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ven if you don’t recognize his name, chances are you’ve seen Tad Devine JD ’82. Salon reported that “pre-Barack Obama,” the political consultant “worked on every contested Democratic presidential primary going back to Jimmy Carter in 1980” and “on campaigns in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, helping to elect 11 presidents or prime ministers and 17 U.S. Senators.”

Devine grew up in a Providence, R.I. public housing project, the son of a sidewalk inspector and a stay-at-home mom who would become a teacher’s aide, neither of whom attended college. “That wasn’t available to them,” he told Politico. But Devine graduated from Brown and Suffolk Law School. His Washington D.C.-based firm was a top adviser to the presidential campaigns of Al Gore in 2000 and John Kerry in 2004. This season, however, Devine had also been a ubiquitous media presence. As one of the masterminds behind Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign, he often served as spokesperson for one of the most unconventional political phenomena since, well, Donald J. Trump.

While Devine might be the most familiar figure with a Suffolk degree in this year’s political races, he is far from the only one. Although she was a philosophy major in college, Whittier, Calif. native Megan Dutra BS ’13 had a role model in her father, who was appointed to the City Council and subsequently served as mayor. “My parents were always active in our local community while I was growing up and encouraged my siblings and me to be just as active,” she recalls. “Once I got into college I became active in different organizations, predominately College Republicans, where I started to fall in love with campaign culture and the excitement of participating in the democratic process. My favorite and the most influential course I took at Suffolk was during my final semester senior year with Professor Rachael Cobb. It was a small class filled with a variety of political opinions and strong personalities. Every class was an open conversation about current events. Everyone in the course that semester became great friends because we all challenged one another but respected the difference of opinions and the overall understanding that all of us were there because of our passion and love for the political process. It really taught everyone how to look at certain situations differently, which has helped in my campaigning experiences. You can’t convince everyone, but the best and most helpful thing to do is listen and learn from voters. I am still very close friends with a majority of my classmates from that course and we still keep the conversation alive today talking about the election and our new experiences outside of college in the real world. I continued to participate in campaigns throughout my time at Suffolk, including Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign.”

Today, Dutra is regional data director for the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC). After November? “I have really enjoyed my experiences working in campaigns but I am growing towards being on more of the policy side rather than the actual campaigning,” Dutra says. “I have had the great opportunity to interact with many of our important leaders to get an understanding of what goes into the whole process and have only grown with respect for each of them. The connections and relationships I have made through my career so far are all very encouraging and have inspired me to continue on in this particular field. Politics will definitely be an important part of my career wherever that may take me.”

Across the aisle, Victoria Ireton BS ’16 from North Andover, Mass. serves as assistant finance director for the reelection campaign of Massachusetts Democratic Congressman Seth Moulton, a position referred to her by a mentor who was one of her Suffolk professors. In an election year with hotly contested presidential and legislative races, how do you make the case for donating to an incumbent who is running unopposed? “Most people donate to him because they believe in his values,” Ireton says. “As a veteran, he brings an important perspective to the political world.”

Then there’s Drew McConville MSPS ’09 from Ottawa, Ill. who “would almost describe my time before college as apolitical.” As lead web designer and front-end developer for the firm Revolution Messaging, McConville designed the website for the Sanders campaign. “My time at Suffolk taught me there are lessons within and opportunities beyond the campaign, so it’s important to enjoy the experience for what it is,” McConville reflects. “Electoral politics deals with some very serious issues, but if you’re working on a campaign, it’s also a large chunk of your life where you’ll learn a ton, build fantastic relationships, and make some great memories.” As for his post-election plans, McConville says, “I’ll continue to provide support to campaigns in future cycles. No plans to run for office now!”

This edition of Suffolk University Magazine celebrates the pivotal role this University’s alumni play not only in electoral politics but in the wider public service arena. Case in point: our feature which introduces the Suffolk graduates who work at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in Boston, where middle and high school students get a rare immersion into the inner workings of the U.S. Senate. Throughout these pages, you’ll find the inspiring stories of Suffolk students, faculty and alumni who are making an impact in government and public service not only throughout Massachusetts but across the nation. In an election year notable for negativity, they may do the impossible and give politics a good name.
Perhaps due to our location in the political heart of New England, Suffolk students have long been involved in protest marches and political demonstrations," writes University archivist Michael P. Dello Iacono. As examples, he cites, “women’s suffrage parades in the 1910s, scrap metal drives during WWII, antiwar protests in the '60s, civil rights rallies in the 1960s and '70s, and marriage equality marches in the early 2000s.” And he shares the 1969 photograph above in which Kevin White, mayor of Boston from 1968 to 1984, met Suffolk students protesting the Vietnam War.
“This is one of the best classes I’ve ever had,” Linda Melconian announces to her 10 students, noting that all of the papers she is handing back are of a very high level and that four received an A-plus. Yet it is quickly clear that this assistant professor in the business law and ethics department and lecturer in the Institute for Public Service, a 22-year veteran of the Massachusetts Senate and the first female majority leader in the state’s history, is no easy mark. “As you are graduate students,” she says, “I expect excellence.”

Despite humble beginnings, Massachusetts’ first female Senate majority leader grew up believing “Unlimited” was her middle name.

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Shauna Denise Bramble MPA '17 later echoes the sentiment. While she would “definitely tell a friend to take the class,” Bramble confides that she would also counsel them to “be prepared to read an abundant amount of information . . . at least three times to fully understand it and be prepared to talk about it.”

Prepared they are. These students, primarily current and future public administrators in state and federal agencies, have clearly internalized the copious reading, knowing that they will engage in conversation about the cases. They work first as a class, and then in small groups that give Melconian a chance to talk with students one on one.

