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CORDEL FAULK: Hi, I'm Cordel Faulk assistant dean and chief admissions officer at the University of Virginia School of Law. In this episode of Law School we talked to UVA Law's Dean of Students Sarah Davies. We discuss why she decided to go to law school and what she did between undergrad and starting her legal education. She then describes her experience on the partnership track at two large Philadelphia law firms before we moved her back to Charlottesville to begin her new career in student affairs. Dean Davies and I then are joined by Financial Aid Director Jennifer Hulvey to discuss what incoming law students should expect this summer. We'll preview some deadlines and end with some advice about how to spend your summer before orientation. Admissions Director Ashley Merritt joins us too.

Dean Sarah Davies, Dean of Students at the University of Virginia School of Law, thank you for joining us on the podcast.

SARAH DAVIES: It's great to be here.

CORDEL FAULK: So we're going to ask you that same first question we ask everybody. Who was Dean Sarah Davies before she showed up here as a law student? Because you are from the class of '91.

SARAH DAVIES: So before I came here in 1988, I guess I started, I had been a student at the University. I was a history major and I graduated-- I'm a double WHO. I graduated in 1986. There you go. And I then spent a couple of years in a management training program.

CORDEL FAULK: So you decided not to come straight through?

SARAH DAVIES: That's right. I took two years off.

CORDEL FAULK: Why?

SARAH DAVIES: I think I was really excited about the idea of working. I thought that sounded really fun and a lot of my friends were going-- after we graduated, they were going up to DC and I wanted to go where they were. And I loved the idea of actually making money after being a student. And I thought that sounded great and UVA Law School let me defer for up to two years at that time.

CORDEL FAULK: So you deferred?

SARAH DAVIES: I did.

CORDEL FAULK: You didn't go work for a while then decide to apply?

SARAH DAVIES: No. When I was a fourth year college student I could not decide what I wanted to do. I was totally in the dark. And so in the fall of my fourth year I took the LSAT, the GRE, and the GMAT and on successive weekends--

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, my God. Oh, my goodness.

SARAH DAVIES: Glutton for punishment.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

Well, I had no idea.

CORDEL FAULK: I just thought that I could do that physically.

SARAH DAVIES: I will tell you that the GRE actually I think was my last one and it was my worst one. And my LSAT was the first one I did-

CORDEL FAULK: And it was the best?

SARAH DAVIES: -and it was the best one. And so I got the scores back and I'm like, oh, well maybe I should go to law school because that kind of looks that way. And then I kind of hemmed and hawed--

CORDEL FAULK: What a great story.

JENNIFER That is a great story.

HULVEY:

SARAH DAVIES: Well, I was super focused. I mean, I was a history major and I pretty much knew I didn't want to teach history. But I didn't really know what I wanted to do. And so I hedged my bets. I took all the tests. And then I kind of hemmed and hawed and I thought about, well, should I look for a job? And there were some jobs available for history majors but they were like advertising, publishing, and retail. And I ended up going to a company called the Hecht Company which was in Washington.

CORDEL FAULK: Yes, that's old school Virginia.

SARAH DAVIES: Old school Virginia.

CORDEL FAULK: We all know Hechts.

SARAH DAVIES: It was in Washington, DC. And I worked in their management training program for two years. But I also had applied to law school.

CORDEL FAULK: Wait, was that the only reason you applied to law school? You did well on the test?

SARAH DAVIES: Well, so I'm a history major.

CORDEL FAULK: [LAUGHS]

JENNIFER Speak the truth, Sarah.

HULVEY:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

SARAH DAVIES: I'm a history major. I really like to write. Like this is my thing. I really like researching. I really like knowing stuff about stuff. And I really am interested in knowing stuff about people. And it all really kind of worked with the whole idea of law. I was completely uneducated consumer. I didn't know anything about any law schools. I didn't know anything about exactly what lawyers did. We had no lawyers in my family. But I knew that I like to read, I like to research, I like to write. And that sounded like something lawyers did.

CORDEL FAULK: That's what lawyers do.

SARAH DAVIES: So that's kind of why I went that way. I'm curious and a lot of those kinds of characteristics but I didn't research law schools. And back then it was the dark ages. It was a long time ago. And we didn't have the [INAUDIBLE].

CORDEL FAULK: That was right around US News first starting.

SARAH DAVIES: Really? I didn't even know.

CORDEL FAULK: I think that's right.

SARAH DAVIES: So I didn't even do that level of research.

CORDEL FAULK: For starting the rankings.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. I didn't even do that level of research. And we had to go to the career services office at UVA and they had this giant book that listed all the different law schools and statistics about them.

CORDEL FAULK: I had that and I used it as well.

SARAH DAVIES: Yes. And I looked at it a little. And then I went, this is too big and I don't have time because I have to take all these tests. So I didn't do a lot. Right?

CORDEL FAULK: I mean from an efficiency stand point you needed to do well on the test so you focused your attention where it needed to be.

SARAH DAVIES: I guess. There you go. And so I--

JENNIFER It worked out.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: That's right.

SARAH DAVIES: It all worked out. So UVA was just kind of obvious to apply to. I was here already. I embarrassingly waited until the last minute to do my application.

CORDEL FAULK: Like literally?

SARAH DAVIES: Like actually literally. Back then we had typewriters to type our applications. So I typed my application the night before it was due. I then had to run over to my dean office for the history department and have them sign my recommendation form. And this is all due at 5:00. And I got that done at 4:00. And then I called my then boyfriend from the pay phone and begged him to come pick me up so he could drive me to the law school. Which I didn't even know where the law school was. And so he picked me up.

CORDEL FAULK: I was going to ask why didn't you take the bus up here?

SARAH DAVIES: I didn't know. And he drove me up to the law school. I ran in. I ran upstairs and basically there was a giant pile of applications and I put it in the pile and I ran away. And it was about quarter to 5:00 when I got my application in.

CORDEL FAULK: That was prerolling long admissions. That would be very bad these days.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. Right. I mean, this was like a date certain [INAUDIBLE]. So it was, I think, sometime maybe it was like in February it was due. And then I kind of continued interviewing.

CORDEL FAULK: For jobs?

SARAH DAVIES: For jobs. And then I came home--

CORDEL FAULK: Wait, you applied to more than one law school?

SARAH DAVIES: I applied to one other law school.

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, really? Oh, I didn't know that.

SARAH DAVIES: I only applied to one other law school. I applied to the law school where my father had attended college.

CORDEL FAULK: OK.

