



**Remarks of 2019 Class Gift Chairs
Jessica Choi '19 and Patrick Waldrop '19
Marie-Marie de Fays '19 LL.M. and Rishabh Devan Parikh '19 LL.M.
Columbia Law Graduation
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Jessica: Good evening. My name is Jessica Choi. This year, along with Marie-Marie de Fays, Rish Parikh, and Patrick Waldrop, I had the honor of serving as co-chair of the 2019 Graduation Class Gift Campaign.

Patrick: Graduating from an institution like Columbia Law School carries an immense responsibility. It's a responsibility to give back to our communities and to our whole world. It's a responsibility to give back via our time, our knowledge, our advocacy, and our leadership, and of course, monetarily.

The class gift is about all of our class putting aside any petty differences and coming together as a class to honor that responsibility by giving back together to the institution that made us into the people that get to walk across this stage today.

Jessica: Today, we are proud to announce that 72 percent percent of the graduating class contributed to the class gift.

Patrick: Please join me in giving an extra special thank you to all 53 of my classmates who decided to volunteer, to donate time, to help make this happen, and to the nearly 550 students that donated to the Class Gift. Thank you.

Marie: Good afternoon everyone. My name is Marie-Marie de Fays. It was an honor to represent the LL.M. Class of 2019 along with Rishabh Devan Parikh. We feel privileged being part of this amazing international community that has formed among our classmates among as LL.M.s. The Class Gift was a great way to show our appreciation and our gratitude for this unforgettable year here at Columbia Law School.

Rishabh: As Patrick said, we are proud to commit ourselves in this long-standing tradition of giving back to the Law School. We would like to thank all students, and especially those people who did not expect to contribute towards this: parents and student loans.

It is with great enthusiasm that we present to you this scroll, to Dean Lester. This scroll consists of the names of the 535 students who contributed. Thank you for all of your support and leadership.