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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 Schooled*, we talked to Drew Calamaro, from a class of 2021. That's right. Drew will give us the full, uncensored story of how his first year is going.

He tells us about how his passion for politics turned into a decision to go to law school. He also talks about his experiences getting into law school, and then realizing how he might not have time for every awesome club that UVA Law offers. But he's going to try. Up next.

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So thank you for joining us for the podcast today.

DREW I'm excited.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Very good. Very good. Very good. Drew, I will let you introduce yourself.

DREW Yeah. My name is Drew Calamaro. I'm from Philadelphia. I am 24-years-old. I like long walks

CALAMARO: on the beach.

CORDEL FAULK: [LAUGHS] You would not believe the number of ways I've said your last name.

DREW Oh, really?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yes.

DREW How do you usually say it?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So I've gone through-- I went through a Calamaro phase.

DREW OK. That's most of the people.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: [LAUGHS]

DREW And that's-- I sometimes hear that from my family, too. It depends.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Do you really?

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Really? There's, of course, calamari.

DREW There's calamari.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: There's that phase, as well.

DREW I have an O at the end of my name.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yes.

DREW So there's no I.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Correct. It makes no sense. It makes no sense.

DREW It makes zero sense.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: It makes no sense.

DREW But, I mean, it means the same thing.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Does it?

DREW I'm assuming. I think that's what my last name means, is squid.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So I'm being educated.

DREW Yeah. Yeah. I mean--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I'm being educated.

DREW Yeah. I'm Italian, after all. So--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Very good.

DREW So, yeah, and no one really mispronounces Faulk.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: No, I'm pretty-- I'm pretty lucky. So sometimes people say a word that can't be said on TV mistakenly.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: But-- but no. I don't get-- I don't get many-- yeah, I don't get many--

DREW [LAUGHS] I don't get many mistakes on the name, on the name.

CALAMARO:

DREW All right. All right.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So, Drew, you are a 1L. So let's start by-- let's start by talking about who is Drew-- see? I tell you. I almost said Calamaro. No, that was right.

DREW Yeah. That's totally fine.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Calamaro was right. I got it right.

DREW Calamaro was fine, yeah. So I--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Calaramo I should not say.

DREW Calaramo? Oh, my goodness.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah.

DREW Oh, wow.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I've gone through that phase, too.

DREW You've done that, too?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I've gone through that phase, too.

DREW All right.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Right, right.

DREW So I guess to answer more fully, to get us back on track, to answer more fully, I guess the

CALAMARO: question is sort of like, why am I here too?

CORDEL FAULK: No, we'll get to that.

DREW Oh, we'll get to that?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: We'll get to that.

DREW OK.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So we'll just start off who are you. So before you submitted the application, let's talk about who Drew was up through that point.

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah. So like I said, I'm from Philly. I'm a huge Eagles fan. I'm a big golfer. I'm a middle child, so I have a chip on my shoulder. [LAUGHS]

CORDEL FAULK: That's right. And you're from Philly, so yeah.

DREW Yeah. Yeah. And I'm from Philly, so that's probably the biggest contributor.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah.

DREW But I went to the University of Maryland. [LAUGHS] I went to Maryland. And, you know, I-- my

CALAMARO: parents, I got really interested in politics from my parents.

CORDEL FAULK: OK.

DREW And, obviously, everyone loves politics. It's all anyone can talk about. Yeah, everyone loves

CALAMARO: and hates it. It stinks. But yeah, so I went to Maryland. Go Terps. And I majored in finance. But I was still super interested in politics and the law and so I would intern on The Hill. I actually interned for a corrupt congressman and he resigned out of the blue. And he resigned on television. Didn't tell his staff.

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, really?

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Like, whoa. Yeah. Wow I didn't know about that.

DREW Robin Andrews, it's on record.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, yeah?

DREW And so the dude was from Camden and he used campaign funds to fly his family out to

CALAMARO: Scotland and put them up in the Ritz. And so the staff gave us bingo boards with crook in Scotland on it and all that. And we would egg on constituents to say the words and whoever got bingo as an intern got a free lunch.

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, my God. Did you you ever win?

DREW That's on record now. No, I didn't. I came in second. So it still bothers me. Anyway, so I'll

CALAMARO: always remember that. Yes, I was interning on The Hill and I interned for another congressman too. And then I interned at Politico and that was amazing. So that kind of fed my interest in law school in general and I'd always sort of had in the back of my mind that's what I

wanted to do. And I wanted to go into politics I thought. And so times change and you go and you start working. And I worked in Baltimore for two years in finance and you realize that-- I did that specifically because I want to make sure that this was something that I wanted to do. And I want to live my life a little bit as well. And I also think important--

CORDEL FAULK: It's smart. It's smart.

