Ryan H What career advantages would I have going to Regent versus an upper level tier-one school?

Admissions_Bonnie We accept applications between Oct.-June with priority consideration date of Feb 1 for an August entry.

chipw93 These are very good questions, but I have to depart and would not want to miss all

Prof_Kirkland teacheyman - I think Regent has a LSAT prep course. Can somebody supply details?

Dean_Gantt Hannah, I would add about judging that indeed many of our students are able to land judicial clerkships after graduation.

Greeter_Natali Chip, I will post this chat log on our website later this week.

James Maciel Sarah: Do you know if there will remain a Family Law Clinic? I've heard there have been discussions of eliminating that clinic.

Admissions_Bonnie We offer an LSAT prep course in March and Oct. \$75 for two full Saturdays.

chipw93 Great, thanks.

Greeter_Natali <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/admissions/faq.cfm>

Greeter_Natali (the link for the chat log)

teacheyman Thank you, Bonnie!

Greeter_Natali Welcome, William! Any questions for us?

Hannah Thanks

CampusVisit_Sarah James, I haven't heard of such plans, but again, I'm not really in on that discussion as it is outside of Admissions. You can certainly feel free to give Darlene a call, though.

cera Admissions_Bonnie, is there a link on the Regent website where we apply for that prep course?

chabrle How often is the LSAT given?

Career_Kathy Ryan, we offer intensive career counseling support to all students. Many schools only focus on the top 10% of the class. We offer an array of career support from individualized counseling to special programs. For example, Chief Justice Hassell is visiting to work with our students monthly.

Hannah Will there be a copy of this webchat so I can review the info?

Admissions_Bonnie The official LSAT is given 4 times each year. Visit www.lsac.org for dates. Our prep course is offered twice per year.

CampusVisit_Sarah You may register for the Prep Course at www.regent.edu/lsat.

cera Thanks :)

Greeter_Natali Yes, Hannah, the chat log will be posted at <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/admissions/faq.cfm>.

Student When are the normal interview dates and times for students applying for Fall 09?

Greeter_Natali I will have it posted later this week.

Hannah Thanks, Natali.

chabrle Do you recommend taking the prep course before taking the LSAT?

Mishell How do I go about applying for joint degrees if I am interested in getting my MA in counseling and my JD?

Admissions_Bonnie We do not conduct "interviews." Your application and personal statement function as your interview.

ChadEdwards Taking a prep course for the LSAT helped me immensely.

Dean_Gantt As Bonnie says, your personal statement is your "silent" interview.

James Maciel Bonnie: Do all applications regardless of the LSAT score go to the committee for

Hannah Do most students know what track of law they want to pursue before coming to

TROY25 What is a typical schedule for part time program - MWF classes or T TH classes and at what times?

Admissions_Bonnie Chabrle, we strongly recommend that you take several (many) timed practice tests before you sit for an official test. Your score in your practice situations will give you insight as to whether you "need" an official prep course.

Dean_Gantt chabrle, I definitely recommend that you take an LSAT prep course before you take the exam, whether it be our course or another.

Student_Meghan Hannah: I still do not know what area of law I want to practice in and I will graduate in May.--I do know areas that I would enjoy but I haven't narrowed down my choices

Mishell If I am interested in Immigration Law, does Regent offer courses for my interest?

Hannah Good, thanks.

Greeter_Natali Chad, awhile ago you asked about the GMAT.

Student_Meghan Mishell: yes.

Dean_Gantt Troy, a first-year part-time schedule can really vary. Typically, a student would have class each day but the classes would be clustered in the morning, midday, or

ChadEdwards Natali: Yes. Should I call the business school for more info on that?

Hannah Would I have to take an additional exam besides the bar to be a family attorney?

TROY25 How much does financial aid cover at Regent?

chabrle Where would I find the timed practice LSAT tests?

Aquila M. Robertson I was an active member of the black women's alliance during my undergraduate years and was wondering how active BLSA is on Regent's campus?

Greeter_Natali I checked on the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship website, but couldn't find anything at the moment. However, I believe that they will waive the GMAT/GRE if you score above a 161 on the LSAT. However, yes, you should call them

Dean_Gantt Mishell, yes, we offer each year a course in Immigration Law; and as an earlier chatter noted, we have several courses in International Law and a course in

Prof_Kirkland Troy -- I have several PT students in my course. Some try to take all MWF classes and other try to take all morning classes, but attend class every day (M-F).

Alumni_Troy Hannah, I think the responses to that question would be across the board. Some know coming in and stick with it. Some think they know and end up changing once they get into school. And others don't narrow it down until they start their job

Career_Kathy Hannah- Just the bar exam.

Mishell Thanks, Meghan!

FinAid_Tom Troy25, law school scholarships/grants are only applicable toward tuition.

Hannah Thanks, Troy and Kathy.

TROY25 Thanks for the info, Prof.

cera I have to go work on my Senior Research Paper prospectus. :(

FinAid_Tom Most students acquire federal student loans to cover the cost of attendance.

cera I am very impressed w/ Regent. A representative took some interested students out to eat a while back and was so kind and helpful! By far, this is the most helpful, responsive school I have sought info from! THANK YOU all for your time!!!!

Ryan H Are graduates from Regent able to get competitive jobs in areas outside the East Coast, specifically the Pacific Northwest?

CampusVisit_Sarah Thanks for coming, Cera.

ChadEdwards Wonderful. Thanks, Natali! I'll double check with them tomorrow.

Dean_Gantt Our BLSA chapter is very active. Several of its members in the past have been national BLSA officers.

Career_Kathy Hannah--it can even change after students have summer internships and decide on an area of interest.

Student_Meghan cera: You are welcome. Let us know if you have any more questions.

JC Dringenburg Question about letters of recommendation. Currently I have 2 Professors and 2 accredited people that know me best. Would you recommend a letter of recommendation from a mentor at my church or a professor?

Kelly Branch For the application - is the personal statement weighted more than say, a letter of reference, or are all parts considered equal? What could one do to set themselves apart from the group? Are there any particular aspects you look for when weighing this portion of the application against other requirements?

cera Thank you, Sarah and Meghan.

Greeter_Natali Aquila, yes, we have an active BLSA chapter on campus--
http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/student_life/studentorgs/blsa/home.cfm

TROY25 Do I need to secure private loans for myself?

James Maciel ? Again for Bonnie: Do all applications get reviewed by the committee regardless of the LSAT Score?

Dean_Gantt You're welcome, cera!

Hannah Does the Career Dept. help students get clerkships?

Aquila M. Robertson Thank you, Natali.

FinAid_Tom Troy25, you can; however I encourage you to go via federal student loans -usually has a better rate.

Greeter_Natali Ryan, our Alumni Troy here works in the Seattle area!

Student_Meghan Hannah: yes!

Aquila M. Robertson I'll check it out!

Career_Kathy Our alums work in areas all over the United States and abroad and our placement is very competitive.

Mishell I need to know something. I am interested in a joint degree--MA in Counseling and my JD. How do I apply for them?)

Alumni_Troy Ryan H, I work in Seattle and we have several Regent grads out here working in firms and other great jobs.

Hannah Is there a study abroad program in Israel?

FinAid_Tom More info re: federal student loans is available via the Regent Univ Central Fin Aid

Dean_Gantt Hannah, yes, the Career Dept. is very helpful. Kathy can give you specifics.

Career_Kathy Hannah- yes, we work individually with students to help them with their job search.

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Kathy!

Hannah Thanks, Dean Gantt and Kathy.

Student_Meghan Hannah: yes! I attended the study abroad programs in Strasbourg, France and in

Greeter_Natali Hello, Regent Aty!

Mishell Are there study abroad programs?

Student_Meghan They changed my life.

Career_Kathy We assist with strategic career planning, provide career programming and work with students to determine their individual goals and how to attain them.

RegentAty Hello.

Student_Meghan Mishell: yes- Strasbourg, France and Israel.

Student_Meghan Both are amazing.

Hannah Oh, how was the one in Israel . . . what area of law did you focus on?

Ryan H Thanks, Troy, I have strongly been considering Regent, but I would eventually like to settle somewhere in the Northwest. Your words are very encouraging!

Admissions_Bonnie JC: Two letters of rec from profs sounds excellent, plus another general rec. Additionally, we require a spiritual rec from a pastor, elder, Sunday school teacher -- someone who can speak with authority to your spiritual commitment.

chabrle If I want to take timed practice LSAT's, where would I do that?

Greeter_Natali Ryan, my husband is a 3rd year student here & we are moving back to the Northwest as well--Wenatchee, WA.

James Maciel Bonnie?