This is the second class that Stephen J. Davis BS ’12, who is pursuing his master’s degree in political science and public administration, has taken with Melconian. Davis, who “has in the past and will continue to recommend Professor Melconian to my peers,” says that she “encourages student engagement, works to ensure the material is clear and accessible, and complements the material with case studies to provide real-world application.”

Today, they discuss groundbreaking rulings and legislation, from *Bob Jones University v. United States* to the Endangered Species Act. They talk about Article III of the U.S. Constitution and the concept of standing in the judicial system, with Melconian observing, “If the court really doesn’t want to decide on something, they fall back on standing.” She often draws on her legislative experience to challenge conventional wisdom. “As a state senator, I loved earmarks,” she says, further explaining that “when you’re coming from an area where you’re concerned you’ll be short-changed,” this legislative maneuver protected the interests of her constituents.

The area Melconian comes from is Springfield, which, despite being the third most populous city in Massachusetts often exists in the shadow of smaller municipalities in the eastern region of the state. This is where she grew up, the only child of a machinist father who loved history and politics and a homemaker mother who appreciated English and Irish literature but never had the opportunity to attend college. “[My mother] lived vicariously through me, taught me to be unlimited,” Melconian recalls. “I used to say, ‘I am Linda Jean Melconian, unlimited,’ and repeated it so many times I really began to believe it.”

That sense of confidence was bolstered by an academic foundation that includes an undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College, an MA from George Washington University’s School of Public and International Affairs, and a JD from George Mason University.

In 1971, Melconian went to work as chief legislative assistant to Congressman Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill. When O’Neill became speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977, Melconian became his assistant counsel. For Melconian, her experience with the iconic political figure was a transformative 10-year tenure.

“I got the bug to run for political office when I was working for Tip O’Neill,” she explains. “I had to leave his office, come home to take care of my mother, who was ill—I was an only child; my father had passed away. She died a few months later, and I had to make a decision . . . go back to Washington or run for the state senate office which had just opened up.” She ran and won in 1983 (“by 200 votes with a recount!”) and became the first female majority leader of the Massachusetts Senate in 1999. After serving for 20 years, Melconian ran for Senate president. “I made a promise to myself that it was either up or out,” she recalls. It was 2005, but “the Senate members weren’t ready to elect a woman and especially a woman from western Mass. I served [the] last term to which I had been elected and did not run again. It was time to leave.”

When Sawyer Business School Dean William O’Neill, Jr. JD ’74 offered Melconian a full-time faculty position, she “decided to take it while I figured out what my next political career move was going to be. I was not really thinking of an academic career.” Over a decade later, Melconian’s role has only grown (she is also a senior fellow at the Moakley Center for Public Management) and, as Bramble says, students know that every course they take with her “will be a different experience, but each filled with that same unwavering exuberance she brings when she walks through the door.”
JESSICA DREW JD '16 WAS 12 WHEN SHE ARGUED HER FIRST CASE. It was about politics—and took place in her sixth-grade classroom—but the win, she says, was still sweet. “My mom used to call me her jailhouse lawyer,” she says. “I was always getting people out of trouble, always arguing some cause. My parents will tell you they knew I’d become an attorney,” even if the odds weren’t entirely on her side. She grew up working-class in Massachusetts and moved around after her parents divorced. “We didn’t have a lot of money,” she says. “My dad was a janitor. My mom had me at 19. People told her, ‘You’ll be lucky if your kids graduate high school.’”

Drawing on her own background gives Jessica Drew JD '16 even more empathy for her clients.
Now with a newly minted JD, Drew has made beating the odds a personal passion, and not just when it concerns her own life. As an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee in politically conservative Knoxville, she became a champion for LGBT rights both on and off campus, learning how to argue compellingly and passionately, and letting reason prevail over emotion. It was rarely easy, and she wasn't always successful—which made the work especially good preparation, she says, for a career in law. “People could be really hateful,” she says. “I tried to understand where they were coming from and then use that to make my case. I tried to be rational even when they weren’t. But I also learned that some people will never change, and you have to accept that, too.”

After taking a few years off to save money and study for the LSATs, Drew enrolled in Suffolk Law School. She was awarded two scholarships which made the offer of acceptance one she couldn’t refuse—the need-based Honorable Lawrence L. and Barbara G. Cameron Scholarship and the merit-based Trustee Academic Scholarship. Being back in the Boston area also allowed her to be near family, including her father in Plymouth, with whom she lived to save money.

At Suffolk, her interest in social justice deepened as she began to apply the law to her advocacy work. Drew volunteered for Veterans Legal Services, an organization that provides legal assistance to indigent and homeless vets, and joined the staff of the student journal Bearing Witness, whose mission is to raise awareness of how the law can help create a more compassionate and just society. After her second year, at the suggestion of a friend, she applied for an internship with the City of Boston’s Office of Fair Housing & Equity, which works to help identify and counteract discrimination to ensure citizens have equal access to housing and employment. “I fell in love with the work,” she says. “You don’t understand how important housing is until you don’t have it, but you have to have a place where you feel safe before you can do anything else. Everyone has a right to housing, and discrimination is one of the ways we limit people’s right to it,” whether by refusing to rent to a family with small children or to someone on housing assistance. “I’d hear, ‘Those people can be dirty.’ Or, ‘They destroy things; I don't trust them.’ It's classism, it's racism. And it's against the law.”

That work continued when she enrolled in Suffolk Law’s Accelerator Clinic, the University’s in-house law practice that represents low- and moderate-income clients facing eviction, discrimination, and other housing issues while also providing law students with hands-on training. Under the supervision of Suffolk Professor William Berman, the program’s managing attorney, students work cases from start to finish, often appearing on their clients’ behalf before various authorities, including the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Boston Fair Housing Commission, and Boston Housing Court. In a recent case, Drew worked with a family whose teenage daughter had a baby. “The landlord discovered the child and conducted a lead inspection,” she says. When it turned out that lead was, in fact, present, he evicted the family. “The law says that if there’s a child under the age of six in the house, there can’t be lead,” she says. “But what so many landlords don’t understand, or don’t want to understand, is that they can’t kick the family out or refuse to rent to them in the first place. You can’t pick and choose whom you rent to based on whether or not the person has children. You have to get rid of the lead.”

