



FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

Law Pathways



Law Pathways

- ❖ Joint initiative with the State Bar of California
- ❖ Partnership among 29 of the state's community colleges and nine law schools along with their respective undergraduate institutions
- ❖ Designed to enhance opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly those that have traditionally been underrepresented
- ❖ Special admissions consideration to partnering law schools

Partnering Law Schools

❖ UC Berkeley

❖ UCLA

❖ UC Davis

❖ UC Irvine

❖ Loyola Marymount

❖ University of Southern
California

❖ University of San Francisco

❖ Santa Clara

❖ San Joaquin College of Law

Law Pathways at Fresno City College

❖ Students:

- ❖ 92 active students
- ❖ Over 300 interested students
- ❖ Age range: 17-50s
- ❖ Primarily Latino
- ❖ Primary first generation college students

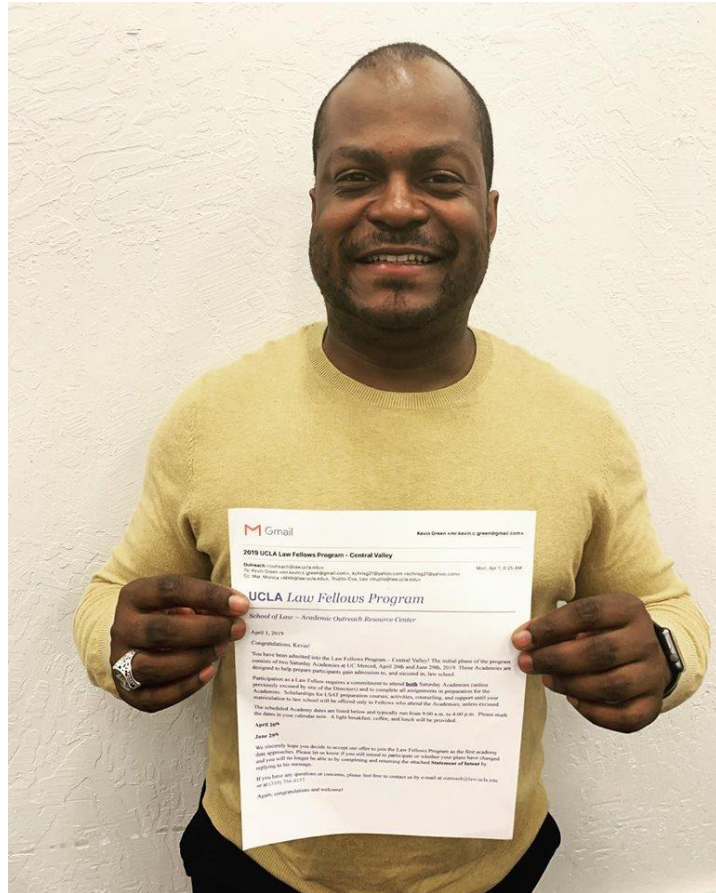
❖ Access to:

- ❖ Jobs and mentorships
- ❖ Volunteerism
- ❖ Fellowships, Summer Law Academies and Summits
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Club meetings and events

2019 Law Pathways graduates transferring to...

- ❖ UC Berkeley
- ❖ UCLA
- ❖ UC Santa Cruz
- ❖ USC
- ❖ Fresno State
- ❖ San Joaquin College of Law

Featured Cal-Law Scholar



Kevin Green

- ❖ U.S.A.F. Veteran
- ❖ Current CA Air National Guardsman
- ❖ Dean's List; Associates' degrees from Fresno City College in Communications and Political Science with highest honors
- ❖ Fresno State student
- ❖ 2019 UCLA Law Fellow - Central Valley
- ❖ Wants to attend UCLA Law
- ❖ Goal is to be a federal Judge

Featured Cal-Law Scholar



Rebecca Ortiz

- ❖ 2017 Roosevelt High School graduate
- ❖ Wants to attend UCLA Law
- ❖ Goal is to practice environmental law in the Central Valley

Upcoming Legal Conference

- ❖ For the first time, FCC Law Pathways Club is co-hosting a conference with the National Lawyers Guild at Fresno City College June 21-23
- ❖ Nine students submitted a proposal to present on:
 - ❖ Diversity
 - ❖ Mentorship
- ❖ Opportunity for students to network with lawyers from around the country

Municipal Court Student Advocacy Project

- ❖ Any lay person can represent either party at administrative hearings. Fresno Mun. Code § 1.408.
- ❖ Law Pathways student advocates
 - ❖ Complete observation and receive training
 - ❖ Help appellants review applicable provisions in the municipal code
 - ❖ Assist the appellant with making responsive arguments
 - ❖ Meet with appellants at Fresno City College

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- ❖ Student advocates trained on the state bar rules regarding unauthorized practice of law
- ❖ Appellants using student advocates will sign waivers that they understand and agree that a student advocate is not a lawyer
- ❖ Appeals with student advocate representatives will be scheduled on a set day each month

Municipal Court Student Advocacy Project

- ❖ Students will be exposed to the following topic areas:
 - ❖ Municipal code violations associated with housing, including substandard conditions, health and safety violations, and failure to bring substandard conditions within code requirements
 - ❖ Unpermitted construction
 - ❖ Dog licensing and dog barking violations
 - ❖ Public nuisance violations for excessive noise, illegal firework use, illegal dumping, and unkempt yards, debris and rubbish
 - ❖ Illegal vending (i.e., operating a food truck or cart without a permit)
 - ❖ Parking violations

Service Learning Benefits

❖ Academic:

- ❖ Real-life problem analysis
- ❖ Research
- ❖ Logical reasoning
- ❖ Critical thinking
- ❖ Issue identification
- ❖ Presentation skills
- ❖ Knowledge of legal system

❖ Personal:

- ❖ Motivation
- ❖ Retention
- ❖ Interest in Law
- ❖ Networking
- ❖ Mentorship opportunities
- ❖ Communication skills – with hearing officers, attorneys, individuals, landlords, and small business owners

❖ Community:

- ❖ Civic engagement
- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Public service
- ❖ Commitment to the Central Valley
- ❖ Empathy



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