Alan and Edwin Dillaby always have been close, but their bond as brothers reached new heights when they graduated together from the University in May.

“It is an honor to be graduating with my brother,” said Alan, staff assistant in the Public Management Office, who graduated cum laude with a BSBA in accounting. “I would be in a very different place if it weren’t for his insight.”

Said Edwin: “Graduating with my brother is something very special that not many siblings get to do.” Edwin, senior coordinator in the Human Resources Office, graduated summa cum laude with a BSBA degree in management. “I feel that working and attending school together has kept us even closer.”

Edwin will continue in the Sawyer Business School’s MBA program, beginning this summer. Alan plans to apply to the school’s Masters in Accounting program, with the goal of becoming a CPA.

There was more “brotherly love” at commencement, as Christopher and David DiGuardia received master’s degrees in Communication and Journalism and Mental Health Counseling, respectively.

Christopher, who also earned his undergraduate degree in Communication and Journalism from Suffolk, and David are the sons of Bob DiGuardia, a longtime Suffolk employee who has two Suffolk degrees, and his wife, Mary, who has three.

“Suffolk University has been part of my family since I came here in 1973,” said Bob, director of applications in the Information Technology Services Department. “My boys have literally grown up here, walking the halls of Suffolk since childhood. We are all grateful to Suffolk for the many opportunities it has afforded us.”

Camille A. Nelson to Become Law School Dean

Distinguished legal scholar Camille A. Nelson has been named dean of the Law School, effective Sept. 1.

“Camille Nelson joins us in sharing a longstanding conviction that the potential for excellence is unlocked when doors are opened to people of ability from all backgrounds and circumstances, and I am confident that she will continue the Law School’s mission of opportunity,” said President David J. Sargent. “She is committed to public service and the pursuit of social justice, and we expect that the Law School will flourish through her energy, collaborative leadership style and vision.”

Nelson most recently was a professor of law at Hofstra University School of Law. She earned her law degree at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law and a master of laws from Columbia Law School.

“Suffolk University Law School is an incredible place, and I am honored to be joining its ranks,” said Nelson. “It is a community of engaged scholars, dedicated teachers, involved alumni, hard-working professionals and exceptional students.”

Erika Gebo, Sociology, was awarded two grants from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security to help Massachusetts communities address youth and gang violence.

Gordon King, Facilities Planning and Management, participated in “The Creative Band-Aid,” a panel discussion on the improvement of campus facilities in this fiscally constrained era, at the 31st annual No Name Conference hosted by the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was invited by Tsoi/Kobus & Associates, the designers of the Suffolk University Law School, Sawyer Library and 73 Tremont Café. The facilities planning conference brings together more than 100 college and university administrators, designers and builders to share ideas, best practices, trends and current issues related to the design, construction and management of higher education campuses.

Suffolk University will host the conference May 15–17, 2011.

Sebastián Royo, associate dean of the college and director of the Madrid campus, presented “La Crisis Global y el Futuro del Capitalismo” at the XXXV International Spring Colloquium of Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) and at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City. The lectures were organized by the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. At UNAM, Royo was interviewed on the radio for Macroeconomia Magazine and Radiorama. He also was interviewed by León Krauze of Televisa’s *En Vivo* in Mexico City and by Noticias Univisión-Nueva Inglaterra, a nightly Spanish news station for New England.

Sean Solley, Interior Design, presented a paper “The Second Oldest Profession” at the Design Principles and Practices conference hosted by Common Ground Publishing and the University of Illinois in Chicago. The lecture can be seen in two parts on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-ESiWoaDwo and www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQxr4quCLmU.

President David J. Sargent meets Kaia Lynne Gatlin on her first campus visit. Kaia was born April 20, 2010, weighing in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Dad Greg Gatlin, director of Public Affairs, mother Erica and sister Emilee couldn’t be happier.

