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Shelley Wu '23 and Ilona Ehrlich '23 Selected as 2023 Recipients of Mark Whitlock Scholarship



Cardozo School of Law is pleased to announce Shelley Wu '23 and Ilona Ehrlich '23 as the 2023 recipients of the Mark Whitlock Scholarship.

The Whitlock Scholarship was established by the friends and family of Mark Whitlock '10, who passed away from brain cancer while he was a student at Cardozo. The Whitlock family created this scholarship to celebrate Mark's joyous spirit and vitality. It is awarded to outstanding third-year J.D. students who, through individual effort, energy, spirit and initiative, contribute to and/or expand and strengthen student life and community at Cardozo. This year, for the first time, there are two scholarship recipients.

Ilona Ehrlich is a member of the Divorce Mediation Clinic, the Student Bar Association (SBA) as a 1L Senator and Executive Board member, as the President of the Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA). She also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition Honor Society where she has dedicated countless hours to practices, building relationships with the team, and creating a new competition, the Cardozo Invitational Negotiation on Entertainment, Media, and Art Competition (CINEMA). According to her peers, she has a deep passion for community and mentorship and was called a "bright light in our class all three years."

Shelley Wu has served in numerous leadership positions on campus, including as Academic Chair of Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), where she hosted programming dedicated to supporting 1L APALSA members adjust to law school, as Treasurer of If/When/How, as Co-Coordinator for the Courtroom Advocates Project, as Student Leader for the Asian American Bar Association (AABANY), and as a Gates Scholars Ambassador. She is also the Submissions Editor and Podcast Editor for Cardozo Law Review and Co-President of the Cardozo Mentorship Program. She is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus, with one of her nominators saying that she "truly wants to do the best for Cardozo students and the legal community as a whole."

Jennifer Kim, Dean of Students, said, "Both Ilona and Shelley have clearly demonstrated characteristics identified by this scholarship and it has been an absolute privilege and joy getting to know them throughout their time here at Cardozo."