# Digital Storytelling in Advancement

**AALS - 2024** 

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"Storytelling is your most powerful invite."

- Me



In Advancement, we don't have to tell the WHOLE story...

We can leverage the brand story to

CONNECT...

INSPIRE...

ACTIVATE...

Our alumni and donors.

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#### A GOOD STORY ISN'T ENOUGH



- You need a strategy!
- Start with the why.
- Craft key messages.
- Prioritize stories and communications that illustrate those key messages.

## What is your WHY?

#### WHY-DRIVEN STORYTELLING IN ADVANCEMENT:

What do you stand for as a Law School? At this College or University?

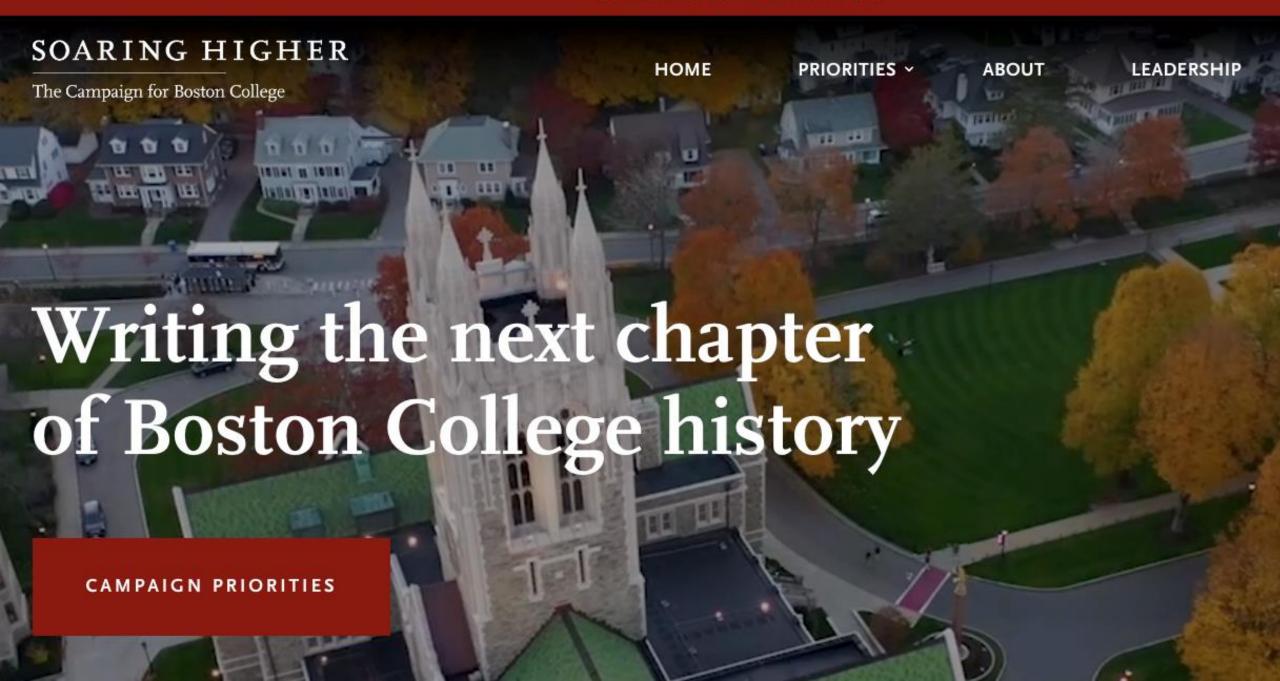
What do you seek? What's your "something bigger?"

Why does it matter to your alumni and donors?

How can they be a part of it?



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#### SOARING HIGHER

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BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

#### Service and Scholarship

Nearly every problem the world faces today is informed by law, and Boston College Law School provides students with the tools and the guidance to face tomorrow's most important legal questions in an ethical fashion. BC Law develops dynamic leaders, litigators, negotiators, and problem solvers. Its cutting-edge curriculum, dedicated faculty, and expansive experiential learning opportunities are built upon the Jesuit, Catholic values of discernment and care for the whole person. And its small classes and close-knit community are among the qualities that make it truly special.