Working as part of a team of four students, Drew helped the family reach a fair settlement. “The Accelerator Practice teaches students how to handle cases in the justice gap, and to work with those who can’t afford legal care,” says Berman. “These types of cases resonate strongly with Jessica, and she puts herself into them full force. She’s extremely passionate and a great advocate.” Fellow Accelerator Practice student Arturo M. Balcazar JD ’16 met Drew when both attended Suffolk Law’s Summer in Sweden program. “We’ve since had many conversations about social justice and the role that attorneys can play in helping communities in need,” he says. “As a student, it’s definitely motivating to have a classmate who is as hard-working, passionate, dedicated, and commited to social justice as Jessica. She’s willing to put in the work needed to advocate for her clients, and she truly cares what happens. I’m sure that she’ll bring a lot of positive change.”

After graduation, Drew continues working with the under-represented as well as the elderly as an AmeriCorps legal fellow at South Coastal Counties Legal Services. “People who have been ostracized or have had difficulty accessing the justice system still have important stories to share and lives to carry on,” she says. “Sometimes legal problems are the problems that keep them from housing, a job, stability. I want to be the person who can help them.” Her upbringing is a big reason she believes that she can. “If you understand what it’s like to struggle, you understand where your clients are coming from,” she says. “And you can advocate better. It’s like, I know where you’ve been, and I know how hard it is, and because of that, I will do everything in my power to help you.”
Talking with two Suffolk professors on the front lines of a national conversation about policing and race

LONG BEFORE THIS NATION BEGAN DEBATING the incendiary issues of racial profiling and police accountability, Suffolk professors Brenda Bond and Frank Rudy Cooper had been examining the relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Cooper, a professor of law, is working on a book, Black and Blue: Gendering Racial Profiling, about the role of masculinity in confrontations between police and young black or Latino men. Several years ago, Bond, an associate professor of public service and chair of the Institute for Public Service, launched the Public Safety Leadership Initiative, a collaboration between the Boston Police Department and the University to sharpen the skills of public safety executives operating within a community-policing context. Cooper and Bond recently sat down with Suffolk staff writer Renee Graham to talk about how police officers can change, why the Michael Brown killing became a catalyst, and how Boston has, so far, avoided becoming another Ferguson.

Why was the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO., the spark for Black Lives Matter and a national conversation about racial profiling and police accountability?

COOPER: A few things were special in Ferguson. One was the levels of pain that were going on there. With the Ferguson report, we found out later that there was such a pervasive exploitation of a majority black population in an environment that had a history of being a sundown town [areas where black people were warned to be gone before dark]. It was very clear that this was old-school racial oppression. So I think that was a powder keg even more than Staten Island [where Eric Garner was choked to death in July 2014 by a New York City police officer]. I would also say I put it in the context of Trayvon [Martin] and Jonathan Ferrell [unarmed young black man killed by a white police officer in North Carolina in 2013]. Any major event of injustice, given the timing, could have been the one, but given the fact that people were so righteously angry made it explode there.

If not for the police-related deaths of Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, and others, would topics like racial profiling, police accountability, and the militarization of local police departments be talking points for the presidential candidates?

COOPER: I don’t think so. In the Democratic party at least, since Bill Clinton, there’s been a sense that the black community has to give a pass to the more controversial racial issues to the Democrat because it’s so important to elect a Democrat. I think if this hadn’t exploded in such a way and produced the Black Lives Matter movement, we would have gone back to giving them a pass.

Brenda, you’ve worked closely with local police departments. From your perspective, what has been the officers’ general reaction to the increased attention on policing and racial profiling? Has there been any effect on how officers do their jobs?

BOND: They are having a lot more conversations about themselves and their behaviors. I think there is a really positive move toward more transparency. I think there’s an awareness among hopefully progressive police agencies that they have a duty and a responsibility—not just written in code—to behave and act in a way that meets the expectations of the community. I think there’s a lot more attention to training and early warning systems in terms of behavior. They’re still not where they want to be, but part of that is resources. Training costs a
significant amount of money, and they're not equipped to provide the police with as much training as they should have. Police departments have very little money for training, except for the mandated in-service training. But the conversation has changed at the leadership level.

_Boston has so far avoided the kinds of issues confronted in Ferguson, Baltimore, Staten Island, Cleveland. How have the police here kept the lid on reactions to shootings that might have sparked acrimony elsewhere?_

**BOND:** They learned a lot from Occupy Boston. They learned a lot of lessons from what happened to Victoria Snelgrove (Emerson College student accidentally killed by a Boston police officer in 2004 during a Red Sox victory celebration). I think they reflect and respond the way a police department should. They are involved in a situation, and they look at it and say, 'What worked about that, what didn't work.' I think they're good at that, and they've learned from those terrible tragedies like Victoria Snelgrove. With Chief [William] Gross, they are really connected to the community. I think like most places they still have work to do, but they're trying to connect with the right folks in the community – faith-based folks, community activists.

**COOPER:** Boston's black community has not been completely energized and is not very powerful when compared to other major cities. This is not a city, comparatively speaking, where every time there is an incident there is a large hue and cry against the police. Some of that, as Brenda mentioned, is that the police here are probably better at working with the community. But maybe again it's levels of pain and we're not in the same circumstances as Ferguson is; but by the same token, we don't have the power and influence people have in other cities.