Student_Meghan We studied the current state of Israel and Biblical and Quranic Law. However, I learned just as much or more outside of the classroom. We visited some amazing

TROY25 What kind of Christian experience would I take out of obtaining a law degree at

Alumni_Troy Ryan, I would love to have more Regent grads in the PNW.

Admissions_Bonnie You can get copies of old tests from LSAC or there are many prep books at your local bookstore.

Dean_Gantt Mishell, yes, we have programs in Strasbourg, France and in Israel. Some of our students also participate in the Govt School program in Oxford. Finally, we have students exchange agreements with law schools in South Korea, China, and Spain.

Greeter_Natali Chabrle, you should look at the LSAC website for more info on the LSAT--

RegentAty How competitive was the admission process for incoming 08 students and what do you anticipate for 09 class?

ChadEdwards chabrle: LSAC offers a free, full length LSAT for download at LSAC.org

Alumni_Troy Surprising how many we have since Regent is in VA!

CampusVisit_Sarah You would just need to time yourself.

chabrle Ahh, sounds like it has it all then. Thank you.

Hannah How long was the program in Israel?

Mishell Thanks for the information. Are the study abroad programs just one semester?

Student_Meghan Hannah: 3 weeks.

Ryan H Troy, if you don't mind my asking, what area of law are you practicing?

Student_Meghan Not long enough. I miss it.

Hannah Thanks, Meghan. I bet!

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Ladyoflaw! Any questions for us?

James Maciel Dean Gantt - Bonnie mentioned a spiritual commitment; however, one is not required, right? Since there are students that attend Regent that are not Christian,

Hannah Was the program in the summer, Meghan?

Ladyoflaw87 I'm really interested in the Israel program, actually.

Dean_Gantt Troy25, we at Regent are intentionally Christian, and we seek to integrate a Christian perspective into our classes and our campus life. For instance, we have a devotional period in each class, and our professors spend time in their classes to discuss how biblical principles relate to the law they are covering.

Kelly Branch Do Regent students get higher preference in acceptance to the 1L program?

Student_Meghan Yes.

Student_Meghan LadyofLaw: What are your questions about Israel? I was in the program this

TROY25 That makes sense since God gave us the law.

Dean_Gantt James, every applicant has to complete a spiritual recommendation letter although it is not a requirement that every student be a Christian.

Aquila M. Robertson No one replied to my joint degree in social work question. Does Regent offer a way to pursue this?

RegentAty FinAid Tom...are there any minority scholarships available? Is Regent Fin Aid affected by the current economy?

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- Thank You

Student I am located in Louisiana and wondering if attending the campus visitation day in January be beneficial. I have read almost everything on the website and wondering what else there is to know. Would this help with the admission process in any way?

Admissions_Bonnie Our admissions committee will be looking to begin approx 160 students. LSAT scores will likely be in a range of 146+ with an average of 153/154. All elements of the application are considered though academic credentials are very important. The committee directs all decisions.

Alumni_Troy Ryan, I'm now general counsel at a large church ministry and handle all types of business law, real estate, and nonprofit tax. Before that I was a partner at a firm in Seattle and did general business and nonprofit work.

chriral Is one able to have any undergrad degree and get accepted into Law at Regent?

JC Dringenburg Bonnie, I am Vice President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Central Kentucky head of FCA knows my spiritual commitment (and me) much better than my pastor. Would he be acceptable ?

Jlopez Can credits from non-accredited law schools be transferred?

FinAid_Tom The economy should not affect the federal student loan program. Some lenders (banks) however have stopped, but qualified students should be able to secure their Aquila, because the School of Psychology and Counseling does not have an MSW, we don't have that joint degree now. You could get an MA in Counseling, though, if that would meet your needs.

Dean_Ganttt

TROY25 Dean_Ganttt, I am interested in your law school but I live in Kentucky and I just don't know if I can find a job in Virginia and if I have the means to pay for law school.

James Maciel Bonnie -- Can you please answer my question regarding if all applications are reviewed by the committee regardless of the LSAT Score?

Admissions_Bonnie JC -- Yes, we often receive recs from campus ministers and student organizations.

Dean_Ganttt chriral, yes, you do not have to have a particular major to be accepted into Regent

JC Dringenburg Great, thanks.

CampusVisit_Sarah Student: You are welcome to visit at any time. During a campus visit, you will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and sit in on a class.

chriral Thank you! Is there a preferred Major?

Greeter_Natali Aquila, have you spoken with the School of Psychology & Counseling to see if they have a degree that would be similar to what you are interested in?

RegentAty What about minority scholarships?

CampusVisit_Sarah It is more of an opportunity for you to make sure you are confident in your decision to come to Regent.

Career_Kathy Troy--Are you referring to a full-time legal position after graduation?

Admissions_Bonnie As I said earlier, the Admissions Committee directs the decisions on all applications.

FinAid_Tom Regarding the lending issue, I strongly suggest all prospective students conduct a credit check at annualcreditreport.com to make sure everything looks good.

ChadEdwards What is the average debt of Regent law grads upon graduation?

James Maciel Bonnie -- Does the Director have the power to admit an applicant without the application going to the committee?

WilliamFPowers How are clinics done outside of the ACLJ? What type of work could a student expect to be doing in them?

FinAid_Tom ChadEdwards, the avg law school loan debt was \$90,000...about the national avg for private law schools.

Elena Tom: What should we look for when we are viewing our personal credit report?

Dean_Gantt Troy, as far as finding a job in Virginia, we have applicants from all over the country who come to Regent and then go back to their home regions after they graduate. I would encourage you not to think that you need to find a job here in Virginia if you come to Regent. We have many alums in KY! As for the financial aid question, I believe our Financial Aid Office (aka Tom!) is very generous in working with students. I encourage you to contact him directly if you have specific questions.

ChadEdwards Thank you, Tom.

Jlopez Can credits from non-accredited law schools be transferred to Regent?

Ladyoflaw87 Meghan, how long is the Israel program? Where was your housing? What courses did you take while you were there? Did you get a chance to tour the land?

FinAid_Tom Lenders will only look for "adverse credit"--i.e., late payments, foreclosures, etc. Not a credit history or school--just red flags that might indicate a person is high-risk.

Career_Kathy Troy, you will also have the opportunity to meet many people in the local legal community if you are interested in staying in VA upon graduation

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- since Christianity is not a requirement for Regent Law Students can you give me a ratio of other faiths that attend Regent? And what those faiths are?

Greeter_Natali Tom, can you please answer the question about minority scholarships?

Ryan H Okay, thanks, Troy. I am interested in doing Real Estate law and maybe Wills, Trusts, and Estates. Which leads to my next question, what classes does Regent offer for Real Estate and Wills, Trusts, and Estates?

Aquila M. Robertson Dean Gantt - Thank you for answering my social work question. I'll look into the counseling program.

FinAid_Tom Sorry I missed the minority scholarship question, please repeat that for me.

Dean_Gantt William, we currently have a Legal Aid Clinic and a Family Mediation Clinic. We also provide many externship opportunities where students can work with gov't offices etc. for course credit.

Student_Meghan LadyofLaw: The program lasted for 3 weeks. We stayed in Jerusalem and in Haifa (in hotels). We took a course on the current state of Israel and on Biblical and Quranic Law and YES we toured so many places. They gave us our money's worth. I was exhausted at the of the program. It was amazing!

chabrle How far back would the adverse credit have to be in a person's financial history for it not to count against them?

Admissions_Bonnie The director does not act independently of the admissions committee.

wilson25 Great question, JC. I belong to a small group from church. We are very involved with community outreach and the study of the bible. My group leader knows me very well. Would a letter of recommendation coming from her suffice, or would a letter from a pastor be viewed better?

Career_Kathy William, many local judges also offer course credit for interning with their offices.

Dean_Gantt Aquila, the School of Psychology and Counseling offers a few different degrees, so I do encourage you to check out their programs.

Hannah Does the Family Mediation Clinic at Regent actually work with families in the community who need assistance?

TROY25 Once I submit my application how long does it take to obtain a verification letter?

RegentAty Are there minority scholarships available? Do you have to have source of income for private loans from lenders?

FinAid_Tom chabrle, that is up to each lender--hard to answer.

ChadEdwards My wife wants to know if the campus housing has washers and dryers! We have a baby on the way, so laundry will be important....

James Maciel Bonnie -- Thank you for the clarification because I was told otherwise by an Admissions Counselor.

TROY25 And how long will a seat be held?

Aquila M. Robertson Does Regent offer a loan repayment assistance program for those individuals who are interested in practicing in the public interest area full-time?

Admissions_Bonnie Troy: We try to turn around a decision within two weeks of the time the file becomes complete.

Alumni_Troy Ryan, I'll need to let someone else answer what specific classes are offered beyond the basic Real Estate transactions classes and Estate Planning classes.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, tanya!

