Thanks to Sullivan, graduate parleys his winnings from the racetrack into the courtroom

Patrick Johnson may be small in stature, but he has big ideas. Patrick, is leaving Louisville to attend the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. He certainly has made great strides as a jockey and student. Read his story in The Herald, Spring 2008, page 3, online at library.sullivan.edu.

Patrick’s journey has been a long one. After many years as a successful jockey, he entered college to earn his associate degree in Paralegal Studies, Patrick chose Sullivan to continue his legal education. According to Patrick, “I was very fortunate that Sullivan University recognized and articulated with [the other school] and gave me the opportunity earn my Bachelor’s degree in Paralegal Studies. With my bachelor’s degree, I applied to law schools in hopes of getting the chance, like I have, to get my Juris Doctor (JD). I plan to take the Bar exam to get licensed to practice. I am so fortunate and happy things have worked out the way they have so far.”

Sullivan was best choice

Patrick said he made the decision just what he needed to prepare for law school; he provided the following comments about the Paralegal Studies program: “My courses were tough and challenging as they should be. I never once expected college to be easy. The courses were all clear and concise on the subjects, and from start to finish all courses were stepping stones and means to the end results – proficiency in Paralegal Studies.”

“[My instructors at Sullivan University] were excellent. I never once experienced difficulty when any of my instructors did not have or take time to help me when I needed it. They were always courteous, friendly and never had a problem with anything. No matter where I go to school, from here the bar has been set high.”

Enjoyed all the perks

“In addition to the outstanding faculty, I believe the educational resources were second to none. The IT department is top-notch and does a great job keeping the computers working and keeping all the technological equipment in good order. The study areas are great and there are computers available after class hours where I could get a lot of work done. The Ala Cante Café is the IT department, and the maintenance department have positive and friendly attitudes . . . Second, almost every minute I spent at Sullivan, I was learning something. Not necessarily in the classroom, but in the halls, in the café, and in the library – discussing anything and everything with teachers and students. Unbeknownst to me, I was constantly learning. Third, I’ve learned it is never too late to go to school.”

“On a closing note – I commend the knowledge and experience Patrick gained in the Sullivan paralegal programs will give him a decided advantage over his peers in law school because he will walk in on day one with a wealth of information that most of his peers will be struggling to grasp.”

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all the legal instructors at Sullivan University. I am proud to have been a student of each and every one of them. Nick Rogers is the Paralegal Studies Program proud as its director. Jennifer Gaither teaches her students what she knows will serve them well. She is areas in on aspects that I believe in my heart will pay off. Michael Wright explains some of the most confounded things and make them seem so simple. Linda Ritter George gives lectures better than the textbooks themselves. Together they would make a great law firm: Riggs, Gaither, Wright & George! I love Sullivan University and I thank everyone for what they have done for me. Now, on to law school!”

About Sullivan and its Paralegal Studies program,Sonya Greenbriar, a current student said:

“I chose Sullivan because of the small class sizes, smaller campus, friendly professors, and for a more intimate experience in classes. Large classes at the University of Louisville (UofL) pushed me away and brought me here. I began studying psychology at UofL but was unhappy until I took a class in Law & Psychology, then I became interested in law. My professor at UofL actually recommended this program.”

Sullivan campus “pulls” together to help local charity

The Sullivan Student Paralegal Association (SSPA) launched a major effort to collect pull tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House (RMHD), which provides a “home away from home” for families with children who must travel to Louisville for medical treatment. SSPA has placed RMHD collection boxes (in the shape of small houses) throughout the entire Louisville campus. Natalie Kaelin, a Paralegal Studies associate degree student and former SSPA president, spearheaded the project and has been overwhelmed by the response. “SSPA learned about this project from a member of the Louisville Association of Paralegal (LAP), Little did we know that the Sullivan community would take the collection drive to heart and collect such a massive amount of pull tabs,” she said, adding, “Enough pull tabs are collected in the Louisville area to generate nearly $10,000 each year to support the local RMHD branch. Our efforts at Sullivan help that amount.”

Library earns high marks

Nick Riggs, Director Legal Studies is the proud of scholarship winners Natalie Kaelin, left, and Theresa Smith.

“The staff is very helpful. I enjoy visiting the library. The staff is very friendly and you find exactly what you might be looking for.”

Sullivan’s Library uses its annual survey to determine how well student and faculty needs are being met by the Library. Pictured above are Jennifer Blythe, Pharmacy Tech student and winner of the annual survey drawing and Charles Brown, University Librarian. The survey asked students and faculty to rate the library and its services in the following areas: courteousness of staff, ability of staff to answer questions correctly and efficiently, availability of resources, interaction with teachers and students and the willingness to order any books needed. Learn more at library.sullivan.edu/survey announcement2009. Turn page 5 to read about the Quiet Zone change the Library’s survey initiated.

Two deserving students received the best kind of financial aid: scholarships!

Theresa Smith, an evening division student in Sullivan’s Paralegal Studies post-baccalaureate certificate program, recently received a scholarship from the Louisville Association of Paralegals (LAP).

An “adult” decision

“When I enrolled at Sullivan last year in the Paralegal Studies program, I had been out of school a really long time, Teresa said. “I kept waiting for the ‘right time’ to return to school. I am so fortunate and happy things have worked out the way they have so far.”

Sullivan was the right choice for her

Natalie Kaelin, a day division student in Sullivan’s Paralegal Studies associate degree program, was also awarded a scholarship by the LAP. Natalie, who recently completed her term as president of the Student Paralegal Association, was also pleased to receive the scholarship.

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