**For you, what important fact has been lost or overlooked?**

**BOND:** I tend to look at the structural factors that play into these things: How do we understand and measure bias at the front end when someone is hired? Are we doing a good enough job around hiring and training? I tend to focus on these things because I just feel like they're broken. This institution of policing is operating almost the same way as it did 100 years ago. How do we think about and ensure that these kinds of biases don't come walking through the door? How do you create lifelong training and professional development for officers so that we continue to ensure that whatever they have, whatever biases, are not acted on? Or they can reconcile those biases?
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND / held May 21–22, 2016, was a time of celebration, pomp and circumstance, and inspiring speakers. United States Senator Elizabeth Warren delivered the address to the College of Arts & Sciences’ graduates.

DIRECT DISCOURSE

Suffolk's Political Happy Hour becomes a revelation destination for legislative leaders

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh chose the venue to announce he would run for reelection. When Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren dropped by, she shared a few details about her recent conversation with Vice President Joe Biden, then the subject of much speculation concerning possible presidential aspirations. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker revealed the one regret he had since his inauguration. Since it began in July, LIVE Political Happy Hour, a partnership between Suffolk and The Boston Globe, has provided a relaxed environment where elected officials feel comfortable enough to drop their guard with Globe political reporter Joshua Miller. Held on campus and streamed live on bostonglobe.com, the Political Happy Hour is, along with Suffolk's nationally acclaimed Political Research Center, generating headlines and solidifying the University's singular status in government. To view the webcast series, visit suffolk.edu/politicalhappyhour.

The Suffolk University–Boston Globe Political Happy Hour series brought influential leaders to campus throughout the 2015–16 academic year. Governor Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey were among those who engaged in these lively one-on-one conversations with Globe political reporter Joshua Miller.
BIPARTISAN BOOT CAMP
SUMMER INSTITUTE CAMPAIGN LAB SPLITS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CRASH COURSE AND A MASTER CLASS IN POLITICAL MANAGEMENT

HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO BECOME THE NEXT DAVID AXELROD OR COREY LEWANDOWSKI? Would you believe a mere fortnight? When Department of Government Chair Rachael Cobb and Brian Conley, director of the graduate program in political science, developed the Summer Institute Campaign Lab for students and working professionals, the goal was for participants to come away with college credit and a campaign plan in a relatively short period.

“We wanted to make our program more intensive than a weekend, but less time-consuming than a several-month commitment,” explains Cobb.

For 12 days in early June, “participants learned the nuts and bolts of how a campaign actually works; how a candidate’s day is structured from dawn to dusk and beyond; and how to make the critical fundraising phone calls, create a message, manage social media, file papers, and engage with the community. We did course-work in the morning followed by site visits in the afternoon. We ‘walked a district,’ visited with lawmakers and met TV producers. Participants got an excellent overview of the entire process.”

Has that process changed so much this year that it’s time to throw the rulebook out the window? “The 2016 presidential election cycle has upended much of the conventional wisdom regarding what makes a candidate in either of the major parties competitive,” Conley confesses. “It has, in particular, challenged the beliefs most political observers have about the power of party insiders, money and even the importance of proper political etiquette in shaping the outcome of the presidential election.”

And yet, says Cobb, “Despite the success of insurgents in the presidential election, the ‘process’ of running for office has not changed. Candidates still need to understand the process to create a campaign plan, they need to attract voters with a message that resonates, figure out what broad coalition of voters will form the base, raise funds, and mobilize voters. These are the skills you need whether you are running for school committee or senator.”

The preponderance of Suffolk alumni in Massachusetts state government is well known. But in this surreal presidential election year, it’s worth noting that the University has also produced its share of national figures such as the mastermind behind the insurgent campaign of Bernie Sanders, Thomas A. “Tad” Devine, JD ’82. It is unsurprising, then, that the University where so many political careers—local and national, traditional and iconoclastic—were shaped would launch a program like this.

“Although many people feel great discontent with what they perceive as a toxic political atmosphere, there are many students who genuinely care and want to be involved,” Cobb says.
Shalala-care

Bill Clinton's HHS Secretary has a prescription for healthcare: nonpartisanship.

**BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION,** Suffolk Professor of Law Renee Landers tells the audience at Sargent Hall, "I have a personal connection to Donna Shalala." She is speaking of the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services during the Clinton administration and the current president of The Clinton Foundation. The connection, Landers' service as HHS deputy counsel under Shalala, prompted Landers to invite her old boss to the Law School in April. "Health Law and Policy Forum: A Conversation with Donna Shalala," was informative yet informal, with personal stories and a few surprises. "I happen not to be a single-payer person," Shalala said. She spoke positively about U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan and said, "I had a great relationship with George Bush." She shared an anecdote about working cooperatively with McDonald's to improve nutrition rather than taking an adversarial approach. Lest anyone infer that Shalala has had a change of heart politically, she hastens to point out that for her, healthcare is a nonpartisan issue. "There are so many people who have answers," she says. "I see complexity. There are no easy answers." Yet in an email following the forum, Shalala contradicted the notion that she is an anomaly. "Reaching across the aisle is not difficult," she wrote. "There are plenty of folks on both sides that want to do good."

Open for Business

Center for Entrepreneurship Moves to One Beacon Street

Visionary students learn how to innovate from the ground up at the Center for Entrepreneurship's first-floor locale. The center's new high-profile space attracts students and alumni with bright ideas—as well as the investors who can help bring them to life.

"BOSTON IS THE INNOVATION HUB OF THE UNITED STATES, IF NOT THE WORLD," says George Moker MBA '03, director of entrepreneurship programs and instructor of management and entrepreneurship at Sawyer Business School. "Having our University right in the center of entrepreneurial activity is critical, as entrepreneurship is about bringing creativity, resources, policy, and community together to take action, bringing new innovation to life."

