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Dear Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter Members:

I hope that the new academic year has started off well and you are enjoying being in law school. Thank you for joining Animal Legal Defense fund this year in our mission to “protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system.” The legal education you are undertaking is critical to the future of the animal protection movement, and through your events, activities, and presence in your law schools, you are powerful advocates for the animals.

I am highly impressed by the initiative, creativity, passion, and compassion you bring to working for animals in your law schools. I am inspired by the events you plan and the work you do. The Animal Law Program team (Alyssa, Kelly, Nicole, and Priscilla) and I are here to support your events and activities, so please reach out to us if there is any way we can assist you. If you’re just starting to think about what you may want to do this year, check out our [Student Chapter Program Guides](#) and [Student Chapter Project Ideas](#). And don’t forget to apply for [Student Chapter Project Grants](#) to help pay for all these great things you’re doing.

Kudos to the Student Chapters at Florida State University, Seton Hall, New York Law School, and University of Wisconsin for winning Student Chapter of the Year Awards! They all creatively rose to the challenge of keeping their Chapters and law schools engaged even in a remote environment. Make sure to check out the award announcement on the Student Convention app or on our [Student Chapter of the Year Award website](#).

We hope you’ll join us and invite others in your law schools to join us for our Fall events. We’ll kick off Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month on October 6 with a webinar for law student about [Farmed Animals and Natural Disasters](#). This webinar will walk you through the animal-related issues at the center of natural disasters and the limited laws that address the welfare of these animals. This webinar will also launch the first annual Animal Legal Defense Fund Scholars’ Workshop, a unique year-long project that will engage interested law students in working with animal law and legal writing faculty to write and publish scholarship that explores innovative legal solutions for ensuring that the welfare of farmed animals in natural and weather-related disasters.

Also in October, join us and hundreds of students, lawyers, scholars, and animal advocates for the annual [Animal Law Conference](#), co-hosted by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and Center for Animal Law Studies. This year’s conference is fully virtual and we have a packed and interesting agenda. Law student registration is free with the registration code you can get from your Student Chapter leaders. We encourage Student Chapters to hold watch parties or discussion events for your law school.

Have a great year and keep us posted on all your events and activities. We love to hear from you!

For the Animals,

Animal Law Program Director