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#### For the Next 100 Years

As it approaches its landmark 100th anniversary in 2029, BC Law is a school on the move. The community is energized and active, and its markers of excellence are rising rapidly. A cohort of dynamic newcomers has joined the faculty. But there are significant needs in areas of student financial support, academics, and campus life that will impact the Law School's ability to build upon its strengths and amplify its growing reputation.

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#### Why does it matter?



"We need a legal profession that's not only well trained to fiercely advocate for particular client views, but also one that understands the need to ask the deeper ethical and moral questions. It is such an important part of what a law school is or should be, certainly what BC Law School is and needs to be going forward."

—Odette Lienau, Inaugural Marianne D. Short, Esq., Dean and Professor of Law

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Soaring Higher: the Campaign for Boston College aims to raise \$100 million for BC Law's centennial and cement its legacy for the next one hundred years—an ambitious effort to write the next chapter in the Law School's history and impact future generations of students called to use the law to serve others.

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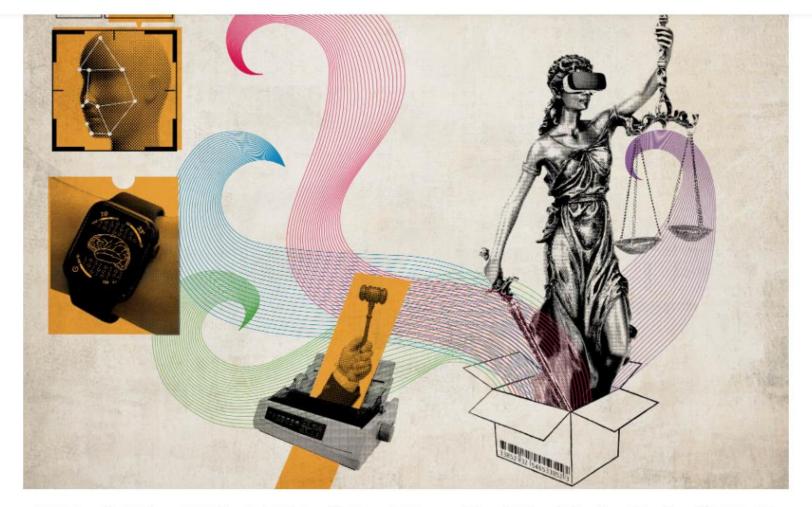
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WHAT YOU DO





#### THE FUTURE OF RIGHTS

AI and algorithmically-based applications may help solve humanity's most pressing problems. But they also come with



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#### **Events and Ideas**

In case you missed them, here are some NYU Law events, podcasts, and stories we think you'll find interesting.

#### Watch Video from NYU Law Events

See more NYU Law events on our YouTube channel.



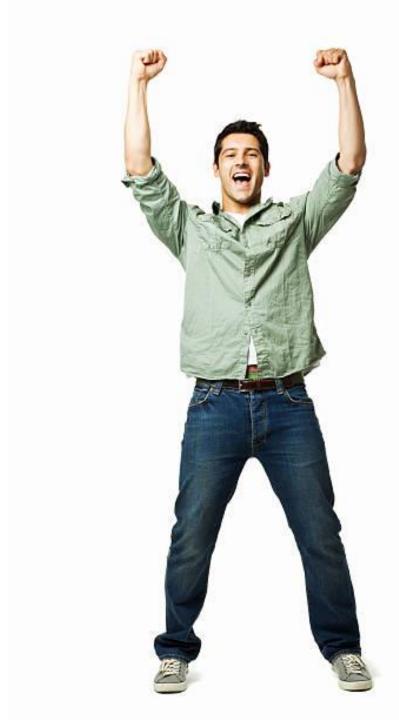
The Derrick Bell Lecture on Race in American Society, presented by Jasmine Gonzales Rose