"BEING ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF ONE BEACON CREATES A STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTION. We needed space that was evident to the community and welcoming, with public access to expand our visibility and support of startups and small businesses," Moker explains.

"ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY IS BECOMING A DESTINATION FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON," Moker says.

"And we've only just begun."
IN LATE APRIL, Suffolk University's Government Department assembled a panel of students to talk about the role of delegates in the U.S. electoral process: who delegates were, what they did, and why they mattered. The panel, part of the annual Government Department Student Research Conference, was evenly split politically: two Republicans, two Democrats, and two faculty moderators to keep the conversation on topic—and civil. Or that was the idea, anyway.

"Donald Trump has a clear message that people understand and agree with," argued Robert Cappelletti '17, a Donald Trump campaign volunteer both on campus and in his hometown of Mansfield, MA. "My 10-year-old brother could tell you about the wall," referring to his candidate's proposal for border security. Isaac Berko '17, a Hillary Clinton volunteer, took the opportunity to rebut: "Exactly," he said. "Trump is about division. That's not what we need."

This is college, where debate is, of course, part of the point. But during an election season—and perhaps especially during this election season—campus discussions can get considerably more heated, and especially when, like Berko and Cappelletti, people are highly invested. "I would say for the most part the spirits are good," says Cappelletti, 22, who describes himself as a "moderate to slightly conservative" Republican. "Obviously I feel passionately, but I don't take things personally if someone disagrees, and I think most people feel the same way."

Cappelletti's interest in politics, and Republican politics in particular, began in high school, where he was president of the Mansfield High School Republicans. "I think everyone is rooted in how they were brought up," says Cappelletti. "I started working when I was 16, and I would say I've learned the value of work more than some people." In high school, he interned with Massachusetts State Representative Jay Barrows, who later connected him with former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential bid. Working for that campaign, Cappelletti was stationed in Romney's North End headquarters in what was known as the War Room. "There were 10 TVs, and we watched them to collect relevant news and put together reports," he says. "I was hooked."

While attending Suffolk, Cappelletti worked selling cars at a dealership in Mansfield while maintaining a full political science course load and overseeing the Suffolk University College Republicans, which included organizing a trip to the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, DC. He applied to volunteer for Trump's campaign early on. "He's a strong leader with experience to work with both sides and create solutions from a business point of view," says Cappelletti. "He has a tremendously successful organization worth billions of dollars and will do whatever he has to do without being glued to an ideology." As a Trump campaign "town captain" for Mansfield, Cappelletti goes door to door and works the phone bank to engage neighbors in discussions about the GOP frontrunner at key moments, including the delegate selection in April, when he worked to recruit Republicans in his district to vote for delegates who supported Trump. His hard work paid off: Of the 27 delegates selected, 23 were approved by the Trump campaign.

Berko, 22, was born in Ghana, and came to the United States with his family when he
was six years old. His grandfather, a village king, encouraged in his grandson an activist spirit. "Plus, I'm social, and I love to figure out how to overcome challenges," says Berko. In 2010, at high school in Worcester, he applied to be a volunteer on then-Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's reelection campaign, eventually serving as the city's youngest volunteer. He's also worked to help elect Congressman Jim McGovern, Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey, and Worcester Mayor Joe Petty, and in 2012, volunteered for President Obama, knocking on doors, doing data entry, working the phone bank, and organizing prospective volunteers in Worcester.

He took his civic-mindedness to Suffolk. A McNair Scholar—a federal program designed for first-generation and income-eligible undergrads and named for astronaut and Challenger shuttle crew member Ronald McNair—Berko declared a major in politics, law, and the courts and became active around campus, serving on the President's Commission on Diversity Affairs, which works with students on issues that surround race, gender, and sexuality, and the Black Student Union. "I met Isaac our freshman year, 2013, and distinctly remember how interesting it was to meet someone else so involved in politics," says friend and classmate Joshua Weissman LaFrance '17. "Of all those who may offer their own ideas, a scarce few actually take action." When the U.S. presidential campaign began, Berko didn't struggle over whom to support: He's backed Clinton since 2008 and believes she's finally poised to be the first female president. "She's done a better job arguing for what matters and staying true to her core values," he says of her most recent run for the presidency.

He's doing his part to help make that happen, working with Hillary for President groups on campuses around Boston, most prominently at Suffolk and Tufts, hosting phone banks, knocking on doors, and holding campus discussions to make sure student voters are registered, engaged, and informed. He admits that it's not always easy, given the lock Bernie Sanders seemed to have on people Berko's age. "But Clinton supports education and wants to make sure it's affordable. You might love the idea of Bernie's free college tuition, but who's going to pay for it? You are," he says. Trump, meanwhile, "has no ideas about college or education," says Berko. "He's more about ranting about women."

Both Cappelletti and Berko see themselves working professionally in politics, likely following a law degree. In the meantime, each is glad he can still joke with the other about election issues, even if it's a topic they take very seriously. "We're good friends," says Berko of Cappelletti. "I just like to have a go at him."

Cappelletti laughs. "I'd say the same."
FIT FOR CAMPUS

Students come to Suffolk University to exercise their minds. Now, at the BRAND-NEW MICHAEL S. SMITH '61, AND LARRY E. SMITH '65 FITNESS CENTER, they can enjoy a great workout between classes, too.

THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CENTER—NAMED IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE SMITH BROTHERS' PHILANTHROPY—opened its doors to the entire Suffolk community on August 30, 2016. Located on the Ridgeway Building's first floor, this 5,800-square-foot facility features the latest in cardio equipment, including treadmills, elliptical trainers, and spin bikes. The 1,200-square-foot heavy lifting space is filled with free weights and benches. Visitors can also choose from more than 180 workout options at the Fitness on Demand kiosk and follow along on a wide-screen TV. The center is stocked with yoga mats, kettlebells, medicine balls, and other equipment.