Jlopez Dean, can credit be given from non-accredited law schools?

Dean_Gantt Hannah, yes, they do.

Career_Kathy Aquila, we do offer an LRAP program to assist those who practice in public interest.

FinAid_Tom We do offer specific grants for minority students, but like all law school awards, they are based on academic/admission profile.

Greeter_Natali Chad--we are in a similar spot, and yes, the Village has either a laundromat on hand for those apts w/o washer & dryer; other apts have W & D hookup.

chabrle Ok, well I spent 14 years in TV news not making a whole lot so financial aid will be important for Law School. Thank you.

Ladyoflaw87 How does housing work out at Regent? Do many student have their own

Admissions_Bonnie Jlopez, we will look carefully at the curriculum and transcript of coursework undertaken at a state-accredited law school.

Hannah Thanks, Dean Gantt. How do student become a part of working in the family clinic? Would I have to apply or is it a part of a class?

chriral Is the entire Law Degree offered online?

ChadEdwards I know. Rhiannon says, hello, Natali.

wilson25 If I take the LSAT on Feb. 7 and my application is in by Feb. 1st, when can I expect an acceptance/decline letter?

TROY25 Tom - How much does government loans cover compared to the overall cost of

Mishell Thank you all very much for being so patient with us and answering our questions! I have to go, but I will be calling Regent for the rest of my questions.

CampusVisit_Sarah chriral: none of the law degree is online.

Dean_Gantt charble, that sounds like a great background for law school!

ChadEdwards Thanks, Natali!

Admissions_Bonnie None of the law degree is offered online.

CampusVisit_Sarah There are no ABA-accredited online law schools.

chabrle LOL...makes me good at communication at least. :-)

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Mishell!

Aquila M. Robertson Thanks, Kathy. Can I find out more about LRAP on the website?

Admissions_Bonnie Wilson, your score will likely get to us the first of March, so we should have an answer for you by mid-March if the file is otherwise complete.

CampusVisit_Sarah A degree from an ABA-accredited school will allow you to sit for the bar in any state.

Career_Kathy Yes.

James Maciel Bonnie -- Can that State Accredited Law School be a state other than VA to be considered and accepted?

FinAid_Tom Troy25, via Stafford and Grad PLUS federal loans, the entire cost of attendance can be provided to qualified students. If scholarships/grants are awarded, that amount is subtracted from the loan need.

TROY25 Bonnie - how long will a seat be held once a letter is sent out?

chriral Do you expect to offer the Law degree online in the future?

Greeter_Natali Tell Rhiannon hi!

Jlopez Ah, thanks for the clarification.

FinAid_Tom I do not think our LRAP is on our website (Kathy, you and I should talk about that in early 2009).

wilson25 Thanks.

Admissions_Bonnie Yes, James, for example we are looking at an applicant now from Trinity Law School in CA.

Career_Kathy Yes.

Dean_Ganttt chriral, no we do not. The ABA accredits law schools, and only allows 12 credits to be taken online. I don't see that changing significantly in the near future.

Jlopez Are there any states that do not require law degrees to take the bar?

Ryan H Okay that's fine, thanks, Troy. I was also wondering does a typical student at Regent try to specialize in one field or do they take a broad range of subjects?

Admissions_Bonnie Troy, seats are held until mid-April. After that, we'll need a commitment (seat deposit).

ChadEdwards I am a grant writer for the Leadership Institute in Washington, DC. I'd like to keep up on some of my consulting while in law school. How many hours of work do you recommend for 1L's?

Aquila M. Robertson Do the majority of Regent law students live in Regent student housing (i.e. the Village or Commons)?

TROY25 Bonnie, thanks.

ChadEdwards Hours per week, that is...

CampusVisit_Sarah Jlopez - you would need to check with a particular state for its bar requirements.

chriral Thank you, Dean Ganttt!

Kelly Branch I am undecided on which area of law I would like to go into - are there any particular shortages right now or anticipated shortages in the next few years?

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Yodani!

CampusVisit_Sarah California, though, will accept un-accredited (i.e. online, etc.) law degrees from its bar takers.

Dean_Ganttt Jlopez, in Wisconsin, you do not have to take the bar if you go to a Wisconsin Law School. Also, VA has an avenue where you can be an apprentice to "read" for the bar although very, very few applicants choose that route.

Career_Kathy Chad, I believe the ABA limits the amount of hours you can work to 20 per week.

Admissions_Bonnie Work restrictions per the ABA: cannot work more than 20 hrs per week if taking more than 12 credit hours. Less would be better!

James Maciel Bonnie -- Thank you for that clarification as well and thank you for the recommendation for Trinity. How long would you say one would have to be at a State Accredited School before transferring to Regent?

Career_Kathy Bankruptcy law!

Aquila M. Robertson Is Regent housing more convenient for law school students?

RegentAty Dean Gantt, what does that mean--"Read" for the bar in VA?

ChadEdwards Thanks, Kathy and Bonnie.

Career_Kathy Just kidding, there are many areas that are thriving even in this economy.

FinAid_Tom ChadEdwards, when you get to Regent, be sure to see me re: possible grant-writing work with us!

Kelly Branch Ha :)

Greeter_Natali Aquila, my guess is that about half the law students live in on-campus housing (that's a very rough guess).

RegentAty How many PT students are enrolled?

ChadEdwards You got it, Tom.

Greeter_Natali On-campus housing is about 1 minute's drive from the school & there is a shuttle

TROY25 How many hours do you take a semester for part-time?

Dean_Gantt Kelly, I would say that immigration law is a growing area as is administrative law (the law of federal agencies). International Law also is very popular although there are not really that many jobs in that area. Kathy, your thoughts? Also, there are always needs for general legal practitioners.

Greeter_Natali However, there are MANY off-campus apartments nearby...and Meghan here lives down by the beach in a wonderful rental house!

Aquila M. Robertson Great! Thanks, Natali.

Admissions_Bonnie Well you can't transfer in more than 32 credit hours of law.

Dean_Gantt Troy, between 9-12.

Yodani Natali I have a question about students considering the military's JAG program.

Student_Meghan I love my beach house!

Kelly Branch Thank you, Dean Gantt, this is good to know.

Greeter_Natali Yodani--I bet Kathy will be able to help you more than I can! :)

chabrle How much interest is there in Human Rights law?

Yodani Meghan, how do you pay for your beach house?

Aquila M. Robertson Beach house? Sounds delightful!

Prof_Kirkland Environmental law is always a good field!

Jlopez Thank you, Dean.

Student_Meghan Yodani: Loan money. I don't have a part-time job that will cover all of the costs of

Career_Kathy The JAG Corp has been hiring many attorneys in estate planning, judicial openings, international, immigration and several other areas that are growing as well.

James Maciel Bonnie -- are State Accredited units equal to ABA Credits? Will they transfer over the same?

Dean_Gantt Yodani, we have many students who enter the JAG corps after graduation. In fact, this past year we had 6 or so (Kathy, is that right?) who entered the Air Force JAG.

Admissions_Bonnie Our part-time students are typically taking about 12 credit hours one semester, 11 credit hours the other semester.

Aquila M. Robertson How far is the beach exactly from campus? Do you study there?

JC Dringenburg Last question, and may be a dumb one, but is PT admission different than FT?

RegentAty Do you have to join the service to be a JAG aty?

Yodani That's good to know.

RegentAty Part-time student enrollment?

TROY25 Thank you all for your information and God bless.

Career_Kathy Yes, the Air Force JAG accepted more Regent recruits than from any other law

JC Dringenburg Yes.

Dean_Gantt Aquila, yes, don't forget, we are not too far from the beach. This area is really a pretty area with a great climate.

Admissions_Bonnie Dean Gantt will make the decision what courses would transfer in if the student was accepted from an unaccredited law school.

Greeter_Natali Hi, journey! Welcome to the chat--any questions for us?

Hannah I will need to drop, but thank you all for your help! I will continue to be in touch with Regent Law Admissions for further questions.

Career_Kathy Yes, you join as an officer.

journey Hi!

RegentAty Dean G, can you explain the process for "reading" for the VA bar?

Yodani Wow, that's great.... I don't know if I missed the conversation about housing and paying for it.

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- Can you answer the question re State Accredited vs. ABA Credits and if Regent accepts those credits and how that is determined?

Jlopez Thanks for asking RegentAty. I was thinking of the same question to Dean Gantt

Admissions_Bonnie JC: Admissions standards are the same for both programs. Last year, nine students entered the program as part-time students.

journey My question is regarding the LSAT. How much does our score weigh in the selection process?

tanya__10 Is there a nice school district around the school? I have a child who will be in the first grade.

Dean_Gantt RegentAty, I actually don't know all the details. It's a very old, i.e., traditional, process in which you sit under the training of an elder attorney. You will have to find out details online at the VA Bar website.