SARAH DAVIES: And that was just because I knew that school had a law school and my dad had applied to it. So I kind of knew about it. My dad didn't go to it either. But, anyway.

CORDEL FAULK: He's educational royalty.

SARAH DAVIES: Well according to [INAUDIBLE] he is.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

So my dad was the director of the Council for Higher Education in Virginia.

JENNIFER This is Jennifer, the financial director. The first time I met Dean Davies I was like, Davies.

HULVEY: Davies. Davies. You know there used to be-- she's like, yeah. That's my dad. And I was like, you are a junior higher education princess.

CORDEL FAULK: It's true.

JENNIFER Because every piece of financial communication I got from the state of Virginia was signed by

HULVEY: her father.

SARAH DAVIES: So and I was wearing my tiara that day.

CORDEL FAULK: One piece of information that makes it sound like you were born and bred Virginia.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, come on. you can hear my accent.

CORDEL FAULK: I want to be specific with it.

SARAH DAVIES: So I am a certifiable damn Yankee.

CORDEL FAULK: Of what flavor?

SARAH DAVIES: Of all flavors. Right? So yeah, my family has actually been in this country since the 1600s in New York and Connecticut. So I grew up in Connecticut and then New Jersey. And then I went--

CORDEL FAULK: [INAUDIBLE] Yankee.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, yeah. Totally Yankee. Like Revolutionary War, the whole thing. And then I went to boarding school in Pennsylvania for high school and then came to UVA for college. And then UVA LAW. Yeah, so that's who I was before I came to UVA Law.

CORDEL FAULK: And that's why you chose-- you answered our second question. Why did you choose UVA Law? I sounds like it chose you.

SARAH DAVIES: I mean, I had the best college experience. I loved my college experience. And I just loved this university. And it was really easy to come back here. It was really nice to be back in this place. And being gone for two years I super appreciated what it was like to be in school again after working for two years. Which really wasn't all it was cracked up to be. Or all I expected or hoped it would be. I was working in retail and I was doing management training and there's a lot of yelling and screaming in the retail industry. I don't know why.

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, really?

SARAH DAVIES: Well, people get super excited and there's like, the boat didn't get here so the orange pants are going to be available for Easter. I mean, it was all kind of crazy. And it probably didn't work to all of my skills. And I sat down with one of my father's friends--

CORDEL FAULK: That's what I mean. Judging by what you said earlier, you like the research and you like the writing. This isn't hitting the things that you like in life.

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely. And so I sat down with one of my dad's friends who was a higher education lawyer

actually in DC. And I just said to him, I'm trying to decide if I should go back and go to law school. And I can't decide.

CORDEL FAULK: So you were on your deferral and you're trying to decide do I want to go through with this?

SARAH DAVIES: And he says to me, well, what do you like to do. And I told him what I like to do. And he said, what are you doing now? I told him what I was doing now and he said, it's kind of a no-brainer. You should be a lawyer. And he was actually like totally right. I know that from my practice that it was absolutely the right profession for me to pick. And I loved practicing and it was it was really great.

CORDEL FAULK: Well, let's talk about that. How do you feel like law school prepares you for practice? Do you feel like it did? I don't want to put words in your mouth. Do you feel like it did?

SARAH DAVIES: Well, I mean certainly it taught me a lot about a new way of thinking about things. A new way of analyzing problems and questions.

CORDEL FAULK: Did you know that as it was happening? Because Dean Goluboff had said she didn't realize what was going on until afterwards when she was dealing with non lawyers. And she's like, what's wrong with you? And then she realized, oh, they're not thinking like lawyers. That's what it is.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah and I think obviously I wasn't a very educated consumer about lawyering before I started into being a lawyer. And I think I was a little surprised at the way the classroom works.

CORDEL FAULK: It's very different than undergrad.

SARAH DAVIES: It's so different. And I think I was a little surprised at the whole concept of having only one exam at the end. And you know now I can appreciate that if you think about it, it's kind of like a lawsuit. The lawsuit gets filed on the first day of the term and you have the trial during your exam. And all semester you're preparing for it. And I never really thought about it like that but that's absolutely what it was training me to do. And so a lot of it was kind of self-regulation and learning how to pace yourself and get everything done. I think when you're an undergrad there's a real ease of procrastinating because you have things that are due and they all count. Whereas, in law school if it all counts at the end. And so you if you procrastinate you're just not doing your best work. And you're not going to be as best prepared. And I think that you really learn that skill. You just kind of do. Right?

CORDEL FAULK: When do you feel like it clicked for you?

SARAH DAVIES: Oh. I mean when I was practicing. I mean, I don't think it clicked while I was in law school at all.

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah. It clicked for me studying for the bar. I started to learn how to take a law school test but everything didn't really come together and click as like thinking like a lawyer, like I didn't put it all together for myself until I was studying for the bar. For people like Toby [INAUDIBLE], it's like week three of law school everything clicks for him. But for me like it was much longer.

SARAH DAVIES: I mean, there were things that I learned in law school that I never fully appreciated until I was practicing.

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah, the same.

SARAH DAVIES: You know, civil procedure which is when I first year first semester classes, I never really understood why we were doing it. And obviously it's with rules of court but I didn't understand anything about court so it was hard to contextualize it. And when I started practicing I was like, oh, look at this these rules are actually so beautifully written and they fit together. And they show and they show you this complete pathway, that I never really got when there was a law student.

CORDEL FAULK: I think a lot of people get here and it clicks for people at different times. And I think it clicks for some people early and it clicks for a lot of people later. And people look around and they get really scared. Like, I don't understand this in the same way that she does over there. Should I leave should? Am I failing at this? And no, you're not failing and it. It just happens at a different rate.

SARAH DAVIES: And some classes click for you better than others do.

CORDEL FAULK: Contracts clicked very early for me. That one I got.

SARAH DAVIES: Good for you.

CORDEL FAULK: Contracts I got. Civil procedure I did not.

SARAH DAVIES: So I'll tell you my little deep dark secret is I was a commercial litigator for 23 years. Contracts was the hardest class I took in law school.

CORDEL FAULK: Really?

SARAH DAVIES: I never really got it. I got it on the bar. I got it for the bar. But really it didn't click for me. And yet in my practice for 23 years every single day was about a contract. Go figure.

CORDEL FAULK: I mean, the good thing, people are afraid of the bar, people are scared of the bar but for me it really was the time when you sat down and you put everything together and it was like, oh this is why these 18 things in these four different classes make sense together. This is why we took these classes first year together. And this is why we took these classes first year together.

SARAH DAVIES: I think you're right.

