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Dean Mutua says:

sity of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, University of Maryland, Spelman College, Georgetown University and Cornell University.

Their average age is 25, with 35 percent over age 25 – the oldest class to date. Eleven percent hold advanced academic degrees. Fourteen percent come from out of state, and 49 percent are females.

According to Lillie V. Wiley-Upshaw, vice dean for admissions and financial aid, “The Class of 2012 is impressive. Their previous fields of study include film production, accounting, foreign languages, journalism, theology, mathematics and biochemistry. Many of the students have either lived or worked abroad in such places as Australia, Africa and Korea. “Our students made a smart choice. They will be surrounded by other exceptional students and will earn a law degree that will allow them to fulfill their professional dreams - without having to mortgage their future.”

Mutua said, “An accomplished and selective law class is central to the academic excellence and overall reputation of any law school, and is particularly crucial to UB at this point in its development. An aggressive campaign for recruitment scholarships among alumni helped the Law School enroll this fantastic class.”



*James R. Newton,
Vice Dean for Administration*

“I could not do what I do as dean without the indefatigable Jim Newton. His emotional intelligence and people-centered approach is a godsend. He is the perfect Vice Dean for Administration.”

• Jim Newton oversees the Law School’s administrative units: alumni and communications, development, admissions, career services, student services, records and registration, human resources, budget, facilities and information technology.



*Marlene Cook,
Vice Dean for Resource Management*

“She is the quintessential professional – a master of her craft who has unparalleled integrity and sense of service. She is unflappable even in the face of the most challenging conditions. She is a dream to work with.”

• Marlene Cook is a careful and creative steward of the Law School’s financial resources. Her work demands budgeting and allocations so that every dollar supports the school’s mission.



*Lillie Wiley-Upshaw, Vice Dean for
Admissions and Financial Aid*

“Her knowledge of law school admissions and attention to the indexes of excellence are unsurpassed. She combines a keen sense of justice and fairness that permits us to aspire put together a great student body that looks like America.”

• Lillie Wiley-Upshaw is a familiar face in O’Brian Hall and nationwide. Wiley has been instrumental in attracting incoming classes of students who are successively smarter, more accomplished and more diverse.



Alan S. Carrel, Vice Dean

“He is unquestionably our guru of development. He is a walking encyclopedia of our alumni. He loves them and they love him back. Without Alan, we would not have made as much progress in just one year. Self-effacing and completely absorbed in his work, Alan is every dean’s gift.”

• Alan Carrel works to build relationships with Law School alumni far and near, with special emphasis on (and uncommon success with) the development of major gifts in support of the school’s educational program.