New Faces

Please welcome our newest employees:

Christine Adams, Marketing Services
Richard Arnold, Health & Wellness Services
Jessica Bonzek, Law Career Development
Amy Dumouchel, Sawyer Library
Catherine Emmons, Advancement
Christine Haigh, Rappaport Center, Law School
Kelsey McGuffie, Public Management
Wanda Rodriguez, Law Clinical Programs
Emily Shaer, Public Management
Alexa Simeone, Orientation and New Student Programs
Alicia Vinal, Health Administration

Faculty Publications

Edward Bander, Law librarian emeritus, has published *The Hidden History of Essex Law School*, a fictional novel about a law librarian who writes two centennial histories of the law school, the real one and the one the dean asks him to write. (Trafford, 2010). Since his retirement in 1990, Bander has written two plays with his daughter, Lida Bander, *The Lottery and The Test*. He is currently working on a play about people in assisted living.

Adam Glesser, Mathematics. His article “Control of transfer and weak closure in fusion systems” with Antonio Díaz, Nadia Mazza and Sejong Park was published in *J. Algebra* 323, 2010, no. 2, 382–392.

Erika Gebo and Carolyn Boyes-Watson, Sociology. Their article “Reconceptualizing Organizational Change in the Comprehensive Gang Model” with Sayra Pinto Wilson was published in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, June 2010.

Donald Levitan, retired professor of public administration, has published *The Massachusetts Millennium* (Alrain Books).


What’s Old is New Again

Workers painstakingly reassemble the restored marble, sandstone and brownstone components of the historic Modern Theatre facade. The grand arch, rebuilt from the refurbished original stones, is anchored by the careful placement of the keystone. Next up is the marble slab engraved with the Modern Theatre name. The facade restoration is the centerpiece of a Suffolk University project that will create a new downtown residence hall, theater and gallery, to open in fall 2010. (Photos by Renee DeKona)

Artwork Bodes Well for New Building

With guidance from artist Gowri Savoor, students received an experiential lesson in Indian culture by creating a rangoli, one of the most popular art forms in India, inside the lobby of the Donahue Building.

“I wanted my students to understand how folk traditions in India continue to exist today and how an Eastern tradition and cultural memory can be transplanted to Western ground and still be meaningful,” said Afshan Bokhari, assistant professor of Art History at the New England School of Art and Design, who invited Savoor to campus.

In India, rangolis are commonly created outside homes to consecrate ground and to ensure prosperity and success. The Suffolk rangoli was meant to bless the 20 Somerset St. site of the planned New England School of Art & Design and “to ensure the future building’s successful completion and longevity,” said Bokhari.
Annamaria Mueller, alumni relations assistant at Suffolk University Law School, received her BA in Sociology, graduating alongside her daughter, Kimberly Cambria, who earned a BS in Sociology, with a Crime and Justice track.

Nearly two years ago to the day, also in the Bank of America Pavilion, Mueller received an associate’s degree with her daughter, Melissa Cambria, who received a BSBA degree.

“My daughter, Melissa, and I made a pact a few years ago that we would graduate at the same time,” said Mueller. “Like the first time with Melissa, Kimberly and I also had a plan to graduate together this year. It was a lot of time and hard work, but it’s all worth it in the end.”

Suffolk University and Suffolk University Law School awarded degrees to a total of 2,461 students at commencement exercises on Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23.

Cory A. Booker, mayor of Newark, N.J., addressed Law School graduates, and the commencement speaker for the undergraduate ceremony was Dr. Paul Farmer, who has devoted his life to treating impoverished patients in Haiti and other underdeveloped nations.

Wycliffe “Wyc” Grousbeck managing partner, governor and CEO of the Boston Celtics, addressed the Sawyer School of Business graduate commencement.

Suffolk University alumna Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, professor of Medicine and vice dean of Community Affairs & Health Policy at Tulane University School of Medicine, addressed those receiving advanced degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences.
Assistant Dean of the College Sharon Lenzie and family with daughter Laura Liberge and son Brian Liberge of Information Technology Services.

Public Management’s Erin McLaughlin.

Joshua Magararu of Mail Services.

Vice Presidents Francis X. Flannery, Janice C. Griffith, Marguerite J. Dennis and John A. Nucci; Provost Barry Brown, Chairman Andrew C. Meyer, Jr., Mayor Cory Booker, President Sargent and Vice President Chris Mosher.

Vice President/General Counsel Paul Lyons and Vice President Nancy Stoll.

Lt. Ramon Nunez and Chief John Pagliarulo.