DREW Yeah. I think it's just very important to have that perspective and to just make sure that you at
CALAMARO: least find out what you don't like. Not that I didn't like it but I just realized it wasn't for me. But yeah, so I was living in Baltimore for a couple years and by the time I applied I'd I've been working for two years and-- yeah, I guess the rest is history. Now I'm here.

CORDEL FAULK: OK. Let's get to the core question of the podcast. You had good options, why did you choose Virginia?

DREW Yeah, so I had--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: You chose pretty quickly.

DREW Well, OK.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: You surprised me with how quickly you chose.

DREW So I chose pretty much right away. And actually I was lucky enough to-- when I was working in
CALAMARO: Baltimore one of my really good friends from work, his name's Marc, he is a 2L this year and so he was talking UVA up left and right. And I would ask him how is it, and he would just only say good things. And I thought I was lying. It's like what are you talking about? It's like, nothing is ever this good. And anyway, after talking to you and just, like-- and I came and visited.

CORDEL FAULK: Came and visited, yeah.

DREW That was fantastic and it just seemed like it was a great place to be for three years where you
CALAMARO: could really make a home out of it. So that's what I was really excited about. And yeah, and I think those two things, my friend, and then your great represented of the school.

CORDEL FAULK: Stop.

DREW You're a great salesperson for this school.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: No. That's the thing is like, no sales. Like, we purposely don't do any sales.

DREW Yeah. But just by being you. It's the fact that you're just this energetic, really nice, funny

CALAMARO: person and so it meant a lot.

CORDEL FAULK: Honestly, for us we really think what we're doing is, we think we're introducing people to the Virginia law community. So we're going through the applications, we're finding people that we think are good fits, and then we're introducing them in this. And the folks who think it's a good fit they join us. And the one who don't, don't apply.

DREW And look I had other options but this was this was like-- and they were all in the top 10 also. I

CALAMARO: had a couple other top 10 schools but I was just absolutely sold on this as soon as I came.

And so I think that usually your first instinct is probably correct for most things. And so if you think that you're not going to like a job don't take it.

CORDEL FAULK: Right. I agree.

DREW If you're very unsure about something and you're trying to find reasons not to do that thing,

CALAMARO: then it's pride best you just don't do it, even though it might seem like the right decision. So I think that this was just very instinctual and it paid off.

CORDEL FAULK: So, Drew, you are 1L.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So I'm going to ask you a question that we get all the time. We have a corporate answer to this but you've just gone through it so I want to see what your answer to it is. What should somebody do during the summer before law school to get prepared for law school?

DREW Nothing. Absolutely nothing.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: He was completely unprepped on that. That is our answer too. It is our answer too.

DREW There is a book out there it is called *The Road To Maybe* or something.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah, *Getting To Maybe*. Yeah.

DREW I heard about that and then also *1L of a Ride*. That was another book. Don't buy those books.

CALAMARO: It is the greatest cottage industry for those two authors of all time. Every law student buys it. It is a waste of money, from what I hear. Those two authors just probably got super rich off of that. And it basically just tells you to find your own way and work hard. And that's basically what it is. And look, I think that as a working person you kind of know how to work hard and are. So you also know the value of having-- so I quit my job in the beginning in June and I knew that I'm never going to have two months straight right doing nothing.

CORDEL FAULK: Don't sit around worrying about something that's going to happen in August, we'll turn you into a lawyer after orientation. Like, go to the beach.

DREW I sat by the pool and for two months I did nothing. It was great. I missed that still. I'm never

CALAMARO: going that again.

CORDEL FAULK: It doesn't happen again. Third year is close. But no, seriously, you don't have that again. So we don't want people worrying.

DREW Go be with your family.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Exactly.

DREW Go hang out, be present. Don't read a book, you're going to read way too much.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: No. Read for pleasure. Read for pleasure.

DREW I wouldn't suggest that.

CALAMARO:

[LAUGHTER]

No. Don't do anything.

[LAUGHTER]

CORDEL FAULK: So you're now in your second semester as a 1L.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So looking back on that first semester, which is truly-- I don't think it's the most difficult semester, but it's certainly the most stressful semester. What advice do you have for somebody who's going into the most stressful semester of law school after having immediately just finished it?

DREW I think that it is shocking to a lot of people. And I don't think that really hits you until after

CALAMARO: Thanksgiving. But once you get past Thanks-- So basically, they tell you this but they say work hard in the beginning of the semester. But a lot of the semester is back-loaded.