RegentAty Thank you, Ms. Bonnie.

Prof_Kirkland Regent Aty -- The PT program is small, probably about 4 to 7 entering students in any given year. One of the administrators may have better details than I do. PT students are in class with FT students but have fewer credit hours and more control over

Admissions_Bonnie LSAT scores weigh very heavily in the process.

Dean_Gantt tanya, I think that VA Beach has some good public schools.

Law_Wife_Tamra Tanya, there is an elementary school within 2 miles of campus housing and it is very nice. I did some student teaching there in the 1st grade...Tallwood Elementary.

Aquila M. Robertson Dean_Gantt -- From the online picture it looks like a wonderful area! I'll have to visit.

Admissions_Bonnie Bar passage statistics on the VA law reader program are pretty scary.

Prof_Kirkland VA Beach has some excellent public schools.

RegentAty Thank you for the responses!! :)

Dean_Gantt Aquila, you should! People often fall in love with the place when they visit.

tanya__10 That is great information. Thank you.

Greeter_Natali Tanya, Law Wives is a great resource to ask about schools, childcare, etc.!

FinAid_Tom Regarding paying for housing and other living expenses, the university sets a cost-of-living budget so students can have comfortable and modest living arrangements.

wilson25 If my GPA is below the average, what else can I do to make my application competitive (I did go to a very good undergrad though).

RegentAty How so, Ms. Bonnie?

Kelly Branch I know someone who did the reader program and they said, "Don't do it!"

CampusVisit_Sarah And we have a visitation day on January 16.

Yodani Thanks, Tom.

tanya__10 Is Law Wives a website?

chabrle How much does GPA play a role if I have been in the work world for 15 years?

WilliamFPowers What can we expect to be doing on the Jan. 16th visitation day?

CampusVisit_Sarah If one of our visitation days doesn't work, though, you can call our office for an individual visit.

Law_Wife_Tamra Yes...www.regent.edu/lawwives.

CampusVisit_Sarah Registration forms are at www.regent.edu/lawvisitation.

RegentAty Ms. Bonnie, how do you address tickets and being dismissed from a job in your application?

Ryan H How well do Regent grads do on the bar exam in states outside of Virginia?

Kelly Branch Is there a law husbands group? LOL

Dean_Gantt wilson, I would encourage you to get good recommendations--people that know you well and can speak to your academic readiness for law school. The Admissions Committee is particularly interested in applicants' academic readiness, so I encourage you to find a recommender who can speak to your writing and critical

Admissions_Bonnie Wilson: A strong LSAT score can help to offset a weaker GPA. Also solid recs and a very well-written personal statement.

wilson25 Thank you!

Greeter_Natali chabrle, your work experience will bring an additional factor to your file. You can also explain your lower GPA in an addendum if you like.

Aquila M. Robertson Dean_Gantt: What about finding internships while in law school? Do you know if the Regent Career Development office has access to an internship database?

Career_Kathy Ryan, it varies on the state but typically very well. A few states had 100% pass rates for the July bar.

Admissions_Bonnie Work experience and professional recs will be very important if you have been out of school for 15 years, though the undergrad GPA will still count.

Dean_Gantt Ryan, I think our first-time passage rate from the July 08 exams was 91%!

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- can you explain the process of accepting State Accredited units from a Non-ABA School like Trinity and being accepted to Regent?

Career_Kathy Aquila, we do have access to a database and invite employers on campus to interview students and collect resumes. We work directly with you to determine your areas of interest and assist in your career planning.

RegentAty Dean G, that is a great number for bar passage!

Greeter_Natali Welcome, mogipper! How are you tonight?

JC Dringenburg When Regent was at the University of Kentucky I was given an application fee waver. I have all of my information set up via LSAC, so is this fee waver just not valid now?

Dean_Gantt Aquila, yes, definitely. Kathy and others in Career Services work with our students to help find them internships. We have many employers who come to campus to

mogipper Great, thanks!

Aquila M. Robertson Great! Thank you.

Dean_Gantt RegentAty, yes, we were very happy for our graduates!

CampusVisit_Sarah JC: you may send your fee waiver in directly to us.

journey Thanks for the LSAT response. Do you consider both graduate and undergrad grades during the selection process?

CampusVisit_Sarah On the LSAC page, just indicate that you are mailing your fee into the school.

Dean_Gantt Journey, yes, we consider both.

Admissions_Bonnie JC, your fee waiver is certainly valid. You may mail it in to the admissions office and indicate that you are making payment directly to the school.

chabrle I just can't remember if my GPA was a 3.2 or a 3.4.. And I don't know if that's considered low or not.... But I'm glad to know work experience will weigh so much.

journey Thank you!

Ryan H What is the average class size for first year classes?

Jlopez Thank you all. I'm out.

Greeter_Natali Thanks for coming, Jlopez!

CampusVisit_Sarah Chabrle: Our average GPA for this year's class is a 3.35.

RegentAty What is the latest you can send in an application for 09?

Dean_Gantt Journey, I should add that some graduate programs naturally have higher grades than undergraduate programs, so we may consider that in evaluating the GPAs.

Admissions_Bonnie Grad degrees are an additional element of consideration.

Admissions_Bonnie RegentAty, we'd like to have your app by Feb 1, but please no later than June 1.

Aquila M. Robertson I have heard that Regent is a supportive community. Does Regent house a mentoring or tutoring program of any kind?

ChadEdwards Does the admission committee look at in-major GPA as well as cumulative? I had a 3.3 and 4.0, respectively.

journey Ok. Thanks.

Admissions_Bonnie Seats are getting pretty limited by June 1.

journey That's good to know.

Dean_Gantt Ryan, we have about 150 in our entering class; the class is broken down into two sections (75 students) for most first-year classes. Legal Writing and Christian Foundations classes are half of that--38 or so.

Admissions_Bonnie Chad: Yes.

ChadEdwards Thanks, Bonnie.

JC Dringenburg Ah, thanks so much! This has been very helpful and really sets the school apart compared to just emails, phone calls, etc. I hope everyone has a great night. FTK

FinAid_Tom RegentAty, keep in mind that our scholarship are awarded as funds remain available; hence, the longer one waits for admission the less likely funds may be (still)

Ryan H Thanks, Dean Grant. What then is the typical class size for second- and third-year students?

RegentAty Thanks, Fin Aid Tom.
chabrle Good to know. I put myself through school so I worked 3-4 jobs and internships depending on the year on top of school back then. Would it benefit me to explain that in my application?

RegentAty Ms. Bonnie, how do you address issues like traffic tickets, etc. in your application?
journey With the low percentage of minority students in law school, does Regent law offer any minority-specific or first generation law scholarships/grants?

Dean_Gantt Ryan, that really varies based on the class. The required upper-level courses can be large--up to 75 or students, but many upper-level electives are small. For instance, a class size of 10 for an upper-level elective is not uncommon.

Dean_Gantt chabrle, I encourage you to address that in your personal statement.

Admissions_Bonnie The character and fitness section of the applications directs you in detail. Basically if you answer 'yes' to any of the specific questions, you must provide dates and disposition of any charges.

tanya__10 Is the cost of living reasonable? Is there student housing for law students and their
RegentAty How does Regent look on previous issues?
Dean_Gantt RegentAty, it will not be an issue unless an applicant has an extensive pattern of such violations. With such a pattern, it can be a character & fitness issue for the bar

Admissions_Bonnie Not sure what you mean by issues, but you would explain those in detail. You might also want to check with your state bar to determine whether they would prohibit you (depending upon the degree of severity).

chabrle Thank you.

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- did you see my question re the State Accredited issue?

CampusVisit_Sarah Tanya, Regent does offer some housing options, which you can find out more about at www.regent.edu/housing.

CampusVisit_Sarah There are also some off-campus housiing options recommended on that page.
FinAid_Tom You can see the current cost-of living budget at www.regent.edu/lawfinances (see cost of living link). The 09-10 budget will be determined in early 2009.

Dean_Gantt James, I didn't see that.

James Maciel Does Regent accept credits from Non-ABA Schools?

ChadEdwards Traffic tickets! So I would have to explain speeding tickets on the application?

RegentAty Thanks to all for answering my questions. Have a great holiday season! Thanks for making Regent what appears to be a great school.

Admissions_Bonnie Any moving violation.

Career_Kathy ChadEdwards- are you referring to the Regent or Bar application?
Greeter_Natali Welcome, maximus!
Dean_Gantt James, we can, but I would determine that on a case-by-case basis and it would be limited to 30 credits per ABA regulations.

ChadEdwards Both.
Dean_Gantt Thanks, RegentAty!
maximus324 Thanks.

James Maciel Dean Gantt -- those State Accredited only institutions can be from out-of-state? Have you done this before?