CORDEL FAULK: And I just really understood that at the bar in a way that I didn't early.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, I think that when you start practicing too you start looking back on parts of law school and you think, oh, well that's why that was important. And you really do carry some of that out.

CORDEL FAULK: Correct. So?

SARAH DAVIES: So?

CORDEL FAULK: You did move into practice. So you did big law.

SARAH DAVIES: Yes. I did big law.

CORDEL FAULK: Why? Why did you do big law?

SARAH DAVIES: Well, I went to a smaller market. I went to Philadelphia, which was--

CORDEL FAULK: Is it a smaller market?

SARAH DAVIES: It's a smaller market than DC.

CORDEL FAULK: Other than the two that it's in between.

SARAH DAVIES: Right. So most of my friends went to Washington, New York, or the Pacific Northwest. Because the San Francisco, and Seattle, and Portland were like super popular in 1991. I guess that was like grunge and all that stuff was in. So those were really popular destinations then. But I knew I wasn't a New Yorker. I loved to go to New York and loved to visit New York.

JENNIFER HULVEY: You sound a little like a New Yorker.

SARAH DAVIES: I do. I sound like a New Yorker but I knew--

CORDEL FAULK: You're tough. You could make it in New York.

SARAH DAVIES: Maybe.

CORDEL FAULK: I can visit, I can't live there.

SARAH DAVIES: I'd love to visit. I don't think I could live there.

JENNIFER They all tell me I talk funny.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: [LAUGHS]

SARAH DAVIES: They're lying to you.

[LUAGHTER]

And I like dc but I my mother lived up in New Jersey and so that was near Philadelphia. And I just felt like Philadelphia was a very livable city. And I wanted to try living in a city.

CORDEL FAULK: In the city, not in a suburb. In this city.

SARAH DAVIES: In the city. And I lived in the city for 17 of my 23 years and I loved it. I walked to work every day. I did have a car after my first year practicing but I put less than 5,000 miles a year on my car.

CORDEL FAULK: Interesting, wow.

SARAH DAVIES: Right. I mean, I just I drove it to the grocery store. I was like a little old lady who drives to the grocery store. That's all I did with my car because you can walk everywhere. I did commercial litigation.

CORDEL FAULK: What type?

SARAH DAVIES: So weirdly I was a super fund lawyer.

CORDEL FAULK: I didn't know this.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. So I did and environmental law and all defense and all of our clients had been sued by

EPA. And it started out with municipal landfills that we worked on and then there were some private actions with some chemical plants and things like that. I had no technical background at all. I took chemistry in 10th grade and it was my very last science class I ever took. I did not like it.

CORDEL FAULK: That was my lowest grade in life.

SARAH DAVIES: On the exams. My lowest grade on my exams definitely in chemistry. And so it was really weird that I ended up doing this very science heavy practice. But it was also really interesting because if you a great expert witnesses they can explain the science to you. And that's what we had. And that was terrific. So I did that for several years.

CORDEL FAULK: Did you stay at one firm?

SARAH DAVIES: I stayed at one firm for six years and I did Superfund work there. I did construction litigation. Like, big federal projects mostly. And like turnaround projects for oil refineries things like that. And then some general commercial litigation and some class action work. Which was fascinating. Loved class action work. Then I changed and I went to a smaller firm and it was also in Philadelphia. And smaller but still an Am Law 100 firm. And I was in the commercial litigation department. It had been an insurance based firm around the time that I got there and they were just building out their commercial practice.

And so I was one of the first commercial lawyers that they had. And built that practice out, became partner, became a shareholder.

CORDEL FAULK: Was that your plan? When you when you started at the firm first day did you plan, I want to be a partner?

SARAH DAVIES: You know, when I first--

CORDEL FAULK: Had you thought that far?

SARAH DAVIES: I guess I started with my first firm thinking that I would ideally like to retire from it.

CORDEL FAULK: OK.

SARAH DAVIES: And so the idea of leaving it was really hard. I get very connected to people and places and I was very connected to the firm. And it was a hard decision to go. But once I did that, I looked at the next firm and I said OK so where do I want to be at this firm? And I said, OK. Well, I

want to make partner here. And I kind of decide if I'm going to stay with law I want to really be all the way in.

CORDEL FAULK: Was that a question?

SARAH DAVIES: Yes, it was. I mean, I think a lot of people in their early associate years wonder, do I really want to do this? Should I do this? Are there different avenues I want to take? And I was kind of at a point where I said, do I want to be a lawyer? do I want to-- kind of oddly-- do I want to be a therapist? I mean, that was my other option. I could go back to graduate school and become a psychologist. Because I think it's because I'm nosy and I like to know what's going on with people. And litigators do. We know what motivated you and psychologists seem to do that too. So I kind of thought, well, I'm going to go to the new firm and if I decide I don't like it after a year I'm going to go back to graduate school. And I was in Philadelphia so I figured I'd go to Penn. And you know I'd just go to graduate school.

And then I never even thought about that again because I hit the ground running in my second firm. I got promoted very quickly. They asked me to be the chair of the diversity program. So I did that, then I ran the summer program and we were number one in the country for two of the years that I ran it. Which was awesome. And then I was asked to be the hiring partner and I ran the hiring program for several years. Maybe five or six years. And then I was the administrative partner for the commercial litigation group. And then I was the administrative partner for the firm. So I did all of those things.

CORDEL FAULK: Were you practicing during all of that?

SARAH DAVIES: And I practiced full time.

CORDEL FAULK: How on Earth?

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, it was crazy. It was crazy. I was really busy but it was really fun. And one of the things that was so great was I was able to do the practice, and I was able to try cases, and I was able to do all of these things. I was also getting all of this other side. And it was really about professional development and helping young lawyers succeed and helping young lawyers develop their skills. And I did a lot of the professionalism programming and professional development work with them. And so when this job as the Dean of Students came up--

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah, that's leading into why did you decide to come back.

SARAH DAVIES: You know, I was kind of at a point where I gotten where I had wanted to be.

CORDEL FAULK: You certainly did a lot.

SARAH DAVIES: I did a lot. And I was kind of looking forward like, what do I want the last 15, 20 years of my career to be? And when the Dean of Students opportunity came up here at UVA I was like, wow. Going back to UVA, that's kind of like a dream. That would be such a great job. It was so cool. My husband was totally into moving and it felt like a continuation of the kind of things that I've been doing. And it was doing all that professional development work that I'd been doing with first, second, and third year lawyers I'm now going to do with first, second, and third year law students. And I just kind of dialed it back a few years.

