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Suffolk Joins Jumpstart as Partner

Last fall, Suffolk became an expanded university partner to Jumpstart, the national non-profit based in Boston that provides a high impact literacy program to young children. Suffolk's partnership with Jumpstart allows the program to have a full-time coordinator on campus, thus forging stronger ties between Jumpstart and Suffolk, its students and faculty. Suffolk was the first to join Jumpstart Boston as an expanded university partner, and was soon followed by Tufts University and the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Campus-based Jumpstart programs recruit, train and pair federal work-study supported college students with preschool children struggling in Head Start and other low-income early learning programs. Throughout the school year and through a special summer program, college students help preschool children develop critical skills for success in learning. The program's advantages are many: families and children benefit from quality early childhood educational opportunities otherwise unavailable to low-income families; students receive valuable federal work-study experiences that help build their teaching and leadership skills; and campuses can promote a proven program that has been cited as a national model. In addition to what many describe as the best off-campus job a student could have, participating work-study students also receive an AmeriCorps educational voucher for their 650 hours of service to the community, at the conclusion of their one year commitment.

Currently, 17 Suffolk undergraduates work twice a week at a Head Start or other low-income childcare facility in Boston. Marisa Matsidaira, the program coordinator working with Suffolk students, has been involved as a corps member and team leader with Jumpstart for three years. Matsidaira says the program is rewarding for the preschoolers and their mentors alike; in fact, the participants' enthusiasm is difficult to contain.

Rooted in the University's longstanding commitment to meaningful community service, Suffolk's partnership with Jumpstart is a winning one. If you know of a current Suffolk student who may be interested in participating, please call Marisa Matsidaira at 617-305-6306.

For more information about other community service initiatives at Suffolk, please contact Yvette Claudia Velez, coordinator of Suffolk's Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service (SOULS) at 617-305-6306.
Suffolk Programs Expand in Boston and Beyond

Suffolk’s tremendous growth extends beyond the main campus in Boston, to the fast-growing areas of Franklin, Andover and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The University’s collaborative programs with Dean College, Merrimack College and Cape Cod Community College enable area residents to take advantage of expanded programming and a high-quality education close to their homes.

The newest of these programs now enables students enrolling at Cape Cod Community College to earn a bachelor’s degree with a major in communication and public relations from Suffolk, under an expanded “2-plus-2” agreement between the two schools. The “2-plus-2” partnership, the first of its kind between a public college and a private university in Massachusetts, allows qualifying students to complete two years at the community college, and then continue in Suffolk University’s bachelor’s degree program at the West Barnstable campus. In addition to the new communication and public relations program, Suffolk also offers undergraduate programs in business, criminology and psychology, MBA programs, and graduate certificate programs—all of which have drawn nearly 300 students to collaborative programs this year.

Suffolk University campuses in Senegal, West Africa, and Madrid, Spain, continue to offer exciting learning opportunities for students here and abroad.

Taking the Lead in the eLearning Revolution ...
Suffolk Awards eMBA to First Graduate

Suffolk University’s Sawyer School of Management (SSOM) was proud to be one of the first AASCB-accredited schools to offer a fully Online MBA program, and continues to lead the way. Since its inception in October 1999, SSOM has expanded its eMBA program to include three concentrations: global management, finance and accounting. Of the 600 MBA students at SSOM, approximately 90 are enrolled in courses online, and nearly one-half of those are eMBA students. The first Online eMBA graduate earned his degree in 2000, with a growing number of students set to follow.

Highlights of the program include course content that is accessible via the Web 24-hours a day from any location, and a faculty that is "on-call" via email and chat room assignments. In addition to the flexibility afforded online students, eMBA professors and students agree that the format offers other advantages: online education generates a greater level of student participation, and an environment that is learner-driven, rather than teacher-driven.

Off-site programs distinguish Suffolk as both a global and local university committed to serving its growing and ever-diverse student body. Nearly 1200 students have enrolled in Suffolk off-site programs since 1995.

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The Suffolk University On-Line Community is accessible directly from the Suffolk Web site (www.suffolk.edu) and is password protected for added security. Your Suffolk ID number is all you need to access the community. An on-line version of Suffolk’s alumni directory is available, where users may search for classmates’ biographical information and/or update their own. An alumni business directory will offer space for alumni to list professional services or products. Also, the network will provide email forwarding for life.