Greeter_Natali Chad, question #3 under character & fitness on the application says, "Excluding parking violations, but including traffic violations, have you been arrested, formally accused, cited, fined, posted bail or ordered to do community service for the

ChadEdwards They were several years ago, back when I was a young show-off with a fast car. Natali remembers.

Dean_Gantt Chad, you do not need to explain them, just list them. We ask you to list them because many state bar applications ask you to disclose moving violations for them.

Greeter_Natali Those were the days.

maximus324 What all have I missed?

Greeter_Natali Maximus, I'll be posting the chat log at <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/admissions/faq.cfm>

Dean_Gantt James, I admitted a few transfers last year, and all were from ABA-accredited law schools. I can't speak to whether it was ever done here before, but the ABA regulations do not prohibit it--subject to the 30-credit cap.

Greeter_Natali However, in the meantime feel free to ask any questions & we're happy to answer repeats!

Greeter_Natali Welcome, keila!

Greeter_Natali Hi, 080808.

Kelly Branch Are there any questions we have not asked that you feel we should have?

James Maciel Dean Gantt - Thank you.

80808 Hi, what is the average age for students?

ChadEdwards Thanks, Dean Gantt and Natali.

Prof_Kirkland Fall 2008 entering class average ages were as follows: Full-Time: 25 (with an age range of 19-59); Part-Time: 37 (with an age range of 26-59)

Dean_Gantt Kelly, I would remind you to take the LSAT and the application process seriously. Spend time on your personal statement. And come to campus for a visit. We'd love

FinAid_Tom Kelly, that is a good question!

Kelly Branch Thanks. :)

Ryan H When does Orientation start for the entering class of 2009?

Dean_Gantt Ryan, it's the second Monday in August. Bonnie, do you have the exact date?

Admissions_Bonnie Might be a good time to invite you all to consider attending our Jan. 16 all-day campus visitation program. The day will include panels with alums, current students, faculty, an actual class, finaid, admissions info, etc. To register, visit

80808 Any research internships available?

Career_Kathy Many of the professors hire graduate assistants to help them with research.

Dean_Gantt 080808, yes, our faculty hire research assistants to help them with their scholarship.

Dean_Gantt Good thinking, Kathy!

Career_Kathy :)

DaleAlum2006 Howdy folks!

Ryan H When does Regent Village housing start for the fall semester?

Dean_Gantt Hi, Dale!

Greeter_Natali Hi Dale!

Alumni_Troy Hey, Dale.

keila Bonnie, for the 1/16 visit day, will there be accomodations available for out-of-state students visiting or do you have nearby hotel recommendations?

Greeter_Natali Hi, Intended Transfer!

CampusVisit_Sarah Keila, we do have hotel recommendations, including the Founders Inn which is right on Regent's campus.

tanya__10 Is there a specific program for family law?

IntendedTransfer Hello.

Greeter_Natali And welcome, crystalsummer!

CampusVisit_Sarah If you would like, you can send me an email - lawschool@regent.edu, and I'll get you that list tomorrow.

Alumni_Troy Founders Inn is the best place to stay in VA Beach area.

crystalsummer Hello everyone! About how long does it take to hear if you're admitted after you submit an application?

Admissions_Bonnie The law school will conduct a required orientation program for all new law students the week of August 17. Students must attend all days, all sessions. Regular fall classes begin on Monday, August 24.

Dean_Gantt tanya, we offer courses in Family Law and Family Mediation, and one of our faculty members specializes in family mediation and works with students in related clinical opportunities.

Admissions_Bonnie Decisions are turned around in about two weeks from the time the file becomes complete, though we'll be out a couple of weeks at Christmas.

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Bonnie. That's the third Monday, not the second, my mistake.

CampusVisit_Sarah Crystal - the admissions committee typically begins meeting in January, and once a file is complete and the committee reviews it, a student will be notified by mail within two weeks.

80808 Now that Obama is going to be president and is an Atty, is there any anticipation of changes (him being an atty) or an increase in applications next year? What effects do you think his presidency will have on conservative law issues especially constitutional

crystalsummer Thanks!

ChadEdwards Should I fill out a FAFSA for the 2009 year? And when should I start the Finacial Aid application process?

IntendedTransfer Is there a specific GPA requirement for a transfer? I completed the entire first year but unfortunately did not come out with the best GPA.

wilson25 When turning in our resumes with the application, should we include a cover letter explaining our positions?

Admissions_Bonnie There is some speculation that a downward economy causes students to stay in school and thus an increased applicant pool.

keila Thanks for the info, Bonnie. I will send you an email for more info. :)

Admissions_Bonnie We're looking for our transfer students to come to us with a first-year law school GPA of around 2.5 or higher.

Dean_Gantt 080808, those are good questions. There might be some upturn in applications because Obama is an attorney, but I believe a larger impact on applications will be due to the economy. Some students may decided to enter grad school and law school and delay entering the job market. As for conservative issues, there may be some swell of conservative movements, but that really depends on the upcoming issues facing our country.

FinAid_Tom ChadEdwards, the 09-10 FAFSA becomes available on Jan 1. You should submit that as soon as you are ready. You may submit a Regent Law Fin Aid App online at www.regent.edu/lawfinances anytime (sooner the better).

ChadEdwards Thanks, Tom. Will do.
Alumni_Troy I hope President Obama will inspire more minority students to dream big and apply to law schools.
Admissions_Bonnie Amen!

Yodani Alumni_Troy, I whole-heartedly agree!
FinAid_Tom I hope Obama inspires African-American males to pursue law school.
IntendedTransfer That's what is making me think of returning.
Dean_Gantt wilson25, that's not necessary although it wouldn't hurt if you believe some of your work position titles are unclear.

wilson25 Great, thanks.
WilliamFPowers Does Regent typically offer "topic courses" that will focus on current or specific issues that are not listed with the normal courses?

maximus324 About how late in the year are all the scholarships passed out?
journey Does Regent offer minority scholarships or for first generation students?
Yodani I was wondering the same thing, journey.
journey :)
FinAid_Tom Law school awards are made as long as funds remain, which is typically early
ChadEdwards Thanks for the information, everyone. I look forward to applying.
Admissions_Bonnie Bless you, Chad.

Dean_Gantt William, we offer "Special Topic" courses every year. Many of these courses are speciality courses on niche areas of law and are not current events courses per se. Many of our professors will address timely topics in the "regular" classes. For instance, our tax professor this fall analyzed the Obama and McCain tax plans in

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Chad!
FinAid_Tom We have made awards later into the summer, but nothing is a guarantee.
Admissions_Bonnie The checkbook starts to run a little low by then, eh, Tom?

80808 I agree with all of you that his presidency has certainly lifted the bar for all people but specifically minorities. How many minorities are represented at Regent
AlumniDale 2006 Came back with a different screen name.
journey Ok. So, Regent does?
keila What year do law students typically study abroad either in the Strasbourg or other international programs ---and can this studying also be covered through Regent financial aid?

AlumniDale 2006 Having problems with Net connection.
WilliamFPowers Thank you for the information, Dean Gantt.
Admissions_Bonnie The incoming class had a 23% minority representation.

Student_Meghan Keila: I studied abroad both summers (and had internships), and yes--financial aid is available.
Dean_Gantt Keila, most students study the summer after their first year although a few do the summer after their second year. After their second year is when many students focus on internships, law firm work, etc.
Greeter_Natali Tom, could you address journey's question about scholarships?

FinAid_Tom	Kella, most students fund summer study abroad classes via federal student loans. The law school typically does not provide summer awards.
maximus324	Is summer the only time that students are able to study abroad?
Yodani	Meghan, I would love to hear more about your study abroad trips.
journey	Thank you.
Dean_Gantt	Meghan, you did both summers? Wow.
journey	Meghan, where did you study?
80808	That's a great number. How does Regent handle the different cultural and religious viewpoints?
Student_Meghan	Yes. I loved both trips. I studied abroad in Strasbourg, France and in Israel.
Student_Meghan	It is amazing to learn about International Law with your professors and your classmates in other countries.
Admissions_Bonnie	Maximus, there are other non-summer options. One of our students studied for a year in Spain. Other options are available in Korea. A new China program has just been approved as well.
FinAid_Tom	We offer quality scholarships/grants to promising minority students. Nothing specific re: first generation, though.
wilson25	Is there a limit to the amount of letters of rec we can submit?
Student_Meghan	I was challenged in the classroom but the "field trips" opened my eyes to so much.
journey	Ok. Thank you!
Career_Kathy	Also, many students work for law firms or other legal organizations or judges during the school year.
Dean_Gantt	Maximus, yes, most students do such study in the summer because that is when most such ABA-approved law programs are offered. If you want to study abroad during the school year, you're likely looking at studying at one of the school with which we have a student exchange, like Handong in South Korea.
Admissions_Bonnie	No more than 4 letters of rec please.
IntendedTransfer	If I applied as a transfer and were accepted for the Fall 09 class would I be eligible to apply for internships for the proceeding summer term through the school?
keila	Wow, thanks for the info everyone.
Student 1	How is the housing at Regent?
Career_Kathy	Yes.
Student_Meghan	I lived at the Regent Village for 2 years, and I enjoyed it.
James Maciel	IntendedTransfer -- did you attend an ABA or NON-ABA school?
journey	The classes abroad are not considered electives, right?
Career_Kathy	IntendedTransfer- we would begin working with you from the beginning on your career planning.
journey	The fall and spring semesters....
maximus324	Is there a study abroad opportunity for Spanish-speaking countries during the school
IntendedTransfer	ABA (Howard).
Dean_Gantt	Intended, that's a new question for me! What do you mean by internships?
Student_Meghan	For me, the classes were electives but that was because of the track that I chose.
AlumniDale 2006	Journey, depends on the particular classes you take and the track you're in.
journey	OK.

crystalsumner What will be the hardest part of becoming adjusted to law school? I know the workload will be tough...but is there anything else that students have a really hard time adjusting to?