So that's really kind of how that morphed. And I love doing the Dean of Students work. It's a lot of fun.

CORDEL FAULK: Why? So is it what you expected? And what do you aim to do?

SARAH DAVIES: You can't expect--

CORDEL FAULK: You really can't.

SARAH DAVIES: You can't expect what happens.

CORDEL FAULK: Student services.

SARAH DAVIES: You know what? It's a little bit like practice. You never knew when you walked in the door, you thought you knew what you were going to do that day but you didn't know what was going to come up.

CORDEL FAULK: You really don't know five minutes from now.

SARAH DAVIES: No.

CORDEL FAULK: Somebody could burst in here right now and say we need you for x.

SARAH DAVIES: Right.

CORDEL FAULK: You just don't know.

SARAH DAVIES: Right. And but working with students has been just tremendous. They're great. I mean, they're just great. And they really try so hard.

CORDEL FAULK: And they're interesting and they're smart.

SARAH DAVIES: They're all kinds of great. And I work with them when they're at their worst. And they're struggling with something and they need to find a way forward. And I also work with them when they're at their best. Because they come in and they say, look. I made it through this and look at this great result. And you know we celebrate together and that's great. It's been really rewarding.

CORDEL FAULK: The hardest thing for me in doing this job is when we find out somebody is struggling and they haven't told us.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah.

CORDEL FAULK: I feel really bad when somebody is struggling and they don't know I can go talk to Jennifer Hulvey. Or I can go talk to Sara Davies or Ashley Merritt. Because if they have a problem we've seen a lot at this point and we can probably help them through it. But to them they're like, oh, my gosh. This is new. How am I ever going to get through this. I can't get through it. I don't know what I can do.

SARAH DAVIES: Right

CORDEL FAULK: When we really can help. I wish more of them would understand like, no we're here for this. This is part of our job. If you're struggling we can help you. And if we can't help you we can find somebody who can help you.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. I mean, that's absolutely true. And I think that so many times people are afraid to ask.

CORDEL FAULK: They think of anyone struggling.

SARAH DAVIES: They think they're the only ones struggling. And it's kind of ironic that probably 10 people that week have been in my office with exactly the same issue. So they get stuck with that and sometimes they just get stuck but they just don't know what to do so they don't do anything. And that's probably the worst thing to do.

CORDEL FAULK: One of the things that they need to understand is we love solving problems.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, yes.

CORDEL FAULK: We love solving problems and we like solving their problems.

SARAH DAVIES: Right.

CORDEL FAULK: So I hope they understand that so nobody seen they're suffering [INAUDIBLE].

SARAH DAVIES: So ultimately I'm really glad that I didn't become a therapist because what I've realized is that well, I can talk with somebody about their personal problems and I know I can help them work through those. I want to solve the problem and a therapist doesn't do that. A therapist helps you solve your own problem. And I am a lot more directive. Which is what a lawyer does. I see a problem. I see the solution.

CORDEL FAULK: Correct.

SARAH DAVIES: I tell you how you can get from point A to point B. And I think I'm just more suited for that. So good thing I'm not a therapist. All right.

CORDEL FAULK: OK.

SARAH DAVIES: Anything else?

CORDEL FAULK: Well, thank you for-- lots of stuff else.

SARAH DAVIES: That's a lot, sorry.

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah. We're going to we're going to transition now but thank you. I think it's going to be fun for a lot of them to get to know Sarah Davies other than academic counseling. How did she get here?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

How did she get here? And why does she like this?

SARAH DAVIES: You knew I was a damn Yankee.

[LUAGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

I liked hearing the story. That was awesome.

CORDEL FAULK: Well, this podcast is up after folks have paid the first seat deposit. So welcome. Welcome to the Virginia law community we're very excited that we're going to get a chance to welcome you here.

JENNIFER This is also the first podcast we recorded since we became national champions.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: That's right. Oh, that's right. That's right, yes.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, Cordel.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

CORDEL FAULK: I was the one who drug you over there yesterday to welcome the team back.

JENNIFER That's true. That is true.

HULVEY:

SARAH DAVIES: Two of us are double who's here. We know.

JENNIFER Exactly.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: I was very excited.

JENNIFER This is a time for great celebration.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: That's right.

SARAH DAVIES: I was leaving a meeting on main grounds yesterday--

CORDEL FAULK: Yesterday was so much fun.

SARAH DAVIES: It was.

CORDEL FAULK: Everything about it.

SARAH DAVIES: I got stopped on 29 North and-

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, the bus?

SARAH DAVIES: -there were police barricades and the buses were coming. I didn't realize that was what was going on. And so I'm sitting frustrated because I'm stopped by 29 and I don't know why I'm stopped. And all of a sudden this flashing parade of police motorcycle comes down 29 South with the buses following. It was so cool to see. It was really cool.

CORDEL FAULK: It was such a fun day to be here. Everybody was smiling and it was fun and the weather was great.

SARAH DAVIES: But boy, weren't you tired?

CORDEL FAULK: I was so full of adrenaline yesterday I was not. This morning I was tired. I was very tired.

JENNIFER The past couple of days, since this whole tournament really, especially since [INAUDIBLE]

HULVEY:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

CORDEL FAULK: I know, my heart couldn't take another day. Well, so let's talk with them some about our 0Ls, our future 1Ls. Let's talk with them some about things that they should expect at least during the first part of the summer as we transition towards orientation. So from an admission standpoint, our part is pretty easy. We've gotten you guys this far so the things that we need left are we need you guys to remember that you can be multiple committed. You can have a deposit at more than one law school through May 17. After May 17 we do not allow folks to be deposited at more than one school and we're very serious about that. There are some schools that are not serious about that. We are very serious about that here at Virginia.

If somebody has decided they will not be here, we want to have the opportunity to make a list offer from somebody who is desperate to be here. I mean, give them the most time possible to make the decision whether they like to come or not. So May 17 is a big day and we will be in touch. And we will and we'll talk about making a decision at that point. Like I said, we are very serious about that. Our second seat deposit is due on June 3 by 5:00 PM close of business.

JENNIFER Eastern daylight.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: Eastern Daylight Time. We will not be making exceptions. Guys, please remember that. We're

going to send you a lot of reminders. But lawyers need to know deadlines. And one of the deadlines you need to remember is 5:00 PM Eastern Time on June 3. That is when your second seat deposit is due. The other day for us that is important this summer is August 1. We would like you to have your final undergraduate transcript sent to the office of admissions by August 1. It needs to say degree conferred, or final transcript, or something like that so that we can note it is a final transcript. But those are those are the three big days that you need to know from us in the admissions sphere over the next few months. We're not going to let those days go by without getting in touch. So we'll be in touch with you over the summer as those things start to come up. Guys, please remember them.