Interim Law Dean Bernard V. Keenan.
Employee Graduates
James Alexander, BS
Kristen Bourque, Certificate, Paralegal Studies
Laura Chapman, BSBA
Edwin Dillaby, BSBA
Alan Dillaby, BSBA
Loren Doucette, MED
Leah Doxtader, MSA
Mishell Fortes, MBA
Erica Lewis-Bowen, MSCJ
Joshua Magararu, MSCJ
Erin McLaughlin, MSCJS/MPA
Annamaria Mueller, BA
Jill Pierce, MS
Lark Rissetto, MA

Laura Chapman of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service and family.

Mishell Fortes of Law School Support Services.

Bob DiGuardia of Information Technology Services and his wife, Mary, with sons David and Christopher.

Students Migline Pierre, Philvie Daniel and Stephanie Bonbon, all of whom hail from Haiti, with Dr. Paul Farmer.

Kenneth Feinberg accepts honorary law degree from President David J. Sargent.
Erica Lewis-Bowen of Graduate Admission.

Chairman of the Board Andrew C. Meyer, Jr., Mayor Cory Booker, student speaker Jasmine Ortiz and President Sargent.

Dean Kenneth S. Greenberg and honorary degree recipient Charles Burnett at the Summa Dinner.

Dr. Karen L. Bollinger-DeSalvo and President Sargent.

The Hon. Bernice Donald receives honorary law degree.

Boston Celtics CEO Wycliffe “Wyc” Grousbeck and Dean William J. O’Neill, Jr.
Suffolk University became SO FIT University from March 29 through April 27 during the second annual Wellness Challenge for employees and students. The 30-day challenge is a program created and co-sponsored by the offices of Health & Wellness Services and Human Resources.

The SO FIT challenge focuses not on physical health alone; it is based on “finding balance” in health and wellness. The challenge uses the traditional model of wellness, which incorporates social, intellectual, physical, spiritual, emotional and environmental wellness as a framework.

SO FIT participants formed teams of faculty/staff, students or a combination; filled out weekly wellness score sheets; and submitted them to the SO FIT team captains for scorekeeping. Points were accrued for a range of health and wellness activities, such as exercising, recycling, healthy eating, limiting caffeine, and more. At the end of the 30 days, a luncheon was held for participants, with awards and prizes for the top scores in each team category.

A large part of the SO FIT challenge was participation in designated wellness events. Many events were hosted or sponsored by departments on campus, demonstrating that if we think about wellness in a holistic framework, we have many campus resources to help us find our balance.

Some highlights of the SO FIT programs were: Mindfulness Meditations (Interfaith Center), Build-A Lunch Workshop (Health & Wellness), Service Day (S.O.U.L.S.), Creativity as Self-Care (Counseling Center), Laughing Your Way to Wellness (Dr. Sushil Bhatia) and Fun Food Facts with Trader Joe’s (Human Resources).

More than twice as many employees participated in the challenge this year: 239 people completed all 30 days of the challenge this year, compared to 102 in 2009. Individual participants logged an average of 60 points per week by attending wellness activities, working out, and generally being balanced and healthy, compared to last year’s 58-points-per-week average.

The winners of the 2010 SO FIT Challenge were:

- Faculty/Staff: Team SUPD (Sgt. Betty Sanes, Mikhail Ilin, Dhan Shrestha, Capt. Michael Ryan)
- Student: Team Da RAs (Arianna Gulbus, Mike DiCairano, Sarah Veaotor, TJ Golden, Stephanie Zito)
- Combination: Team Grad Admissions (Judy Reynolds, Theresa Bishop, Kaitlyn White, Rosanna Wan, Laura Kroh, Mara Collins, Ellen Driscoll)
- Spirit: Team Wii Not Fit (Joe Wolk, AJ Meyers, Mary Lally, Jeff Lane, Heath Whelan, Craig Keller, Rachel Scott, Ashley Ciampa, Nohara Lopez, Julie Elias, Shirley Alexander-Hunt)
- Highest Individual Score: Judy Benson

Loud and Clear

Brian McDermott of Information Technology Services outfits Gov. Deval Patrick with a microphone as Patrick prepares to speak and take questions as the final guest of the 2010 Gubernatorial Speaker Series presented by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service. Patrick made news across the country during the forum when he used the word “sedition” in discussing people “rooting for failure” in their opposition to President Obama. (Photo by John Gillooly)