Admissions_Bonnie Yes. One of those professors (from our Spain programs) is on our campus right now. You could call in tomorrow and speak with Professor Lucas.

journey Thank you.

Dean_Gantt Maximus, yes! We have a partnership with two schools in Spain.

Career_Kathy Maximus, you can also participate in other law school's study abroad programs through the summer. We receive notification and post those opportunities for the

IntendedTransfer Sorry--internships/clerkships, etc.

AlumniDale 2006 Crystal, the thought patterns are probably very different from anything you've encountered.

Student_Meghan crystal: The workload is the hardest. Everything else that you need for a smooth transition, you will receive in Orientation.

journey Are the classes taught in English or Spanish?

tanya__10 Thanks for the information. I look forward to applying in the recent future.

Admissions_Bonnie Spanish.

Student 1 How much does a typical first-year student study during the day?

journey OK.

Dean_Gantt Intended, if you are accepted to Regent as a transfer and you complete an enrollment agreement, I would be happy to forward your name to our Career

80808 Do you have any single parent students?

AlumniDale 2006 Rule of thumb: At least 2 hours of study per 1 hour you spend in class.

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Tanya!

IntendedTransfer Thanks.

AlumniDale 2006 Your mileage may vary, however. :)

Dean_Gantt 080808, yes, we do.

Admissions_Bonnie Recommended study time per administration is 3 hrs of study time per each credit hour.

Prof_Kirkland Full time 1Ls take 16 credit hours fall semester and 15 credit hours in the spring. We recommend 2 to 3 hours of study for every hour in class.

AlumniDale 2006 I'll defer to Bonnie on that one.

wilson25 Thanks to everyone for their help! I have learned a lot. Good luck to everyone! Bye!

WilliamFPowers Thank you all very much for this information. I look forward to staying in contact with the school and visiting shortly. Have a good night and happy holidays.

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Wilson!

80808 Dean G, is there a way to talk with them prior to applying?

AlumniDale 2006 I wouldn't recommend my study habits to anyone else. LOL

Dean_Gantt 080808, I encourage you to contact our admission office directly with that question. I'd be happy to see if we have someone who could speak with you.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Anna!

maximus324 As far as housing off-campus what are average rates for rooms? Do you guys have a system linking people together who are looking for roommates?

AlumniDale 2006 Howdy!

Career_Kathy 080808: we do have single parents who study at Regent, and students whose spouses are stationed in other areas with the military as well.

Anna
Kelly Branch
Anna
keila
Dean_Gantt
Admissions_Bonnie
Greeter_Natali
AlumniDale 2006
Admissions_Bonnie

Hi! I'm from the Northwest so just now entering the chat.
Is childcare provided on campus?
(...meaning I just got off work a bit ago. :))
Regarding the LSAT, if a score is lower than the Regent average, would it be possible to still be accepted if a student re-takes the exam?
Hi, Anna!
You raise a good point, though, Dale. Everyone has to discover what works for them. Our guidelines are intended to reveal what it takes for many.
Anna--Where are you from? I'm from Idaho!
Well, we get students from all over!
No childcare, I'm afraid.

AlumniDale 2006
Yodani
Alumni_Troy
Law_Wife_Tamra
AlumniDale 2006
Anna
Admissions_Bonnie
Anna
Admissions_Bonnie

I had classmates from Washington, Oregon, and Alaska.
Ms. Bonnie, I have a personal situation that affects my finances. Is there anyway that I can email someone for some additional assistance?
Anna - I'm in Seattle. And still at work.
Kelly Branch, childcare isn't provided on campus but there are many Law Wives who stay home and help provide childcare should you need it.
Several from California also. And two from Phoenix.
How carefully is the personal statement considered in the application process?
Keila, you are welcome to retest and hopefully improve your score. The highest score will be heavily considered.
Alumni Troy - I'm sorry! I thought I had a long day!
Yodani, please email tfoley@regent.edu or give him a call at 757.352.4559.

Career_Kathy
AlumniDale 2006
Dean_Gantt
Anna
Yodani
Kelly Branch
Alumni_Troy
80808
Admissions_Bonnie

Kelly, I have a 15-month-old and found a great Law Wife to keep her during the day for the first year!
About a third of my graduating class were already married when we started as 1Ls.
Tamra, that's a great point. I know that many in our community provide childcare for students, staff, etc.
I start work before 7 a.m., though. :)
Thank you.
Kathy, that's great to know, thank you.
Of course I'm chatting at work.
Dean G, can I contact you regarding talking with someone or can you refer me to someone in admissions?
Personal statement is your "interview" with the admissions committee.

FinAid_Tom
Anna
Admissions_Bonnie

Yodani, I look forward to hearing from you.
so very important, correct bonnie?
Yup.

Anna
Dean_Gantt
Admissions_Bonnie

I do many extracurricular activities....should I go into detail on those?
080808, feel free to e-mail me directly at nattgan@regent.edu, and I'll see if we can arrange for someone to talk with you.
The committee would like to know about your community involvement, leadership activities, etc.

chabrle If I understand what has been said here correctly, then to begin attending Regent Law School (if I'm accepted) in August 2009, I need to apply for financial aid now, visit the campus Jan. 16, 2009, apply for admission with my personal statement and letters of rec among other requirements between Feb. 1 and June 2009, take my LSAT practice tests, prep course and actual test ASAP. Is that about right?

Anna OK, good, that's what those things are. Also, how carefully is the LSAT score weighed against other aspects of the application such as PS and LOR's?

Dean_Ganttt Anna, yes, I serve on the Committee, and it is very helpful to know about leadership activities in student organizations.

Anna I took the LSAT 12/6 so obviously haven't gotten my score back yet.

Kelly Branch Anna, how hard was the LSAT??

Dean_Ganttt chabrle, sounds like you have a plan!

Greeter_Natali chabrle--Sounds like a good plan! But you should definitely start focusing on the LSAT soon!

80808 Dean G, beautiful. That will add to my information gathering tasks...

AlumniDale 2006 Agree with Natali on that one.

FinAid_Tom Chabrle, sounds good, but please do not underestimate the LSAT part!

keila How important are leadership activities for students that have been out of school for several years already and in the workforce?

Dean_Ganttt Good thinking, Natali--spoken like a true admissions counselor!

Anna Thank you, Dean....I am very excited to apply at Regent! Another question, I know prospective students began turning in apps in October....is it a disadvantage that I haven't turned mine in yet?

Admissions_Bonnie Chabrle: You've just about got it right. Why don't you call our admissions office tomorrow so we can make sure you are clear on all details. 757.352.4584.

80808 Fin Aid Tom...you are right about the LSAT!

Anna Kelly, the LSAT was more of a mental challenge if anything....IF you learn the

AlumniDale 2006 When I started as a 1L, I was 20 years removed from my BS. Still got in. :)

Dean_Ganttt Anna, no, you should be fine. I encourage you to complete your application by our priority deadline of February 1.

Anna If you learn the specific test-taking strategies, it makes a huge difference! I used powerscore. For me the challenge was the longevity of the test.

Anna Ok, thanks :)

80808 Not to be a commerial for any particular LSAT study program but the POWERSCORE Logical reasoning BIBLE is a MUST in my humble opinion....

James Maciel Anna -- did you use the Logical Reasoning Bible from Powerscore or did you go into a class?

Anna I did a weekend long "cram" session....

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Will! How are you tonight?

WillHarris Hello, everyone. I apologize for coming in late. I just got off of work. I'm well.