So we are joined today by Jennifer Hulvey and Dean Davies is still here so we're going to talk through some of the things that you guys will be hearing from the two of them. And I think Mrs. Hulvey has a few things, a few deadlines that she might want to share as well.

JENNIFER Yes, so just tying in to what Dean Faulk was just saying in terms of admissions deadlines.

HULVEY: Several of you have asked us how do I accept my scholarship? And so when you and when you log into our student information system which we affectionately call SIS, when you log into SIS it shows that your scholarships already accepted. And that's just because we assume--

CORDEL FAULK: After you pay the deposit, is that what you're saying?

JENNIFER Anytime they log into SIS after we award the scholarship it shows us the scholarship is

HULVEY: accepted.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

CORDEL FAULK: [INAUDIBLE] OK.

JENNIFER Yes. So that doesn't mean anything. All it means is that our system just-- you have to actively

HULVEY: accept student loans and you don't have to actively accept scholarships. So the way you accept your scholarship is you pay your first seat deposit by 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on April 23.

CORDEL FAULK: 5:00 PM Eastern Tim April 23.

JENNIFER Right. April 23 is that date. And so if you have not paid your deposit by 5:00 PM Eastern

HULVEY: Daylight Time on April 23 then you have given up your seat in the class and you have given up any scholarship offer that was made to you. So we just wanted to be very explicit about that.

CORDEL FAULK: Really clear about that.

JENNIFER HULVEY: Yeah. Exactly. And so we've also gotten some questions in my office about are scholarships conditional on any sort of way? Because we figured our scholarship letter says that you need to maintain a 2.7 GPA and you need to practice good student conduct. Those are not conditional scholarships. If you're not maintaining a 2.7 GPA you can't stay at UVA long. That's the requirement to stay in school here. And what do we mean by good conduct? Don't quote me on this I'm only being recorded in a national podcast.

CORDEL FAULK: With a transcript.

JENNIFER HULVEY: But generally, that means don't get arrested, don't go out and do something really stupid. And so just to be really clear about it, don't fail out of school and don't get arrested is just general good life advice.

CORDEL FAULK: Don't embarrass your family. Don't embarrass the law school. That's good conduct.

JENNIFER HULVEY: So 2.7 and good conduct. So those are two things that I wanted to just emphasize. So I've got some other dates that I think come a little ahead of Dean Davies, but Dean Davies and I are going to talk about some of these things together. So I'll just introduce one more big topic and that is financial literacy. So I did a previous podcast and I think Dean Faulk and I talked about it a little bit on that one, that just counseling here is something that we take really seriously. Particularly, for those of you that are taking on debt to be here. But even for those of you that aren't, we feel very strongly that part of your overall success as an attorney includes you being successful in managing your money. And the fact that you're at some point potentially in the position of advising some other folks about how they should be handling their money.

CORDEL FAULK: Absolutely.

JENNIFER HULVEY: And so we will be, over the summer, asking you to complete online some financial literacy counseling. And so just to give you the name of that it's going to be called MAX, M-A-X. max by AccessLex. AccessLex is an organization that's a nonprofit organization that's been supporting all schools for more than 35 years. They're a wonderful organization and they assist us in doing this financial literacy module. So we'll be sending out at more information to you about that. Be looking for that after the first deposit deadline. But we'll be asking you to do that over the summer.

CORDEL FAULK: And that's really important.

JENNIFER Right.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: I want to emphasize what you said, we think counseling and financial counseling is really very important here. One of the things that you've helped us loss will do is to drive down the amount of debt folks have taken out. And part of that is the financial counseling on financial literacy. We're very series about that and we think it's very important.

JENNIFER We do. And so the financial literacy counseling is going to be for everybody. We're going to

HULVEY: talk about budgeting. We're going talk about managing credit cards. We're going to talk about just overall good financial hygiene.

CORDEL FAULK: That's right it's not just loan counseling.

JENNIFER It's not just loan counseling.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: It's everything.

JENNIFER This is everything.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: Correct.

JENNIFER But for those of you who do take out student loans, we will also be doing a special in-person

HULVEY: group counseling session for you after school starts. Tentatively, that's going to probably be about September 3. You'll get more detail on that later. But that will be specifically for students have student loans. But the summer financial literacy counseling is for everybody.

CORDEL FAULK: And again, we think it's very important.

JENNIFER We do.

HULVEY:

SARAH DAVIES: So then there's going to be a couple of other programs that you're going to be getting from the University. Some training modules you'll get the university. You have to complete them.

CORDEL FAULK: What do you mean have to?

SARAH DAVIES: The university gets really cranky when you don't complete them and they shut down your SIS access--

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, no.

SARAH DAVIES: --and they don't let you register for classes in the second semester if you haven't completed them. So you really need to get them done. You can get all of this done before you even get here. And I highly recommend that you do it.

JENNIFER Highly recommend.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: Highly.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. You're going to be busy once you get here. So doing these modules online now is it good-- or not now but when they're released over the summer is a good idea. There's one training module on Title IX that's required training. The federal government requires us to do that. This is all run by the Central University. And then there's another one on substance abuse and particularly alcohol abuse but also a little bit on some other substance abuse. So those are two things are going to be coming up.

CORDEL FAULK: Substance abuse is particularly important for lawyers. That's something that affects our profession disproportionately. It's something in law school even that we really shouldn't pay attention to and our student should be paying attention to.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah. I mean it really is. And it's a good idea if you've got any kind of problem with substance abuse for you try to get it under control now. And also, if you have friends who are having trouble with it. Just having some resources to be able to help them. I think that's important. So anyway, look for that stuff from the University. You should be getting that. The other thing, and this is something that my office manages, is academic accommodations at the law school. And so if you're a person who has had disability accommodations either in high school or in college or if you had them on LSAT, you probably want to apply to have them in law school.

Every year I've got somebody who decides that they shouldn't apply for them and they should just wait and see what happens in the second semester.

CORDEL FAULK: Not a good idea.

SARAH DAVIES: That's not a good idea. Getting me that information early is a good idea. We can get things put in place but especially--

CORDEL FAULK: What equals early?

SARAH DAVIES: So early, as soon as you do your deposits, your second deposit you can give them--

CORDEL FAULK: So they're welcome as soon as they do their deposit if they know they need accommodations or think, it's OK to be in touch with Dean Davies to talk through what does this look like.

