

Med Student Expelled Right Before Graduation for Pro-Life Stance Sues University

A former University of Louisville Medical School student has sued the school, alleging he was expelled just months before graduation over his pro-life views.

The Daily Wire reports Austin Clark filed a lawsuit against the university's President Neeli Bendapudi and 13 other staff members arguing that the school condoned "demeaning and harassing behavior" and expelled him due to his pro-life views in July of 2020.

Clark, a fourth-year medical student and conservative Christian, was on the leadership board of his Medical Students for Life group. He alleges that the school's actions were retaliatory after repeated testy conversations with the school's faculty.

He claims the school's vindictive response can be traced back to the hosting of a pro-life speaking event in 2018, according to the pro-life group Students for Life.

The lawsuit claims the school attempted to prevent Alex McFarland, a Christian speaker, from making a presentation on the subject of when human life actually begins. Many of the school's faculty and students were opposed to the event, which led to the religious rights law firm Alliance Defending Freedom becoming involved.

According to the lawsuit, a professor allegedly called Clark "stupid" and even questioned the way his "brain was working."

The former student's lawsuit claims that such comments are often "directed toward medical students and trainees ...

behavior that is particularly hostile against religious and conservative students.”

The suit also alleges that following the campus speaking event, instructors began to treat Clark differently. Allegations range from academic punishment to claims of physical harassment which led to a decline in the former student’s mental health, according to *The Daily Wire*. {eo}

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