CORDEL FAULK: So there is no better time to be a law student than September.

DREW Correct.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: September is amazing. It's just like there are no test. You just have to be able to talk a little bit in class. You're getting to know the people. There are like events every day.

DREW There are events every day.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: It's amazing.

DREW They're selling you on so many different clubs you can do and you're like, wow--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: This is great!

DREW There's all these organizations I can participate in life. 1L, fall year. That's absolutely not the

CALAMARO: case.

CORDEL FAULK: Well, that's not true.

[LAUGHTER]

DREW All right. It's not in the way you want to so I can assuming if you're a prospective law student,

CALAMARO: you're pretty much a type A person for the most part. And every club that I did personally I was always on the board. I was always either running it or helping to run it. And you're always just in the thick of things. You can't do that, your first year at law school. You can't help in a significant way that you might want to, the extent that you want to. And so I think that just understand that. They're great ways to meet people and you should actually go to as many-- that's what I did. You should absolutely go to as many events as you can for things. I personally did Lambda, Lonestar Lawyers and--

CORDEL FAULK: Lonestar Lawyers?

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

INTERVIEWER 2: Can you explain what each of those are?

DREW Lambda is the LGBTQ+ Association. So i was a part of that.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Wait, what? Lonestar Lawyers is for lawyers who want to work in Texas?

DREW Correct.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I didn't know you wanted to work in Texas.

DREW Well, you sold Texas too to me.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Oh, yeah. I have. No income tax, no state income tax, the cost of living's super low. They pay market. So yeah, actually I'm pretty good at selling Texas.

DREW You're very good at selling Texas.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I don't even remember ever doing it but I know I did it.

DREW You absolutely did. We were in the car you're talking about it, it's great. I was like, Oh, my. OK.

CALAMARO: So I did Lonestar Lawyers. Still a part of it. And I'm part of emerging companies and venture capital. And it's so important to get integrated in those types of clubs that you're interested in

because those are the contacts that you're going to have for a very long time. And they also help set you up with mentors even outside of the school. And so that's what Lambda it to me and Lonestar Lawyers I think of that as well. And so they're great ways to build your connections in and outside of the law school.

So yes, going back though. At the beginning of this semester you think, Oh, I'm going to help run this thing.

CORDEL FAULK: Not 1L.

DREW Yeah, 1L.

CALAMARO:

INTERVIEWER 2: Some try.

CORDEL FAULK: No, not a good idea.

DREW Yeah. And so I think the important thing to remember in 1L it is all about you're smart enough

CALAMARO: to do it, it is all about how hard you work. And it is very much like the LSAT. The LSAT, for most people, is a function of how hard they work. And obviously, at the end of the curve you have the geniuses who get the 180's. But for the most part, if you kill-- I mean I killed myself for that thing. And so I think that it's important to remember you still have to do that going forward into 1L. Just try your damndest. So I think just be prepared to work hard and be prepared to feel like you don't belong but just remember that everybody feels the same way. Everyone has its share of imposter syndrome.

CORDEL FAULK: It's not real.

DREW Yeah. It's not real.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Right

DREW And everybody feels the same way and then it makes you realize that no, you're fine. And so

CALAMARO: just be prepared to work hard.

CORDEL FAULK: OK. I want to ask you questions that we get a lot. So one, what is your favorite part of being in Virginia Law?

DREW Oh is that? All right, so everyone's going to say the people.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Correct. That's where everyone goes.

DREW So I'll say just that's the baseline, is the people. They're fantastic. Yeah, they're just fantastic

CALAMARO: throughout. Your time here, I think the professors are unbelievably impressive. And it's very motivating to want to do well because of who you have as a professor.

CORDEL FAULK: Wait. You tell the story of your property professor. That was amazing. That was amazing.

DREW So you have professors from all walks of life. And I have a property professor who is

CALAMARO: absolutely fantastic. She's so funny. And at the very first class she said, I am super organized.

CORDEL FAULK: And she is.

DREW And she is. You can tell in that first class but there's 80 people in his class she's never met and

CALAMARO: she has us write out index cards of who we are, where we're from and our interests. And keep in mind you also have your university e-mail but she didn't ask you to include that. And that night after class she e-mailed every single person a personalized e-mail just saying I'm excited to have you here. I'm interested in xyz. I said I was an Eagles fan. I hate the Patriots because she said she loves the Patriots.

CORDEL FAULK: Yes, she does love the Patriots.

DREW She said I hope this doesn't become a sticking point between us but it might. It was great. And

CALAMARO: her credentials are just impeccable and she's just-- And that's everything single professor.