"We're very excited about this new fitness center," Director of Athletics Cary McConnell said, "because now everyone has a place on campus where they can come together to interact and meet their fitness needs."

"The Smith Fitness Center is a great addition to the campus," said graduate student Ian Gawron. "There are so many different pieces of equipment to choose from; it has everything you need."

For the Smith brothers—cofounders of Nation Safe Drivers and real estate investors in Florida and Massachusetts—leadership philanthropy is a way of life. "We were raised to believe that if you made it, you had an obligation to give back," they said in a joint statement. "We appreciate our Suffolk education. It taught us how to run a business professionally and gave us the skills we needed to create and grow a successful business on our own."

"Michael and Larry Smith have been positively influencing the lives of students at Suffolk for decades, and we are deeply grateful for their continued leadership and generosity, manifested in so many ways across the campus," noted Acting President Marisa Kelly.
September Suffolk University poll of the presidential race in the closely watched battleground state of Ohio was among the first to reveal a shift in public perception about the likely outcome on Election Day. While the Sept. 15 poll showed the horserace moving from a tie in July to a 3-point lead for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton, it also revealed something that hadn’t shown up in previous polls. Growing numbers of Ohioans believed Trump could actually win the election.

During the previous four weeks in Suffolk polls of Iowa, Nevada, Michigan, and North Carolina, Clinton held a roughly 20-point advantage over Trump on the question of who would ultimately win. But in the Sept. 15 Ohio poll, Clinton’s advantage was just 8 points.

“The first two weeks in September weren’t kind to Hillary Clinton,” said David Paleologos, the widely quoted director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC). “Clinton’s support among independents, a group that Barack Obama had been really strong with in his previous two elections, was showing significant signs of weakness, and the possibility of a Trump presidency became more real in the eyes of voters.”

Paleologos stresses that the Ohio poll represented a snapshot in time. “There will be at least two more swings of the pendulum before Election Day, if not more.”

What won’t change is the reliability and accuracy of Suffolk polls and the work of the Political Research Center. If it’s a battleground state this fall, Suffolk has been polling it and has often been first to pick up trends in the electorate.

One of founding director Paleologos’ tools is the bellwether poll, which looks at a ward, precinct, town, county, or other district that accurately reflects how a state will vote. In 2008, Suffolk University’s bellwether polls in the towns of Kingston and Sandown, New Hampshire, famously and correctly had Clinton winning the Granite State primary, where all other polls had Barack Obama. Today, the Suffolk University poll is a national brand, and Paleologos is among the elite group of political pollsters whom the networks and political correspondents routinely turn to for predictions and analysis on issues as well as candidates. Suffolk has partnered with USA TODAY on a series of national polls of the race and issues, which receive attention across the country and the globe.

The methodologies of various polling outfits are different and so are their track records. As of January 1, 2015, Paleologos’ proprietary bellwether model had an 89 percent accuracy rate, perhaps explaining his reticence to disclose what he calls “a pollster’s secret sauce.” He did, however, share a few thoughts about some of the issues SUPRC was the first to survey and how well such initial snapshots measure up over a long period of time.

“Issues are best measured over the long haul with a series of data points starting with the most immediate, following a national event,” Paleologos says. “Measuring that starting point is important, though, because it provides a baseline to quantify the subsequent changes in voter attitudes over time as emotion is replaced by information.”

While Paleologos won’t predict who will win on Nov. 8, there are plenty of pundits who predict his polls will be right on the mark.
Crime thriller aficionado EMILY PERSSON '15 unearthed a career path and passion in the work of forensic anthropologist and novelist DR. KATHY REICHS

"MY INABILITY TO PUT BOOKS DOWN, coupled with the television show Bones were the most influential things in directing me toward a career in forensic science," recalls Emily M. Persson. In high school, the East Bridgewater, MA, native was an avid reader and "couldn't be bothered by romances or sci-fi or other genres except for crime thrillers. I was able to learn about the different areas in forensic science and their applications in cases in a fictional manner based on real life."

When Persson was looking at colleges, she discovered that "Suffolk University is one of the only schools in New England that offers an undergraduate program with forensic science." As an undergraduate, she majored in chemistry with a concentration in forensic science. "The main advantage to the program here at Suffolk is that the director of the Boston crime labs was my professor and many different criminalists [crime lab technicians] have taught at the Forensic Science Lab. I was able to network with these people, which opened up many opportunities for me."

Asked who in the world she would most like to ask three questions of, Persson thought of the Fox series that encouraged her vocational interests and the author of the book upon which it is based. "[Forensic anthropologist] Dr. Kathy Reichs first got on my radar when the show Bones premiered. I fell in love with the field of forensic science and started to do a little digging on the background of the show, which led me straight to Kathy and her books. I chose her because she has done a little bit of everything, from earning her PhD and membership into the American Board of Forensic Anthropology to being a teacher, novelist, forensic scientist, and even a consultant for the television series Bones. She is an amazing woman and I aspire to a career like hers so I selected her, from everyone else in the world."

EMILY PERSSON: You are a novelist, a forensic anthropologist, and a teacher. Which aspect of your career do you enjoy most and why?

DR. REICHS: I've never liked having my foot in just one world. First, I focused on motherhood and working full time at the university; then it was working at the crime lab, and teaching in academia; and then it was the world of literary publishing and television entertainment. I like moving among the different menu items—I don't like doing just one thing. I don't like living in just one place either, evidenced by my going back and forth between Canada and North Carolina, with two different climates and two different languages. I like variety.