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CAS/SSOM
Awards Reception
Honors Graduates

Last May, the General Alumni Association and the SSOM Graduate Alumni Association hosted the annual Outstanding Alumni Awards Reception. The Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award went to Michael George, BS '83. George is president and CEO of Interlynx Technology in Boston, a leading provider of innovative software that automates various routine processes in human resource, benefit and payroll organizations.

A special recognition award was presented to James E. Nelson, director of athletics at Suffolk University since 1976. Although he earned his bachelor's degree at Boston College, he is as much a part of the Suffolk family as any graduate. Nelson also has been an integral part of the alumni relations program at Suffolk for many years. He serves on the Alumni Golf Day Committee and secures prizes and gifts for the tournament each year.

Mary R. Ferris, BA '73, was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. Ferris was elected to the General Alumni Association in 1979 and served three, three-year terms. During her tenure on the Board of Directors, she served as president for one year. Ferris currently serves as 1973 class agent. In 1999, she established the James A. Ferris, Sr., Engineering Fund at Suffolk in honor of her late father.

The Outstanding Alumni Service Award for SSOM went to David Morse, MBA '94. He is a consultant at Kepner-Tregoe, Inc., in Princeton, New Jersey. The Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award for SSOM was presented to John P. Brosnahan, BSBA '94, MSF '97. He is a senior financial analyst at BOSE Corporation in Framingham, Massachusetts.

SSOM Associate Dean Torrisi and Associate Professor Lavin Promoted

Dean Brennan announced the promotion of C. Richard Torrisi from associate dean to dean of graduate programs and associate dean of the Sawyer School of Management. Brennan also announced the appointment of Professor Michael Lavin to the newly created position of assistant dean. Both appointments were effective January 1, 2001.

Torrisi, who also serves on the faculty as associate professor of international business, was originally hired as associate dean, director of graduate programs in 1993. Before coming to Suffolk, Torrisi spent 21 years at the University of Hartford, where he had served as associate professor of economics and four years as associate dean of international and special programs. Torrisi received his PhD and MA in Economics from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and his BA from Boston College.

Under Torrisi’s leadership as director, graduate programs at SSOM have enjoyed considerable growth and continued improvement. This growth has led to expanded teaching locations at Cape Cod, Merrimack College and Dean College, and the introduction of the first Online eMBA program in New England.

In his new capacity, Torrisi will be responsible for maintaining high quality in all graduate programs, preparation and execution of the graduate program budgets, and have primary oversight responsibility for the Executive MBA program, and the graduate programs at Cape Cod, Merrimack College and Dean College.

Beginning in 1995, Lavin spearheaded Suffolk’s involvement on Cape Cod, and was actively involved in the planning phase of SSOM’s partnership with Cape Cod Community College. Lavin opened the MPA program on the Cape in 1997 with 11 students. Today, over 200 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs on the Cape Cod campus.

Lavin joined Suffolk University in 1978, and has been a member of the public management department for 22 years. From 1983-1990, and again in 1997, Lavin served as chair of the public management department. Lavin was also the founding executive director of the Visionaries Institute of Suffolk University, which offers a master’s degree in philanthropy and media. Lavin received his BA in Political Science from St. Anselm College, MA in Southern Politics from The College of William & Mary, and PhD in American and Urban Studies from Tufts University. Lavin will continue to serve as associate professor of public management.
THE SUFFOLK JOURNAL WINS ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS AWARD

The Suffolk Journal, Suffolk University's student-run newspaper, received the prestigious 1999-2000 Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Newspaper Pacemaker Award, at the National College Media Convention in Washington, DC, in November.

The award is given in three categories: four-year daily, four-year non-daily and two-year non-daily. The Suffolk Journal was one of six newspapers out of 25 finalists to receive the award in the four-year non-daily category, and was the only four-year college newspaper in Massachusetts to receive this award. Over 200 newspapers entered the Pacemaker competition.

FORMER SCHOOLTEACHER FUNDS SUFFOLK ENERGY RESEARCH LAB

Sagan recently funded the Francis A. Sagan Energy Research Laboratory at Suffolk University because of a personal interest in finding alternatives to fossil fuels and out of loyalty to his alma mater. "I like what I learned at Suffolk, and I have no heirs, so I decided to give something back," said Sagan. He had previously donated some of his savings to Suffolk for scholarships and planned to bequeath the rest, but decided to make an immediate gift of $150,000 for the research lab.

