

## Audio Transcript, Stop 2: Across Community

Welcome. My name is Warren and I have worked at Northwestern School of Law for 12 years. To me, Northwestern School of Law means a place of peace of mind and comfort, and a place where you feel loved and welcomed. You don't have to know people by their first name, or personally know them. It's just the atmosphere that you come into, once you come in here, and they show concern and consideration.

You're looking at a tall metal sculpture placed on top of a rectangular bench. The sculpture has a forked base that meet at the top and continue upward. Its texture is rough and pebbled. This shape is commonly known as a wishbone. In many cultures, wishbones are considered lucky. I've been under it so many times when I first started working here. It was something we used to just stand back and also make wishes as employees down here.

Local Chicago artist Christopher Gentner made this wishbone while working in the studio of renowned sculptor Richard Hunt, a fellow Chicagoan whose work can be seen through the window to your left. Hunt's sculpture is called "Why?", and it was donated by the Ruttenberg Art Foundation in 1974.

The Ruttenberg Art Foundation later donated the wishbone sculpture, hoping to start a new tradition at the law school. They intended graduating students together at the sculpture to make wishes for their future. At their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>, class reunion, the wishes would be returned to the student to see which wishes came true.

The school ultimately did not take on the tradition, but there's no reason we can't make a wish together now.

As you stand before this sculpture. Take a moment to pause.

Consider the journey that leads you here, and the responsibility and privilege of being part of an elite university community.

Take a moment to reflect on how you can use your past experience to make positive changes in the world.

Then with hope in your heart, make a wish for the future.

Let your wishes be guided by the principle of justice and integrity, knowing that your aspirations have the potential to shape our community indelibly

My wish is that we will be at a better place of respecting each other and having consideration and love for each other as a whole.

Northwestern does have a way of supporting you. Just knowing that you here on a daily basis and words get out about if you have went to any type of life on life terms. Tragic. And the support is without a doubt remarkable from everyone. And it's definitely a supportive atmosphere, a place to be.

The tour will continue outside of Lincoln Hall on the first floor of Levy Meyer. Please do not enter the hall if a class is in session.