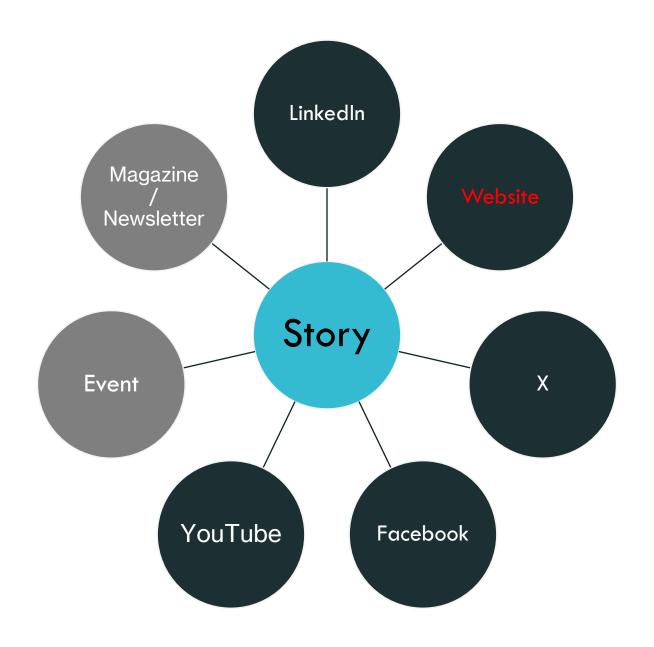
The James Madison Lecture, presented by Judge James A. Wynn Jr.

### Effective storytelling helps you earn the right to make an ask.

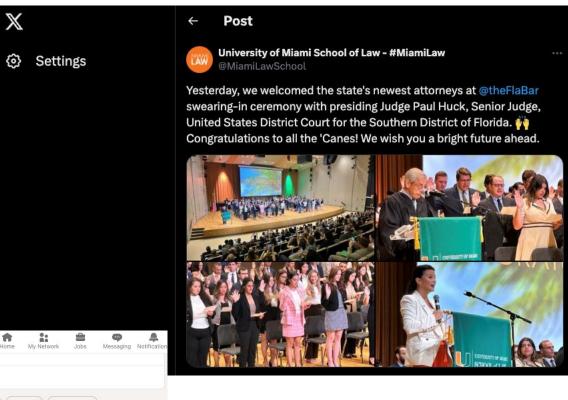


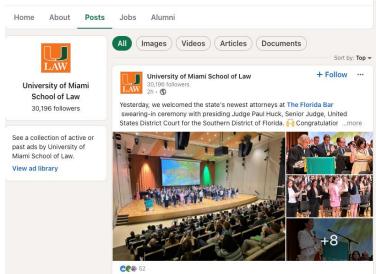












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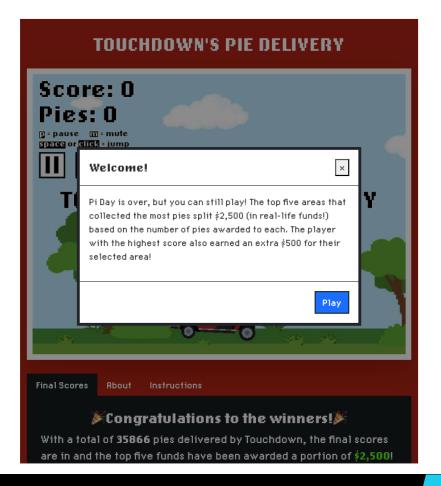
#### Thank you for making Giving Day 2024 a Big Red success! 🎉

In just 24 hours, you and your Cornell community have changed the future of Cornell—and the world. Your gifts have changed the lives of students, made a difference for the causes you're passionate about, and created new opportunities for the areas of Cornell you love. Thank you! Even though Cornell Giving Day is over, you can still do the greatest good by making a gift today or any day.

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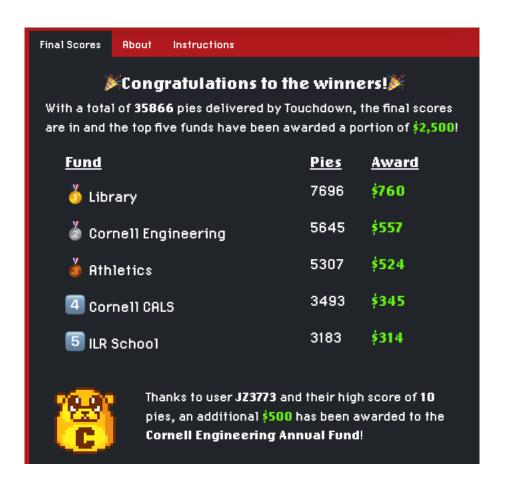
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Helping us talk WITH him, not AT him.

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