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely. And it's a pretty straightforward process, but you would provide me with the information and we would have our Student Disability Access Center evaluate that information. And then we would communicate any accommodations to you. The really important thing is if you need classroom accommodations like for instance, if you have a disability that requires you to use a laptop rather than hand write notes in class, we want to get that in place before the semester even starts. So the earlier you get me that information, the better.

CORDEL FAULK: And again, that's something like in May is fine to get you that early.

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely. You can get it to me today. If you want to get it to me today that's fine.

CORDEL FAULK: Excellent.

SARAH DAVIES: And so there's that stuff and so getting that out is a good idea. I do want to reiterate one thing about all academic accommodations. It's completely confidential. This is not information that's shared with your professors unless I have to share it with a professor in order to implement it. So for instance, if you require a laptop for use in classroom and the professor doesn't allow a laptop I have to tell the professor that. But your professors will never know that you get extra time. We also don't advise the bar of that and we don't advise your employers of that. That is for you to do if you choose to. If you choose to seek accommodations on the bar you're most of the time going to need a letter from me and I provide those regularly.

CORDEL FAULK: And that's again something that you do early?

SARAH DAVIES: Yes. You should do that early in your third year. And then the other thing you should be aware of is if you had done prior psycho educational testing, if that testing is old and you think you're going to need any kind of accommodation on the bar exam you want to plan for at some point during your law school, you're most likely going to need to update that paperwork. But we can

talk about all of that when you get to school or over the summer. But get those requests in early because that's better to get them in early.

CORDEL FAULK: And again reiterating, this is something that they are welcome to do over the summer.

SARAH DAVIES: And welcome to do actually right now. Because the Student Disability Access Center is busy during the exam period but then they get quiet and we can get things processed.

CORDEL FAULK: This is easier to do in June than it is in December.

SARAH DAVIES: You can't do it in December. You're too late.

CORDEL FAULK: Right.

SARAH DAVIES: If you ask for accommodations for the first time in December you're too late and you're going to have to wait until the next semester.

CORDEL FAULK: Let's avoid that.

SARAH DAVIES: Let's avoid that. The other thing that you're going to need to do in advance of getting here if you can, is getting your student ID arranged. And there are a couple of steps that. You need to set up your NetBadge. And you probably heard of NetBadge before? You get your UVA computing ID, and you get your campus ID, and you get your sis number, and you get all of that stuff. You need that information in order to set up your student ID. And you can send in a photo rather than coming here and running into the ID office and having a picture taken. You can pick a picture that you like better and send it in to the ID office. And they take them up until I think, like mid July-ish. We'll send you information about that. But if you get that in then you will have a picture that you like on your ID.

So just so you know, your ID picture is used on every seating chart for all three years of law school. This is not the-- like you can't skip getting a student ID. You have to get a student ID. You can't get into the building on weekends if you don't have it. You can't use the gym. You can't check out an exam. So you need to have your student ID. So might as well have a picture of you like. You need to think about parking. We have parking around the law school. You don't have to do that yet but that's going to be something you want to do in August. And then their student health insurance, which I think Ms. Hulvey wants to talk a little bit about too.

JENNIFER I do. And also, just a note on the parking I'm your financial aid director, I care about your

HULVEY: expenses. You have to pay to park here. And there are cheaper lots and more expensive lots. And there are also apartments that are within walking distance of the law school. And if you park at your apartment and walk to the law school you don't have to pay a park at the law school. It's a great little bit of economy. Just throwing that out there, doing my job. I also give lectures on making coffee. Just in case you all were wondering about that too. OK.

So student health insurance. So here at the University everyone is required to be covered by student health insurance. And you have to prove every year that you are here that you are covered by a student health insurance policy or health insurance policy that is acceptable to the guidelines laid out by university. So we call that a hard waiver process or insurance waiver process. And Dean Davies and I cannot tell you if your health insurance meets the university's guidelines. We literally cannot tell you that. So on July 15 the university's student health insurance site will open for the online waiver process. And you will submit proof of insurance including responding to some details about your policy or including a copy of your policy depending on how complicated that gets via the waiver site. And then they will be able to tell you whether or not your policy meets the university's requirements.

If it does, awesome. You are waived from having to have any additional insurance. If it does not meet the university's guidelines then they may require you to purchase the university insurance or some other type of comparable insurance that does meet those guidelines. So the university see insurance this year, we do offer a University Health insurance plan through Aetna. It's going to cost \$2,814. I am announcing that for the first time on this podcast. \$2,814. That has actually gone down a little bit from last year policy, a few dollars from last year. So you can submit your waiver, just to reiterate, as early as July 15. You must submit it no later than August 30. August 30 is the last day that you can submit it. So between July 15 and August 30 you need to submit that.

CORDEL FAULK: Mrs. Hulvey, what are the consequences if a student does not submit that?

JENNIFER HULVEY: If you do not submit that you will be charged or the University Health insurance policy. And you will be enrolled by the university in the health insurance policy. And it'll show up on your bill. So yeah, get that done. Don't miss attending to that. You're also going to be required-- I mentioned this for those of you that came to our administrative open house weekend-- you're going to be required to submit a copy of your immunizations to the university. And that needs to be done by August 31. And if you do not submit those by August 31, in the fall term you're going to get charged \$100 late fee. And then by spring, if you still don't have them in you won't

be allowed to stay in classes for the spring term if you haven't submitted that. So the university feels strongly about that because it's a matter of public health.

SARAH DAVIES: The only other thing I want to mention is that the insurance policy, if you do decide to take the UVA insurance policy it runs from August 15 of 2019 to August 14 of 2020.

JENNIFER That's right. That's right.

HULVEY:

SARAH DAVIES: So I will cover you over most of the summer next summer.

JENNIFER I also want to just mention billing. I want to mention billing. So your fall 2019 term bill is going to be available to you on July 22. So on July 22, your bill does not go out in a paper form. We do electronic billing only. So on July 22, you can log into SIS and you will scroll down under the finances section of SIS and there will be a link there for you to log into UVAPay. And you UVAPay is where you can see your bill and it is also where you can pay your bill. Your bill is going to be due by August 21, which is also the first day of 1L classes. And I think Dean Davies is going to talk about that more in a bit. And so August 21, is the day your bill's due. Financial aid disperses on August 19. And so I think we're going to maybe do another podcast later in the summer and do a deeper dive into some of this.