Q: How close are some of the cases in your novels to real-life cases that you have worked on?
A: In the books and the show, I offer a peek into my cases. Not every book is based on a specific case, but they're all related to something I've done, like disaster relief work or human rights work. Déjà Dead is based on my first serial murder investigation. Death du Jour derives from work I performed for the Catholic Church and from the Solar Temple cult mass murders. Deadly Decisions stems from the many bones brought to me grâce à la Québec Hells..."
Angels. Fatal Voyage is based on mass disaster recovery work. Grave Secrets was inspired by my participation in the exhumation of a Guatemalan mass grave. Bare Bones' investigation into poaching sprang from moose remains. Monday Mourning grew from the pizza parlor skeletons (and my most recent book, Bones Never Lie, sprang from Monday Mourning). Cross Bones draws on my visit to Israel, weaving strangely unreported Masada bones, a burial box purported to be that of Jesus' brother James, and a recently looted first-century tomb into a modern murder plot. Break No Bones finds a modern skeleton mingled with archeological remains. Bones to Ashes involves time spent with the Acadians of Canada—a community of people that savor la dolce vita to the fullest, yet still have to deal with death in their midst. In Devil Bones I return to my home in Charlotte and explore the world of alternative religions. 206 Bones deals with the unavoidable downside of the popularity of forensic anthropology — incompetent or dishonest forensic scientists. Spider Bones is based on work I did as a consultant to the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, a military laboratory dedicated to identifying U.S. war dead. Bones of the Lost was drawn from my experience visiting troops in Afghanistan with the USO.

A: Neely Smith. When I met Neely Smith in 1981 she was the same age as my daughter. Both were friendly, talkative 5-year olds. The difference was that Neely was a skull, rib cage, and lower jaw on a steel gurney, and it was my job to confirm her identity as the young girl snatched from her east Charlotte neighborhood two months earlier. In fiction, the murders get solved. That's not always the case. My training was in archaeology, with a specialty in skeletal biology. I first found my way into forensics through a request for help in a child homicide investigation. The tiny bones were identified. The killer was not. That case changed my life. Anyone who has come from a town that harbored such a crime will remember the name of the child and carry it with them. Charlotte, North Carolina. Soham, England. Praia de Luz, Portugal. These stories are important. They instruct us about the place where they happened, about ourselves, and about how to bear the burden of such memories and move on. They speak to the permeability of "objective science." My work is filled with these names. While I strive to keep personal and professional separate, it is never entirely possible. There will be another unsolved child murder. There will always be more work to do. Both the dead and the living etch their names into my bones, crossing paths within my sphere. I don't explain to my daughter why I sometimes hug her too tight, nor do I explain to my colleagues why I sometimes refer to an 8-year-old only as "the victim." After the Neely Smith case, I abandoned ancient bones for recent. I switched to forensics and never looked back.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your career?
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A Summer in the Center of It All

JONATHAN MCTAGUE FOUND A PERFECT WAY to spend his summer: as a government affairs intern in Washington, DC.

Through Suffolk's partnership with The Washington Center, a nonprofit organization connecting college students with credit-bearing internships in the nation's capital, Jonathan, an economics and government double major graduating in 2018, landed a position in the government affairs department at Grant Thornton, the international audit, tax, and advisory firm. "I heard through students who took part in the program that it was an unbelievable and unforgettable experience," Jonathan says of the program.

The Suffolk junior's typical workday would involve hopping on the Metro and commuting from his apartment near Union Station to the Grant Thornton offices in Dupont Circle. His team was focused on studying corporate tax policy and reform, particularly as manifested in the GOP's "A Better Way" legislative agenda.

From there, he would be dispatched to Capitol Hill to attend and take notes on committee hearings on issues of taxation and business policy. Back at the office, he would write reports on the hearings and other congressional activity for his team.

Jonathan found other, less formal opportunities to rub elbows with lawmakers as well, including the annual congressional baseball and softball charity games. "I was able to connect with members of congress there, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, Nancy Pelosi, [US Representative] Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. I really got to meet all the main players."

"I think it affects my future immensely," Jonathan says of his internship experience. "The position I had at Grant Thornton related perfectly to both my majors—government and economics—so I got the best of both worlds."
FOUR STAFFERS AT THE
EDWARD M. KENNEDY INSTITUTE—
all Suffolk grads—transport
Massachusetts high school students
to the Capitol as senators

Inside a 1:1 scale replica of the U.S. Senate chamber, 77 high school students rise from their mahogany desks. Dressed in a mix of polo shirts and T-shirts, blouses and skirts, with a few sport coats and ties, they raise their right hands and swear to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. When they're done, Lou Rocco BS '12, their presiding officer, bangs his gavel five times.

"Congratulations, senators, and welcome to the United States Senate!" he says. "I am your humble vice president of the United States."
It's a Thursday morning at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate on Boston's Columbia Point. Rocco, 26, is at the rostrum of the replica Senate chamber, which recreates the real one in the U.S. Capitol, from the gallery of viewers' seats high above to the the wall cloths with the look of blue velvet, right down to the purple, floral-patterned senatorial carpet. Rocco is about to lead the daily three-hour simulation in the Senate Immersion Module, where student groups from eighth through 12th grades work together to draft a bill that's similar to actual Senate legislation.

Officially, Rocco is the EMK Institute's education program facilitator—which means his job in the Senate Immersion Module on a given day may be vice president, cabinet nominee, or committee chair. Today, like most days, Rocco is performing the veep's duties as Senate president. He's the lead actor in a complex performance, guiding students as they explore the convoluted ways a bill becomes a law. Charismatic, with piercing blue eyes and a sharp, narrow face, he strikes up a chummy, Joe Biden-style rapport with the students.

"Some of you might be learning you served in the Armed Forces," Rocco says as the students read tablet computers to learn about their randomly assigned roles as legislators. "If so, thank you very much for serving."