"In keeping with Sagan's vision, faculty and students will use the laboratory to explore the use of hydrogen and alcohol to produce energy," said Professor Walter Johnson, chairman of the physics department. The laboratory also will tie its work into that of the Friedman Field Station on the Maine coast, where Suffolk students are working on solar and wind power. "Frank Sagan is interested in the conversion of the current economy--basically a fossil fuel economy," said Johnson. "The fact is that in the long term, within hundreds of years, that fuel is going to be gone," he said, and the problem is complicated by global warming, the greenhouse effect and the increasing energy demands of developing countries."

While Johnson noted that Suffolk is hardly alone in studying these issues, the University's faculty and students--inspired in part by the ideas Frank Sagan shares with them--have a role to play in taking energy ideas that are now technically feasible and making them economically feasible.

Sagan hails from Boston, lived in Milton, Massachusetts, for many years and now resides in Randolph, Massachusetts. He is a native of Boston, and after making teaching his life's work, his legacy will continue with training tomorrow's scientists.
SUFFOLK RECEIVES $75,000
COMMONWEALTH FUTURES GRANT

Suffolk University received $75,000 in Commonwealth Futures funds from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. These funds will provide financial assistance to Suffolk undergraduates and graduate students for the 2000-2001 academic year, and must be disbursed by June 30, 2001. Program grants are $3,000 annually, and are comprised of an equal match of state and Suffolk University funds.

The Commonwealth Futures Grant Program is a pilot program created by the state legislature, in order to increase the pool of qualified workers in high demand industries, including computer and information sciences, engineering, engineering-related technologies, biological sciences/life sciences, mathematics, physical sciences and science technologies. Prospective K-12 math and science teachers are also included. As the program requires a "dollar for dollar" match of all Commonwealth Futures funds by the private institutions involved, the program also encourages financial aid to support enrollment in these high demand fields.

In return for the $3,000 annual grant, each recipient must agree to maintain residency and employment in Massachusetts after graduating from college, for one year, for each year of grant assistance received. For recipients who fail to fulfill this obligation, the grants revert to loans, and must be repaid under terms similar to those of other education loans.

The Suffolk University Office of Financial Assistance will select students according to the designated program of study and other requirements, including financial need. Though freshmen and sophomores are eligible to receive Commonwealth Future Grants, upper division students will be given priority. Both resident and out-of-state students are eligible to participate.

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY'S WALTER M. BURSE FORENSIC SOCIETY
SUFFOLK THEATRE'S CABARET SELECTED AS NATIONAL FINALIST IN KENNEDY CENTER COMPETITION

Suffolk Student Theatre's spring 2000 production of Cabaret, was chosen as a finalist in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Regional Festival. Cabaret was directed by Dr. Marilyn Plotkins, chair of the theatre department. The 50 members of the production, together with the complex set, props and lighting traveled to the University of New Hampshire for an encore performance as part of the festival, held on January 26, 2001. The festival is the most prestigious and rigorous college theatre competition in New England, and included productions from Emerson College, Wellesley College and Boston University.

Three Suffolk students appearing in Cabaret—Temple Worrell, Ruby Des Jardins and Matt Finn also competed in the Irene Ryan Acting Award Scholarships competition at the festival for their individual roles. Finn, performing in the competition with his scene partner, Colleen Rua, was one of 16 students selected as a festival finalist in a competition that included 170 entrants.

Elizabeth Maddock-Weinstein and Jennifer Simmons were nominated to compete in the Irene Ryan Scholarships competition for their roles in The Swan, and Charlie Fox was nominated for his role in Pilgrims of the Night (a Boston premiere). Sean Barney was nominated for his original play, Red Ants, which was entered in the ten-minute play competition.

DEAN BRENnan TO RETIRE IN JUNE

After nine years of innovative leadership, John F. Brennan will retire as dean in June. “His strong leadership at the helm of the Sawyer School of Management will be missed,” said President David J. Sargent.

Under Brennan’s leadership, SSOM has experienced tremendous growth. Brennan created and successfully implemented a number of original programs and played a vital role in bringing SSOM to academic prominence.