CORDEL FAULK: That's amazing.

DREW Yeah I mean that was extraordinary what she did. But you have like a murderer's row of

CALAMARO: professors that they're there at UVA for a reason. And they're so accomplished. And you can go to them for just about any question and they'll have an interesting perspective on it. So I think that's pretty cool and yes, so I think the people are fantastic. They're all so nice and personable. You're going to find your friends somewhere. And the professors are amazing too.

CORDEL FAULK: So then we did this a lot. What's your least favorite part of like at Virginia Law?

DREW Of life at Virginia Law?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yes.

DREW It is hard to--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: This is a hard question for me. This one's really hard for me.

DREW I think the toughest part for me was adjusting to the schedule of academia. You go from

CALAMARO: working environment where you're just used to getting up at 6:00 every day then all of a sudden your body is so capable of switching back to the college hours. It's disgusting. And you start eating like a disgusting human. I had McDonald's for the first time in two years. I came back and one of the first things I had was McDonald's. So you have to find a way to stay healthy. Just try to stay healthy as much as you can. Go run. Go exercise. Go to work out.

This semester that's one of the big goals is making sure I'm waking up very early and going to bed at a reasonable time.

CORDEL FAULK: What is reasonable?

DREW 12:00.

CALAMARO:

[LAUGHTER]

Is that not reasonable?

CORDEL FAULK: What time were you going to bed?

DREW I mean I was going to bed at like 2:00 or 3:00.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Really?

DREW Yeah. My schedule was so screwed up. And I'm not a big sleeper, I sleep like five to six hours.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yeah, I do about six hours a night.

DREW Yeah. So I wake up at 8:00 go to bed at 2:00. But I'm trying to get 12:00 to 6:00 is like my

CALAMARO: golden time. What time do you go to bed at?

CORDEL FAULK: I get up early because I like to go to the gym early. Because one of the secrets of being at the University of Virginia is, the gyms are not crowded first thing in the morning.

DREW No. Go to the gym in the morning.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Then I'll go to the gym in the morning. So I get there when the gym opens. So I get up really early.

DREW You get up at like 5:00 then.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I get up about 5:00. Oh, gosh. I hope people aren't at the gym now. I know they're handing me their application.

DREW It opens at 5:30, meet him by the door at North Grounds gym or whatever gym.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So I go to bed early because I want to get up to be there early.

DREW Yeah. I've been try to hit that 5:30 time in the past few days and I keep missing it.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: You are unmolested at the gym if you get there that early. Is it so great.

DREW It is so packed after 9 o'clock. But yeah, that's my biggest suggestion is you're going to

CALAMARO: deteriorate so much. And your biggest goal is in the beginning of this semester to get as healthy as you can see you can just prepare yourself for the last month, which is just a bonanza of studying. You just can't help it. That's just how life works in general. It's usually peaks and valleys.

CORDEL FAULK: OK. So this is our Super Bowl edition. So we haven't talked about the Super Bowl last year. So you are an Eagles fan and I'm a Patriots fan. So I interviewed you, was it the week of the Super Bowl?

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I think it was the week of the Super Bowl.

DREW And Cordel graciously e-mailed me--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Wait. We'll get to that. We'll get to that. We'll get to that because I want to tell the story of how that happened.

DREW OK.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I'm going to tell the story of how that happened. So we're sitting there, I'm so excited for the Super Bowl. So now I'm a giant Patriots fan, my best friends are giant Patriots fan, so we're so excited for this. We're getting ready for it. So I'm interviewing Drew and I'm excited about it. So we're doing this on Skype.

DREW I want to see-- yeah, this is so interesting. So you never told me that.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So Skype pops up, and drew pops up, and then there's this giant Eagles poster behind you.

DREW Was that right behind me?

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Yes, it was right behind you. And I was like, oh.

DREW OK.

CALAMARO:

[LAUGHTER]

Oh, man. OK.

CORDEL FAULK: So, yeah. So I think right before I told you I admitted you I think I said I'm going to be magnanimous and admit you before I tell you I'm a Patriots fan.

DREW OK. That was amazing. Oh, man.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: So then the game happened and I'm getting furious during this game. Especially at the end of

it. I was utterly and completely furious at the end of that game. And I was like, OK. I need to I need to take this anger and I need to do something productive with it. I need to find an Eagles fan and I need to do something really nice for an Eagles fan right now, otherwise, I'm going to go to hell for the amount of anger I feel right now. So that was why I was like, OK, Drew. I interviewed Drew, he had this Eagles poster behind him. I'm going to e-mail drew right now and I'm going to tell Drew congratulations. And that will make me not be a bad human being because I'm going to do something nice for and Eagles fan.