But just as an FYI, every year if you contact me and say hey, can I get my financial aid earlier than August 19? And the answer to that is no. August 19 is a day aid disburses and that is a federally controlled deadline.

CORDEL FAULK: So what does that mean people need to plan for from me actually over the summer?

JENNIFER Cordel, I'm so glad that you asked me that question.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: It's like we've discussed this before.

JENNIFER It's almost like we've done this before. So you need to plan to come to school in August and have a little cash. Right? This summer is a great time to have a summer job and earn some money or save up over the summer. Because when you come in the fall you need to be prepared to set up your apartment, maybe get that first bag of groceries or two, have a little spending money to get you basically through--

CORDEL FAULK: Books.

JENNIFER Books. If you have financial aid you can charge books on your student account.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: That is great information.

JENNIFER You can charge books on your student account. But you need to have money to get you

HULVEY: through to September 1. Because by the time your financial aid disperses and you get a living expense refund if that's part of your financial aid package, you're going to be almost to the 1st of September. So come with some money to get you to get you through August.

SARAH DAVIES: So August is like really fun because--

CORDEL FAULK: It really is.

SARAH DAVIES: --then we get to be really going. So my office runs orientation.

CORDEL FAULK: May I ask you a question?

SARAH DAVIES: Yes.

CORDEL FAULK: When will they find out about sections?

SARAH DAVIES: So everybody wants to know about a sections.

CORDEL FAULK: Yes, ma'am. Because you're spending months splitting these up into sections.

SARAH DAVIES: Well.

[LIAGHTER]

CORDEL FAULK: That is not true.

SARAH DAVIES: Actually, yeah, it's not true. And my office doesn't actually even do it.

CORDEL FAULK: Right.

SARAH DAVIES: So you will know what section you're in by August 16. And if it could be a few days earlier that might be possible. But it will be no later than August 16.

CORDEL FAULK: And they are random so we often get the question-- they're calling us, I'm sure we're calling

you and asking, well, you know I'd like to be in section x because the dean is teaching this class. Or my roommate is in this section can we be in the same section? And the answer to that is, no.

SARAH DAVIES: Right. I mean, it might turn out that way.

CORDEL FAULK: It might turn out that way but it would have to just be fortuitous.

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely. Right. So I want to tell you about one program that we're running that runs the week before orientation, and that's called Community Fellows. We will be sending out some more information about Community Fellows to you all. And it's an a program you have to apply for and we take 30 students. And we bring them in for three days before orientation and we do a lot of work on community building. We do some personal growth work with them. And then we do some work on negotiation skills and talking around difference. And it's a real opportunity for this 30 person cohort to really bond together before the rest of the class comes. And then the Community Fellows are dispersed around the class as well. So if you're not a community Fellow you will have community Fellows are in your section.

It's a great program. This is our third year doing it there's a lot of time you get to spend with the dean. And you get to spend with the dean of students on main grounds, Allen Groves and all of the student services groups. So it's a really terrific program. We really enjoy running it. And you will see some information about how to apply for that coming out probably-- I would say early June you'll probably be getting that material out to you. For orientation itself, so we run orientation starting on August 16, which is a Friday. That's and optional--

FEMALE Is it optional?

SPEAKER:

SARAH DAVIES: That day is optional.

CORDEL FAULK: That day. That day.

SARAH DAVIES: That day is optional.

CORDEL FAULK: One day.

SARAH DAVIES: That's the only day that's-- well, there are two days are optional. So that day is optional. And we typically do things around like what is this law school academic experience going to be

like? And we introduce you to the various subjects that you're going to be taking. And it's really great for people who are like me who didn't have family members who were lawyers.

CORDEL FAULK: Kind of demystify it a little bit.

SARAH DAVIES: A little bit. Like, what the heck is a cold call and is it really going to be as bad as in *Legally Blonde*, which the answer is no.

CORDEL FAULK: What is a Tort?

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, I thought a Tort honestly, I thought it was a pastry. And it was terrible. But it's not a pastry, by the way.

CORDEL FAULK: It is a pastry but the class isn't-- [LAUGHS]

SARAH DAVIES: So anyway that's our optional day. And we're going to be sending you out a survey and you're going to tell us if you're coming to the optional day or not. The other thing that we have that's also optional is on that Sunday afternoon the 18th, we have a picnic and it's a time for you to meet your peer advisors. And your peer advisors are second and third year students who will act as mentors for you during the entire school year. So that's an opportunity to do that.

CORDEL FAULK: We did a podcast with Molly Kane.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, did you?

CORDEL FAULK: She talked about it a little bit.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, that's great. Yeah, Molly is going to be one of our co-chairs. And then mandatory orientation is on August 19. You have to come to that. If you don't come to that Cordel will--

CORDEL FAULK: That is problematic.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah.

FEMALE And you have to be here at 8:00.

SPEAKER:

SARAH DAVIES: Correct.

FEMALE 9:00? When does it start?

SPEAKER:

SARAH DAVIES: We start the program at 9:30. But you have to check in before that.

CORDEL FAULK: You have to check in. Right. And again, that's one of those things we are serious about.

FEMALE Correct.

SPEAKER:

CORDEL FAULK: Mandatory orientation is indeed mandatory.

FEMALE Plan your flights, plan your trains, car drives accordingly.

SPEAKER:

CORDEL FAULK: We are not joking. And it's just not a good idea to move in that day.

FEMALE No.

SPEAKER:

SARAH DAVIES: Right. It's really not possible. You're going to miss too much. And so really the orientation days, and I would include the optional day, and the picnic on Sunday they really are kind of important days for getting to know your classmates and getting to get comfortable here in this new place. And so if you can make it for those things I think that's best. Whatever you do don't try to move in during orientation. That's just going to be a mess. You're going to miss things that you shouldn't be missing and you're required to be here for. So you don't want to miss that.

CORDEL FAULK: We can tell you with pretty much certainty, you will regret it if you try [INAUDIBLE]--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely.

CORDEL FAULK: --during orientation.

SARAH DAVIES: And then we spend a lot of time in the second day of orientation in really trying to facilitate opportunities for you to meet other people who might have similar interests. So we do some activities with all of you and we connect you with student groups. And we connect you with each other. And that day is also required for first year students. And I think everybody really loves that day. So we try to be as interactive as possible. We try to give you as much

information as possible. But then we also give you the afternoon off on the 20th, because you've got to prepare for the next day and crazily you have to read a lot of cases before you start on the 21st.

CORDEL FAULK: There's no syllabus day. Like, you start.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, you start.