Dean_Ganttt Anna and all, actually the longevity is an important issue because many law school exams are three hours and the bar exam is six hours for two days (or three) in a row.

Anna Other than that, self-study, lots of practice tests...

AlumniDale 2006 With the sole exception of Louisiana--there, it's seven hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Greeter_Natali Not a problem, Will--please ask any questions you might have.

Kelly Branch Great info, Anna.

Anna
chabrle Yes, that is something the practice tests REALLY helped me to get used to! I took That's my intention! :-) Nope I definitely don't underestimate the LSAT part. Not after as many years as I have been out of school. But I am told I'm a rather logical thinker so I'm hoping that'll help a bit. Thank you all! Bonnie, I will take you up on that and call tomorrow to be clear on the details. Looking forward to talking with you. :-)
Thank you everyone for the information! Blessings to you all.

Admissions_Bonnie Anna: I like what I'm hearing....

WillHarris What sole exception is Louisiana? That's where I'm from.
Anna Good! :)
Dean_Gantt Thanks, chabrle!
AlumniDale 2006 Will, Louisiana is the only bar that's not administered on consecutive days.
WillHarris Ah, right.
Anna Are there quite a few churches in Virginia Beach?
AlumniDale 2006 Yup. And you don't have to restrict yourself to VA Beach.
80808 Goodnight! Thanks and MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Dean_Gantt Anna, yes, definitely, there are very many solid churches in our area.
AlumniDale 2006 The church I went to is in Chesapeake.
keila If I cannot make it for the 1/16 visitation day, would it be possible to still get a tour/sit in a class/etc. for another day?

Anna I go to City Bible Church in Portland, OR....it's a church that I love.....moving across the country I'd have to know there's a good church I can go to.

Dean_Gantt Bye, 080808!
Alumni_Troy Anna, I'm on staff at The City Church in Seattle.
tanya__10 There is only a picture of the Law Wives on the website. Is there another location or a contact to call for more information on the Law Wives?

Anna Oh, really, Troy?? I grew up with Judah Smith. :)
AlumniDale 2006 Chab, I started as a 1L 20 years after my BS.
CampusVisit_Sarah Keila, you are welcome to set up an individual visit at any time.
AlumniDale 2006 And I wasn't even the oldest in the class.
CampusVisit_Sarah Please email me at lawschool@regent.edu, and I'd be happy to arrange something.
IntendedTransfer Thanks for the information. Everyone have a blessed night.
James Maciel Dean Gantt & Bonnie -- Before I leave, thank you both for answering some questions and thanks for some clarifications.

Dean_Gantt Blessings, Intended!
CampusVisit_Sarah Our other official visits are listed at www.regent.edu/lawvisitation, as well.
Greeter_Natali Tanya, please email Tamra (Law Wives President) at tammis@regent.edu for more info on the organization.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, Polaris & rychan!
Dean_Gantt You're welcome, James!
crystalsumner Thanks for all the help. I look forward to working more with you all in the future!
Merry Christmas!

Admissions_Bonnie Goodnight, James.

Greeter_Natali We have about 15 minutes left in the chat, so please ask any remaining & burning questions!!!

James Maciel Goodnight, all.

Student 1 Are there good Christian elementary schools in the area?
Polaris Do we absolutely have to have a letter of recommendation from our spiritual leader? Because my church is huge and my pastor doesn't know anything about me other than my face and name...

Anna Dean - can you give me some information on the family law program? As well as any government/legislation programs?

keila Thanks Sarah, I will contact you for further info. One last thing, will this chat be posted anywhere on Regent's website for further info later?

WillHarris I have just a few questions about the focus on Christian advocacy. If my intended area of practice is not Christian advocacy, will there be much religious focus in that area? Other than the required course in the 1L year, of course.

Admissions_Bonnie There are three private Christian schools within 10 minutes of Regent.

Dean_Gantt Student1, yes, there are several good Christian schools in the area.
Yodani Ms. Bonnie and FinAid Tom, thank you for all of the help, this was very benefical--I'm excited about completing my application! Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!!

AlumniDale 2006 Family law? Person you need to get in touch with is Professor Lynne Kohm. She has an endowed chair in family law, and teaches most of the family law classees.

Greeter_Natali You too, Yodani!
maximus324 I received a fee waiver when I attended a forum. If I'm applying online, though, how would that work?

Aquila M. Robertson I just wanted to say thanks to everyone!

Anna Thanks Dale, I will do that. Is there a phone? email?
FinAid_Tom God bless, Yodani, look forward to hearing from you soon.
AlumniDale 2006 Just a second...
journey Polaris, that's a good question. I fellowship with a large congregation too.
Aquila M. Robertson This has been a wonderful and informative chat.

Admissions_Bonnie Maximum, just mail in your fee waiver and no payment will be expected of you.

Dean_Gantt Will, we have a broad curriculum that focuses on much more than religious freedom issues. Our upper-level required courses cover such bar-tested subjects as Business Associations and Criminal Law.

AlumniDale 2006 lynnkoh@regent.edu
Alumni_Troy Judah just spoke at the Hillsong church plant in VA Beach. You should check out that church.

Dean_Gantt Thanks, Aquila!
Anna Is that The Rock?
Alumni_Troy I think it's called The Wave.
mogipper How can you reach alumni that reside in your home state?
WillHarris Thanks, Dean Grant. That's really the main thing I'm concerned about: I don't have much interest in Christian advocacy and probably don't agree with the ACLJ on many issues, and I'm a bit worried if that will alienate me.

Anna Thanks, Dale. So we can have direct communication with the professors even just as prospective students, correct?

Admissions_Bonnie Yes, WAVE Church is about 15 min. away.

Anna OK, good to know!

Student 1 How far is the campus from the beach?

AlumniDale 2006 Anna, you got Prof. Kohm's email, yes?

Anna Yes, thanks, Dale. I will contact her.

CampusVisit_Sarah Natali, would you please give Keila the link to the chat log?

CampusVisit_Sarah The beach is about 20 minutes away from campus.

AlumniDale 2006 Campus is about 12 miles from the beach.

Kelly Branch Dean Gantt, Professor Kirkland, Bonnie, Kathy, Tom, Natali et al, thank you for organizing this event. It's been very enlightening and I look forward to applying soon. Happy Holidays!

Career_Kathy You too, Kelly!

Dean_Gantt Will, I should underscore that our students have varied interests. They practice in so many areas, from corporate law to family law to estate planning. You name it.

Greeter_Natali Yes--keila, & everyone else, I will be posting this chat log later this week at <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/admissions/faq.cfm>.

AlumniDale 2006 About as far away as you can get from the beach and still be in the city of Virginia Beach. LOL

ashleigh 1913 What was the bottom quarter's median LSAT and GPA for the last admission cycle?

Anna My husband is willing to move across the country if I get accepted into Regent....he does sales & marketing....he'd have to find a job there....are there many businesses around? what kind?

Admissions_Bonnie Anna, you may email Professor Kohm. She would be happy to receive a specific inquiry from a prospective student.

Prof_Kirkland Will--Our students enter a wide variety of fields and represent many different viewpoints. ACLJ is a draw for many, but it is not representative of all that Regent has to offer.

Greeter_Natali Welcome, ashleigh!

Admissions_Bonnie 25th/75th was 150-156.

Anna Thank you, Bonnie, I will do that!

Dean_Gantt Anna, the Hampton Roads area (the name for our larger metropolitan area) has over 1 million people. There are jobs in many different fields.

FinAid_Tom Anna, lots of businesses--he can check out pilotonline (our local newspaper).

Greeter_Natali Will--my husband is a student here & is interested in Tax/Estate law.

Admissions_Bonnie Anna, you might check out pilot online for job opportunities. The Virginia Pilot is our local newspaper.

Career_Kathy Correct--for instance, 45% of our class of 2007 ended up working in private practice upon graduation.

Matthew H Hi!

Greeter_Natali Hi Matthew! We still have about 10 minutes left in the chat--any questions?

mogipper Is there a way to reach out to alumni in your home state?

Anna I will have him look into those! Thanks for the info.

Student 1 If I have a LSAT score that is above the 75th and a GPA around the average is it likely that I will be accepted?

WillHarris Thanks, Professor Kirkland and others. That's good to know. I'm sure the ACLJ isn't a draw for everyone, but I imagine the ACLU isn't a draw for very many at all.

keila Yes, I agree with mogipper--is there a way?

Career_Kathy Once you are a student here you can have access to all alumni in any given state. They are often very happy to speak with current students.

rychan Hello, my name is Roy Chan, rychan@uci.edu, and i am just wondering what is a Christian law school looking for in a letter of recommendation? I have 4 letters of recommendation from LSAC, but none of them are from a Christian perspective. Can you please explain the letter of recommendation process?