[LAUGHTER]

DREW So after I got that e-mail I was like, holy hell.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Because it was like midnight that I sent that e-mail.

DREW It was. I got and I was like, Oh, my God. And so I texted my buddy. I texted my friend, Mark

CALAMARO: and I'm like, Mark, Cordel e-mailed me congratulations at like 12:00 at night. He's like, dude, Cordel is always putting in the hours, man. So he wants you. And I like, all right. So that's what sold me is like things that you do like that is like it's--

CORDEL FAULK: Sitting there stewing in anger.

DREW Yeah. Just being able to see past your deficiency as Patriots fan.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: This is this is your this is your opportunity to say terrible things about the Patriots.

DREW No. I'm not going to because I wish Tom Brady the very best. I don't hope that he breaks his

CALAMARO: leg during the championship.

[LAUGHTER]

CORDEL FAULK: I think this is the reverse jinx.

DREW I don't hope the team plane crashes. And I don't wish bad things on him. I don't hope Gisele

CALAMARO: leaves him for a richer man than her.

CORDEL FAULK: Wait. There are two things that people need to know about you. One, you are a giant Eagles fan.

DREW I am a huge Eagles fan.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: The other, so when you came to visit, Tiger was playing. Tiger was winning. You are a gigantic Tiger fan. I have never seen anybody in my life as big a fan of an athlete as you are of Tiger Woods.

DREW Yeah. It's a problem.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I don't think it's a problem. I think it's interesting. I cannot watch Tiger Woods without thinking about you now.

DREW Yeah. I relate everything back to Tiger. just everything. Just his ability to focus. I think like, Oh,

CALAMARO: I got to focus like Tiger. Just everything. It's a problem. And I think that he's the best of all time, he's the greatest of all time. So I enjoy it. I'm a golfer so I enjoy watching him.

CORDEL FAULK: This might go up before the Super Bowl, but it's probably going to go up after. So are you brave enough to do a prediction on who will win the Super Bowl?

DREW Yeah. Patriots are going to win.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: This is a reverse jinx.

DREW It's not a reverse jinx.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: It is. I should not have done this.

DREW I mean the Saints should have been in the Super Bowl.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: The Saints should have been the Super Bowl.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: That was the worst no call I ever seen.

DREW It was a really bad no call. Although, Colin Cowherd, who I usually can't stand, he stinks but he

CALAMARO: had a good point. He was saying that there's so many other missed calls.

CORDEL FAULK: That's true.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: And like, if you're a good team, you shouldn't let it get to that point. But that was really bad.

DREW It was very bad.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Were you watching the game when this happened?

DREW I watched the end. I watched the end and I saw the no call. It was just there.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: When you saw that no call what did you think?

DREW I was like, Oh God. That's terrible.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: I know. I thought the exact same thing. And I'm not good with that. But that I was like, Oh my, God that's terrible.

DREW Now don't get me wrong, I'm rooting for LA. And also I'm happy they beat the Saints because

CALAMARO: the Saints beats Eagles.

CORDEL FAULK: I was going to give you an opportunity to say that.

DREW So I don't how the Saints to win anymore after they beat us. Yeah, so anyways--

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Eagles, Tiger Woods.

DREW Eagles, Tiger Woods. Patriots are going to win.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: This is a reverse jinx.

DREW It is not a reverse jinx. Not winking right now.

CALAMARO:

[LAUGHTER]

CORDEL FAULK: No. You genuinely weren't but in your heart you were.

DREW But I think that going back to the interview it's important to be genuine. It's important to make

CALAMARO: sure you're relaxed and make sure that you're-- just don't try to be someone you're not and just remember that everybody here is very conversational. They're part of the UVA ethos which is just be nice. Everyone's so nice and supportive.

CORDEL FAULK: The key word is authenticity.

DREW Yeah.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Just be authentic during the interview. That's what we're looking for. We're looking for somebody who knows who they are and that can easily be presented in the end of the day.

DREW Have a good reason why you want UVA.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: We do ask that.

DREW And that's just standard for any sort of interview you do. You have a good reason. And make

CALAMARO: sure that's something that's true to you. Just don't make anything up because it's pretty easy to see through that type of thing. So yeah, just be genuine. You're going to be just fine.

CORDEL FAULK: All right.

DREW All right. Sounds good.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Drew, thank you for joining us.

DREW Thank you, Cordel.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: All right. No problem.

DREW I appreciate it.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: All right.

DREW I'm going to go eat lunch now.

CALAMARO:

CORDEL FAULK: Go study.

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