CORDEL FAULK: How many asks you? Ms. Merit, tell me the facts of--

FEMALE That was my first class.

SPEAKER:

CORDEL FAULK: That's right. Tell me the facts of it.

FEMALE It was my first high school class.

SPEAKER:

SARAH DAVIES: And I was the first person called on in my section in my Torts class. I thought it was a pastry.
[INAUDIBLE]

[LAUGHTER]

And I will tell you that when you do your first days reading you'll think, I'm never going to be able to get through this because it takes me so long to read this. It gets easier. But it's really hard at first. So anyway, that that's orientation.

CORDEL FAULK: And that's OK. It's hard for everybody. It's not just you. And everybody thinks it's just me. It's not just you, it's every single person in the class. And it's every single person that's ever done this.

SARAH DAVIES: Absolutely. And after you've been doing it for three weeks you'll be an old pro. So watch for a survey because we've got a survey that's going to come out asking you about your preferences and what you want to get done.

JENNIFER HULVEY: Yeah. So I was just going to add, if we've all now completely terrified you at trying to keep up with all of these dates, and all of these deadlines, and all of the stuff that's coming up you're going to get a couple of big communications from me and from Dean Davies and from a couple other places around the law school. But we try to give you a pretty good summary

documents. So one that's going to come out for me is basically an everything financially administratively necessary. And I know you're going to look at it say, too long, don't read. It's like a five page thing. But I promise you it starts with just a calendar on the front of everything you need to do and when you need to do it by. And if you read through that document and you follow what it says, you're going to have ticked all the boxes you need to tick administratively coming in.

CORDEL FAULK: And we're begging you to save that.

JENNIFER HULVEY: Yeah, please save that. That one's important and it does have dates for the whole academic year. Just things you need to do by this time. The other mailing that will come out from my office is specific to veterans. So if you are a student veterans specifically, I am your liaison here at the law school for Veterans Matters and you'll get a separate mailing for me with paperwork requirements in it. And just some things that you need to do to get your paperwork done for the VA and for the university as a student veteran. So if you have any questions about that, by all means, reach out to me. I'd love to hear from you and if you don't get that document from me about the same time money matters letter goes out, please be in touch and say, hey, I'm a veteran. I didn't hear from you. Because that may mean that somehow you didn't get on my list.

CORDEL FAULK: And again that's one of those populations once they've paid their deposit they are welcome to get in touch with Mrs. Hulvey.

JENNIFER HULVEY: Welcome to get in touch.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: What do I need to do? Hear my questions.

JENNIFER HULVEY: I'd Love to hear from you.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: Right.

JENNIFER HULVEY: You can email me directly or you can always email financialaid@lawopportunity.edu and that email will get will get to me promptly. And then Dean Davies is going to also be sending out communications that have sort of these lists in them as well.

SARAH DAVIES: Right. And like I said we'll send out a survey to get your personal preferences. Also one of the

things we're going to be asking for-- because we feed you a lot--

CORDEL FAULK: A Lot. A lot.

JENNIFER We like food.

HULVEY:

CORDEL FAULK: Yes.

SARAH DAVIES: We enjoy our snacking.

CORDEL FAULK: We eat before this podcast. We're snacking during this podcast.

SARAH DAVIES: Yeah, absolutely. And I have been told that the nickname for my office is the snack office.

CORDEL FAULK: Lisa's the dean of snacks apparently.

SARAH DAVIES: Yes, my assistant is the dean of snacks. So one of the things that we do ask you to tell us is if you have food allergies or food limitations. Because we certainly don't want anybody to have trouble with the food that we're serving. So that's really important if you have one of those issues that you let us know that. And you'll have an opportunity to do that on the survey. And obviously, if anybody has any questions or any concerns, or they're worried about something we're here all summer you can call. We're happy to talk with you. We'd like to talk to you. I will say the one question that I get almost every summer what is that calls me and says, what should I be reading to prepare for law school? And they tell me that they have read *One L of a Year*, and they've read *Getting to Maybe*, and they've read all of these other law school prep books.

So I'm going to tell you that you can read those if you want to but they're not going to make any sense to you until you have some context to put them in. So until you go to law school classes, I think it's really hard to get a lot out of those books. And you might just freak yourself out because you don't have any context for them. So I don't know that they're really all that valuable at this point for you. No, you don't have to do a whole bunch of prep work. You do not have to read a casebook about constitutional law or whatever. I mean, and I've heard all kinds of stuff in my time here. What you should really do is enjoy yourself, enjoy your friends, spend time with your family and your friends. Do the things that are important to you. Be well rested, be healthy, be happy, and just be ready to be here with an open mind. And we'll take care of the rest.

CORDEL FAULK: That's right. We're excited to take care of the rest. We're excited. So when will they get emailed?

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, yeah. So you get you can get email after you've set up your NetBadge. I think that's right. And so one thing about your email is come around July 1, we're going to send you an email and it will go to your alternative email not your UVA email. Although, it might also go to your UVA email. And it's going to say, this is the last time we're going to communicate with you to your non-UVA email. And we kind of mean that.

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah, we do.

SARAH DAVIES: So your UVA email is your communication email of preference. We require you to look at that one. We're not going to be emailing you on your Gmail account, et cetera. So you need to be paying attention to your UVA email. And so the sooner you get that setup the better. And check it. Check it every day. I know sometimes email becomes overwhelming. That happens to me too, I get too many emails.

CORDEL FAULK: It happens as a lawyer.

SARAH DAVIES: Oh, yeah.

CORDEL FAULK: That's part of the profession.

SARAH DAVIES: It absolutely, I mean we all get tons of email. So but check it every day and just get used to doing that because you're going to get a lot of important information that way. So make sure you're checking it. And if you're not getting emails on your UVA email address that means that you've got a spam filter stuck somewhere. So what I usually do is when I send something to the entire class on your UVA email I will also post at the same time in the Facebook page and I will say, I have just sent this to the entire class. If you see it on Facebook and you didn't get an email, you got a problem with your email and we need to figure that out. So you should contact me right away. And I might just connect to the IT department. And they're great and they can work with you. But we also may be able to just figure it out.

CORDEL FAULK: Fabulous.

SARAH DAVIES: OK.

CORDEL FAULK: This is so amazing. We're so excited for you guys to get here. If you need anything be in touch

with any of us. We're here to help you with your problems. And once you get here like I said, do not struggle in silence. If you have a problem come and talk to one of us or one of our colleagues and we can help you through it.

JENNIFER We are the friendliest most helpful people and we want to be your friend and help you.

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