He created a vision for the Sawyer School as a customer-oriented entity that must anticipate the needs of clients and changing markets. Most recently, under his direction, SSOM began the Online eMBA degree, ensuring that busy people could do coursework and earn their degrees from their homes, offices or on the road.

Through precedent-setting agreements with area institutions, he established satellite campuses at Merrimack College, Cape Cod Community College and Dean College.

Brennan also helped to establish an international campus in Dakar, Senegal, where classes officially began in the fall of 1999. The Sawyer School also has a presence in China.
NESADSIJ Achieves National Accreditation

The New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University (NESADSIJ) was granted membership in the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) for an initial period of five years.

NASAD comprises schools and individuals representing the highest traditions in the education of the artist and designer, and is the only accrediting agency covering the entire field of art and design that is recognized by the US Department of Education.

Suffolk joins 223 other colleges and universities in the United States accredited by NASAD. Included in the 18 accredited members in New England are the Rhode Island School of Design, Massachusetts College of Art, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Art Institute of Boston at Lesley College and Maine College of Art.

2001 Planned Giving Events

Massachusetts

Date: April 5, 2001
Time: 5-7pm
Location: Newton Marriott

Date: May 11, 2001
Time: 5-7pm
Location: Sheraton, Hyannis

Each event will include a brief presentation about how thoughtful tax planning can help you to save money, and a discussion of the new Massachusetts tax law, allowing charitable tax deductions with no cap on deductions for philanthropic contributions.

Come, meet your fellow alumni, enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and learn how to save money through careful planning. For more information, please contact Barbara Coffey, planned giving officer, at 617-573-8441, 888-478-3365, or by email, at bcoffey@admin.suffolk.edu.

Other Development Events Planned

As you consider gifts to Suffolk University, please note these additional events:

All donors giving $1,000 or more during the year become Summa members, and will be invited to the Summa Dinner on May 19, 2001, at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

Donors giving between $5,000-$49,999 during the year will be invited to the Founders Day Dinner on September 14, 2001, at Maison Robert.

Psychology PhD Accredited

In October, the American Psychological Association (APA) officially accredited the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at Suffolk. The accreditation is retroactive to April 2000, ensuring it will apply to all graduates of the program.

APA accreditation allows current graduate students to be more competitive when applying for internships. It also allows students who graduate from the program to apply for licensure by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Psychologists more easily.

The PhD program emphasizes that clinical problems are best understood in the context of knowledge about normal and optimal development over the life span. It stresses a rigorous understanding of the interrelations between basic and applied research and between qualitative and quantitative methodologies in contributing to theoretical and practical knowledge. There are currently 61 students enrolled in the PhD program.
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Upcoming Alumni Activities
Save these Dates and Join Us!

Thursday, April 5
Communication & Journalism Annual Reception
Donahue Building, Room 403, 6pm

Wednesday, June 2
CAS/SSOM Reunion Dinner - '49, '50, '51
Gloucester House Restaurant, Gloucester, MA
Details TBA

Wednesday, June 6
eMBA Alumni Golf Tournament
Shaker Hills Country Club
Harvard, MA, 1pm

June 23-June 30
Alumni Golf Trip to Ireland
Four nights in Killarney,
Two nights in Adare
Prepaid and confirmed tee times at
Ballybunion/Old, Lahinch, Tralee,
Waterville and Old Head Golf Links
Full sightseeing program for non-golfers
Land price for golfer $1,849
Land price for non-golfer $1,449
Air round trip Shannon/Boston $648

July 5-July 15
Alumni Trip to Italy
Rome 3 nights, Florence 3 nights,
Abano 3 nights
Select features: Lecture on the Renaissance,
Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel,
Wine Tasting in Tuscany, Cooking
Demonstration in Bologna
From Boston $3,302

Sunday, September 23
Fun Run
Details TBA

Monday, October 1
Alumni Golf Day
Details TBA

Suffolk's 2001 Alumni Travel Program
also includes trips to the waterways of
Holland and Belgium (Departures: March 29,
April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3), and
a Trans-Canada Rail Odyssey (Departures:
April 24, May 29, June 12, July 10,
August 14, September 11).

For more information about any of
Suffolk's Alumni Programs, please
call Jean Neenan, director of alumni
relations, at 617-573-8457, or email
her at jneenan@admin.suffolk.edu.