Admissions_Bonnie mogipper, we're happy to make an alumni connection for you. Just call us tomorrow at 757.352.4584.

Dean_Gantt Probably right, Will.

Matthew H I just logged on and I have a question regarding housing. Thanks for the greeting, Natali. What's the situation if you are married with no kids but need more than one Anna, it would be worth his time to check out the CBN human resouces website as Greeter_Natali There is no way to discuss the school with alumni in your state prior to being Matthew, my husband & I live in the Regent Village (student housing)--we don't have any kids yet, but are in a 2-bedroom apt.

Admissions_Bonnie We have a spiritual recommendation form that you would ask your pastor, elder, deacon, campus ministry leader to complete.

Alumni_Troy My wife worked at CBN while I attended Regent and really loved it there.

Anna Bonnie w/admissions.....I had a pretty rough first few years of college due to a variety of reasons. This hurt my GPA.... If I get a good LSAT score, how badly will this affect my getting accepted? If at all? And should I explain in an addendum to the You could contact admissions to be connected with an alum.

Career_Kathy You could contact admissions to be connected with an alum.

keila Okay, thank you, everyone, and I look forward to applying soon. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

AlumniDale 2006 Mog, what state?

Greeter_Natali They also offer a 3-bedroom option at the Village. I believe the Commons only has a 1-bedroom or studio option for married couples.

WillHarris I'm also having problems with the clergy recommendation, to whoever was asking about that. I read the FAQ about it and got that answer, but I'm still a bit worried about how I'll be able to get one in.

Anna Natali - How much is it a month?

mogipper Kathy - Thanks.

Dean_Gantt rychan, that letter is important provides it provide us with insights from another on your faith commitment.

ashleigh 1913 Do you think I should apply if my score was a 146 ? I know everyone says they look at the whole application but it still seems like the admissions office is looking for specific LSAT number.

Admissions_Bonnie Yes, definitely explain. That happens sometimes. We're looking for stronger LSATs to offset a weaker GPA if that's the case.

mogipper Texas and Missouri.

Greeter_Natali We pay \$725/month, plus utilities. That's on the lower end for average apt. rentals in this area.

Admissions_Bonnie ashleigh, have you considered a retest?

WillHarris I have a 3.65 GPA and a 162. I know that isn't everything, but I'll be kind of annoyed if a clergy recommendation keeps me from applying -- though I completely understand why it's important.

Anna \$725 is low...good to know.

AlumniDale 2006 There were a few Texans in my class. And a couple from Missouri. As you've seen, admissions can get you in touch with alums from either or both.

FinAid_Tom mogipper, where in Missouri?

Dean_Gantt Will and others, I want to encourage you about that letter of recommendation. Just ask a spiritual leader or mentor who knows you well and can speak to your faith

Matthew H Natali, thanks! That was really my only question. I just took my first LSAT and I'm waiting on the results. I attend the University of Arizona and we are looking at moving back towards the East coast! :)

Greeter_Natali We really like our apt. too!--roomy

Admissions_Bonnie Will, you probably have someone who could attest to the role that matters of faith play in your life....

AlumniDale 2006 Matt, I had two classmates from ASU.

Greeter_Natali Matthew--my dad is also an alum of UA.

mogipper Mizzou Alumni - family in Southwest.

Greeter_Natali I was born in Tucson!

FinAid_Tom mogipper, please email me re: an alum in Springfield, tfoley@regent.edu

Anna Can I have some info on any government/legislation programs/classes?

Matthew H That is WAY cool.

WillHarris Right, that's what I'm having a problem with: finding a spiritual leader or mentor I know. I've tried to set up appointments with a couple of clergy members on campus, so we'll see what happens. I just feel awkward about it since they don't know me at I LOVE the smell of the rain on the desert! :)

Greeter_Natali How diverse is Regent?

ashleigh 1913 I noticed there's an "exchange" program in DC at some point.....I am very interested in that!

Anna

Matthew H We whomped ASU this past weekend! Go Cats...ASU is a good school though, Dale.

Dean_Gantt Is there someone who knows you now who could write about your faith commitment? Maybe someone you've known from your past?

mogipper Tom--Thanks...will do.

WillHarris Not really. That's why I've had a hard time with that recommendation. I really have put a lot of thought into it.

Greeter_Natali Anna--we offer courses in Legislation & Government.

Dean_Gantt Anna, yes, we offer a spring semester program at the ACLJ's DC offices. Selected second-year and third-year students are accepted into the program.

Anna Have you taken any?

Admissions_Bonnie Ashleigh: incoming class was 23% minority.

Career_Kathy Anna, many students complete externships with government organizations. 24% of the class in 2007 ended up pursuing full-time positions in government upon

WillHarris I just feel like I'm going to shortchange my application if I have to rely on someone who doesn't know me. But, I'll work hard to get something.

AlumniDale 2006 And "diversity" is a lot more than just minority numbers.

Greeter_Natali I'm actually the Admissions Counselor here, not a student--Meghan, have you taken any courses along those lines?

AlumniDale 2006 There are people at Regent from just about every Christian perspective. And from all over the country.

Dean_Gantt Will, sounds good. Let our Admissions Office know if you have any more questions about that process. It's not intended to be a major hurdle, but as you noted, it is

Anna To the alumni - What is it about your experience at Regent that made it better/different from other schools?

AlumniDale 2006 Not to mention situations in life. For example, I was a second-career person who was 20 years past my BS.

WillHarris Definitely.

Admissions_Bonnie Thanks to everyone for joining our chat night. Please feel free to contact our office with follow-up questions.

FinAid_Tom This was excellent - thanks, Natali! I am tired!

Matthew H Natali - Watch for my application, OK?

Greeter_Natali Please call 757-226-4584 or email us at lawschool@regent.edu.

Career_Kathy Thanks, everyone!

Student_Meghan Back to studying for exams!

rychan Thanks for the advice, Bonnie. This session was very helpful. Have a great week! Roy Chan, rychan@uci.edu

WillHarris On the diversity question - is there much political diversity?

ashleigh 1913 I see a lot of questions talking about a letter of faith. Is that something Regent requires? I have not looked at the Regent application.

journey Yes!

Alumni_Troy Learning the law from a Christian/Biblical perspective has made a great difference in my life and law practice. The relationships I made at Regent and have made there since I graduated in 1995.

Greeter_Natali Blessings on those finals, Meghan!

Admissions_Bonnie Will, a good bit -- also among the faculty.

Student_Meghan Thank you! Same to Jess!

Greeter_Natali Any other last minute questions???

Dean_Gantt Will, many of our students have a more conservative political perspective, but we have students from all over the political map. It's nice to have committed Christians from such different perspectives.

Anna Thanks, Troy.

Anna Natali, what year are you?

Alumni_Troy You are welcome. I hope you pursue Regent.

Matthew H Thanks for the info.

Admissions_Bonnie She's Mrs. 3L!

Greeter_Natali I'm the Admissions Counselor here, but my husband is a 3L!

Anna I will be doing so! Thanks.

Anna Oh, OK! :)

Anna I know I could only join for a half hour, but thanks for your help!

Anna I will be in contact soon.

Admissions_Bonnie	Very good; goodnight.
Dean_Gantt	Thanks to everyone who participated. We appreciate your interest in Regent Law. Blessings!
journey	Thanks for the answers. Have a wonderful Christmas!
Alumni_Troy	Merry Christmas, everyone!
Admissions_Bonnie	Goodnight, Troy.
Matthew H	Merry Christmas!
WillHarris	Thanks, everyone. Wish I could have been here sooner.
Dean_Gantt	Thanks, Will!
Greeter_Natali	Anna, feel free to email/call me tomorrow if you have any unanswered questions!
CampusVisit_Sarah	Feel free to call/email with any questions will.
Greeter_Natali	nmonnette@regent.edu or 757-352-4625.
Admissions_Bonnie	Will, please do call in if we can help guide you personally. I have good news on your scholarship potential!
CampusVisit_Sarah	Or lawschool@regent.edu. We're happy to help.
AlumniDale 2006	Anna, I'd say the biggest difference is the fact that you'll be around Christians... and, for the most part, around genuinely nice people. People will go out of their way to help you. And, the environment at Regent isn't even close to being as competitive as a typical law school.
AlumniDale 2006	Not that there isn't competition, but it's not cutthroat.
AlumniDale 2006	Oh yeah... today's my birthday!
AlumniDale 2006	Nighty-night!
Greeter_Natali	Happy Birthday, Dale!
Admissions_Bonnie	Happy Birthday Dale; how nice of you to spend it with old friends.
WillHarris	I'll do that, Bonnie. Thanks.
AlumniDale 2006	Thanks... :)
Greeter_Natali	Thanks everyone for coming! Merry Christmas to all!