

Young Alumni Profile:

Daniel Conlon L'14

Home: Ben Avon, Pa. with wife, Katie, and two children (Ava, 5, and Axel, 2).

I am not a native Pittsburgher—I was born in Chicago, Ill. and grew up in San Miguel de Allende, a small town in rural Mexico from age 2-19 before moving back to Chicago for college in 2002.

Education: My K-12 years were spent at Instituto Juan Gutenberg, a bilingual private school run by my parents in my hometown of San Miguel de Allende. My parents equipped me with the tools I needed to move to the United States, where I pursued my B.A. in political science from North Park University in Chicago. After college, I spent a few years working on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., followed by a career in executive-level sales. My interest in law was always in the back of my mind and eventually drove me to risk going back to school to pursue my J.D. at Duquesne Law in 2011.

Employment: I am an attorney at Tucker Arensberg, P.C., where I advise municipalities and local elected officials on a wide range of legal issues. My practice also includes advising hospitality clients (restaurants, breweries, bars and hotels). In addition, I am honored to provide legal counsel to the Latino Community Center and the Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation on a pro bono basis.

Favorite book: *On Mexican Time* by Tony Cohan (a novel that takes place in my hometown, San Miguel de Allende, and captures the charm and beauty of colonial Mexico).

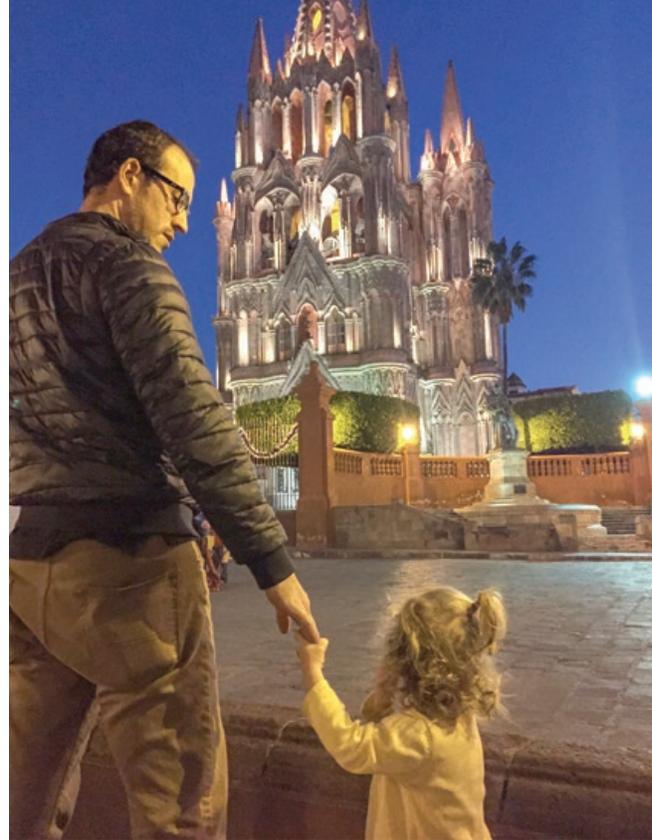
What you are currently watching: *The Circus*, Showtime

Words you live by: “Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece.”
Philippians 4:13

What inspires you: People I work with who give their time to serve Latino families in Pittsburgh. It is incredible to see the impact it has had and the way they are building bridges to communities that were isolated from many services and educational opportunities in the past.

You are board president of the Latino Community Center (LCC). Why is this group important to you?

Hispanics are the fastest growing minority group in Pittsburgh, but they are also one of the most underrepresented and underserved. In today's political climate, it is easy to feel righteously angry at injustices like family separation policies and “build-a-wall” rhetoric. What many do not realize is that there are neighbors right here in Pittsburgh who we can immediately help with everyday support services.



Conlon with daughter Ava in San Miguel de Allende.

At the LCC, we are mentoring elementary school students at our after-school program at Beechwood Elementary School, letting high school seniors know that a college education is an attainable option for them, and connecting individuals experiencing trauma from crossing the border with free legal and mental health resources. These are the real, tangible things that we are doing to help immigrants right now in our own hometown.

What might surprise people to know about the Pittsburgh Latino community? Knowing how large and diverse the Latino community in Pittsburgh is. There is a vibrant Hispanic culture in Pittsburgh, made up of people from all over Latin America, representing many different incomes, backgrounds and languages.

How has your legal education at Duquesne affected your career and community engagement?

Duquesne Law equipped me with a solid knowledge of the law and an extensive network of colleagues who I can connect with organizations like the Latino Community Center and the Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation. The Law School's seal, “Salus Populi Suprema Lex,” continues to inspire me to use my legal skills to help the community.

How would you describe the value of a Duquesne University School of Law education?

For someone practicing in Pittsburgh, a Duquesne Law education holds a lot of weight. Although I am not originally from Pittsburgh, the connections I have made at Duquesne have helped me build a strong hometown network and be able to call Pittsburgh “home.”