**Annual Paralegal Roundtable is a terrific student forum**

In October 2010, nearly 50 Paralegal Studies students on the Louisville campus took advantage of the opportunity to hear from paralegal practitioners, including Sullivan graduates, from the local legal community. The students attended the 19th annual Paralegal Roundtable Discussion sponsored by The Institute for Legal Studies at Sullivan University. The annual event gives students the chance to meet and network with legal professionals who are willing to share their time and expertise.

**All paralegal students could attend**

Students were especially fortunate this year as two roundtable discussions were conducted—one for the day division and one for the evening division. The four legal professionals participating in the day division roundtable discussion were:

- Nicole Baker, a litigation paralegal working in the corporate healthcare arena at Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare, Inc.
- Sara House, a 2008 Sullivan Paralegal Studies bachelor’s degree graduate, who is a paralegal in the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Unit.

After the event, Paralegal Studies students, Kishi Womack and Rachel Davis, networked with Sullivan graduate Sarah House.

**$6,000 scholarship winner is living her dream**

Angela Cheap is a single mother of four children. But this weighty responsibility has not prevented Angela from beginning her goal of graduating from Sullivan’s Paralegal Studies degree program, becoming a successful paralegal, and possibly later an attorney.

**Scholarship paved the way**

Angela believes she is the perfect example of the fact that it’s never too late to go back to school. Such initiative has its rewards. Although most people view the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program as an award program for high school seniors, Angela qualified, even at her age, and with a GED.

With the encouragement of Krissy Davis in Sullivan’s admissions office, Angela applied for a Byrd scholarship. “After I first applied, I received a phone call from the Kentucky adult education center, which processes Byrd applications, and was told there were very few scholarships available for GED recipients because a lot of county high school seniors received scholarships this year. The center wanted more background information, so I sent a letter of recommendation from Miss Riggs, director of Legal Studies, and explained...that I am a single mother of four and am very serious about my education and intend to go to law school,” Angela said. She was ecstatic when she learned she had been awarded a scholarship of $1,500 a year for the next four years, totaling $6,000. “I was absolutely thrilled for her. This is what education and Sullivan are all about,” Riggs said.

Angela is now happily halfway through her degree program. “I am told that very rarely does someone my age come to college at all, it is not easy and it’s a lot of hard work, but it certainly pays off.” For more on the Byrd scholarship, go to http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iasesbdry/index.html.

**The speakers covered such topics as their job title, area of law practiced, specific job responsibilities, work environment (contact with other paralegals, judges, attorneys, law clerks, secretaries, etc.), positive/negative aspects of the job, and opportunities for advancement. Roundtable drew save reviews**

Students attending the roundtable discussion were able to ask questions, and were provided with honest and direct answers from the speakers. Below are some student comments:

- “I answered a lot of the expectation questions that exist entering a new field.” - Jeffrey Hinton
- “I learned there are many different areas paralegals can work in besides law offices.” - Casey Kerns
- “I learned more of how my job as a paralegal would actually be. It gave me insight into the career.” - Megean Woodrum
- “Different views of Paralegal responsibilities and the reality of the career.” - Gabrielle Bass
- “It makes me look forward to employment after graduation and made me feel more comfortable applying for jobs right now.” - Jirredda Berry

**New certificates offer more opportunities for Sullivan students**

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