

2022 Young Alumna of the Year | Ebony Morris (with audio description)

Transcript: 2022 Alumnus of the Year | Ebony Morris (with audio description)

Video Duration: 2:57

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[upbeat pop music]

[Drone shots of Southeastern's campus.]

[00:00:04:43]

[Ebony Morris]:

Southeastern stands for humility.

Southeastern stands for being forward thinking.

Southeastern stands for excellence.

And, I come from excellence.

[00:00:21:48]

[upbeat pop music]

[Text on-screen: "Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Awards, October 7th, 2022."]

[Text on-screen: "2022 Young Alumna of the Year Ebony Morris, Attorney, Phelps Dunbar."]

[with a photo of Morris.]

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[Ebony Morris]:

I majored in political science, and I pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Those women that I really, really admired just watching them on the campus, and so to become a member of that organization was definitely one of my proudest moments.

[00:00;53;35]

[upbeat pop music]

[00:00;55;34]

[Ebony Morris]:

The analytical skills that Dr. Peter Petrakis and Dr. Ronald Traylor definitely prepared me for law school.

They were professors who challenged their students.

They were professors who used the Socratic method that's often used in law school.

So, they wanted you to speak up.

They wanted you to give feedback.

And just having that experience prepared me, not just for the law school, but prepared me for becoming an attorney, as an advocate for my clients.

[00:01;25;10]

[upbeat pop music]

[00:01;27;25]

[Ebony Morris]:

It is important to me to be involved in the community and to pay it forward.

[00:01;32;42]

[upbeat pop music]

[Martinet logo with text on-screen: "Balancing Justice, Effecting Change, Martinet Greater New Orleans Chapter."]

[Photo of Martinet Board members.]

[00:01;43;07]

[Ebony Morris]:

I'm the President of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, and that is the minority Bar Association out of New Orleans.

It's also an affiliate of the National Bar Association.

And, as the president I get to oversee a lot of community projects.

One of those projects is a mock trial camp, which is geared toward mentoring middle school students who are interested in practicing law.

[00:02:09;16]

[upbeat pop music]

[Photo of Morris with three women at Women's Equity event.]

[00:02:13;28]

[Ebony Morris]:

I think that God placed us all here, to give back, to help one another.

And, it's something that I live by every day.

[00:02:21;39]

[upbeat pop music]

[Drone shot of Southeastern's University Center with letters spelling Southeastern.]

[00:02:26;21]

[Ebony Morris]:

Southeastern gave so much to me, not just with an education, but with the mentors and with the friendships that I gained along the way.

Southeastern really played a huge part in my success as an attorney now.

[00:02:40;05]

[upbeat pop music fades]

[The Southeastern shield logo appears with the text: "Southeastern Louisiana University."]

[Text fades into "Alumni Southeastern Louisiana University."]

[Credits slide, music provided by Envato.com, additional photography provided by Ebony Morris.]