Rocco asks who's playing the Democratic senator from Vermont. A young woman speaks up. Rocco recounts her bio, which really belongs to U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)—including his cameos in three *Batman* films. "This senator went face to face with the Joker and lived to tell the tale!" Rocco says. "Can we get a round of applause?"

Soon, the young senators will try to pass comprehensive immigration reform, an accomplishment that has eluded the actual U.S. Congress. And Rocco, one of four Suffolk graduates employed at the EMK Institute, will guide them through how the upper house of our national legislature works—or is supposed to. "I'm sure this Senate is ready to hunker down and not leave the Senate until you're done," Rocco says, betraying a hint of humor about the difference between the simulation and Washington political gridlock.

**DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE TRUTH**

An hour later, in a meeting room a short walk from the Senate chamber, Beatriz Blasco Aguasca MS '16 plays the role of a Republican caucus leader. Tall, wearing professorial glasses, she has a teacher's gravi-
senators, pondering a list of proposed amendments to the immigration bill, say they could support the second idea on the list: more funds to process backlogged immigration applications.

“If number two makes the federal government any faster, I’m for it,” says one senator.

“I hope so,” Aguasca says. “I hope so.” She’s experienced the government’s slow processing of visa paperwork herself.

Aguasca’s Suffolk thesis compares how the U.S., Spain, and France have handled the tension between civil liberties and national security. For her U.S. test case, she studied the Patriot Act—knowledge she puts to use at her part-time job as an “ambassador” (a paid internship for students) with the EMK Institute. One of the four Senate simulations the institute runs is a mock reauthorization of the Patriot Act.

Nir Eisikovits, director of the philosophy department’s ethics & public policy graduate program, says Aguasca brought a mature, international perspective to class. Spain’s 1980s transition from dictatorship to democracy informs her scholarship, he says: “The tension between stability and civil liberties has recent resonance. Somebody with those firm democratic, liberal commitments, even though coming from a place where democracy is more fragile, was inspiring to her colleagues. She doesn’t take them for granted, like many in the United States do.”

Aguasca says she often applies her studies in Eisikovits’ political philosophy class in her talks with students at the EMK Institute. John Stuart Mill’s arguments in On Liberty are especially helpful when she’s talking to liberal Boston-area students who blanch at playing the role of a Republican. “[Mill] talks about the different sides of the truth,” she says, “and how, to better understand your beliefs and your position, you need to learn what the other side thinks, but not from someone who thinks like you.”

A PLACE YOU CAN LEARN POLICY MAKING

Today’s simulation is a reminder of Lou Rocco’s past. One of the three student groups making up today’s Senate is a comparative government and politics class from Medford High School. Rocco graduated from Medford High in 2008. His government teacher, Liz Daneu JD ’06, accompanied her students to the Institute for today’s simulation.

“Lou was not just an exemplary student,” recalls Daneu. “All the dynamism and charisma you saw in that chamber, it was there in high school.”

As Rocco sorted through college acceptances, Daneu counseled him to choose Suffolk. “I said, ‘If you’re on the fence and want to stay close to home, that’s a place you can learn policy making,’” she recalls, noting the University’s long relationship with state government. At Suffolk, Rocco studied American politics and history and interned on Beacon Hill with Senator Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville).

“He has a very talented approach to taking complex material and breaking it down so it’s interesting for that age group,” Daneu says after watching Rocco lead the simulation. “I told him, ‘You had those kids captivated and engaged. They didn’t once grab their cell phones.’”

Matt Wilding BA ’06, Rocco’s boss, hired him on the recommendation of two history professors, Department Chair Robert Allison and Robert Hannigan. “Lou’s ability to do research quickly and in an organized way, I can tell you with confidence, [reflects the influence] of the Suffolk History Department,” Wilding says. “[It] has a style, a view of how research should be done.”

Recently, Wilding hired another Suffolk grad, Lina Rodriguez BA ’13, as the EMK Institute’s intern and volunteer coordinator. “Suffolk students have yet to let me down,” Wilding says.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Back in the Senate chamber, the student playing the Republican from Idaho delivers a stirring speech in favor of an amendment that would permanently deny citizenship to anyone who enters the United States illegally. The senators vote, and as the totals appear on a screen, they laugh and cheer: It’s a tie.

“Thanks a lot,” Rocco says, to laughter. The Constitution requires him, as vice president, to cast the deciding vote.

With poise, Rocco recites the diplomatic stance he always employs when this happens. “Regardless [of] my personal and political beliefs about this particular amendment,” he says, he believes any amendment or bill “should have a clear demonstrated majority here in the Senate, which this amendment does not.” With a slight smile, he votes it down. The Democrats clap.

Soon the Senate passes its bill, a centrist compromise that pairs a path to permanent residence for illegal immigrants with funding for more border patrol agents. It was a good day, Rocco says afterward—students from different schools worked through their assigned personalities and ideologies to reach the sort of consensus that often eludes the actual U.S. Congress.

“I thought a bill like this, comprehensive immigration reform, would take weeks, if not months,” Rocco tells the students. “But y’all did it in two and a half hours. Give yourselves a round of applause! I wish the Senate were always this efficient!”
PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION

You see a common criminal. ANGELA CAVANAUGH JD '16 and JOANNE ARAUJO JD '12 see an uncommon opportunity.
THE DETAILS OF THE CASE WERE SPARSE but they told a story that was all too common in Boston Municipal Court. A pair of officers from the Boston Police Department’s Drug Control Unit had watched a 36-year-old man make a furtive transaction. They noticed him fingering something small and approached the man to ask about it, but the man put the object in his mouth. The officers ordered him to give it up, and when he spit out a baggie of suspected heroin, they arrested him on a single charge of drug possession. After a brief court appearance, the defendant would be released on his own recognizance—leaving prosecutor Angela Cavanaugh JD ’16 to decide what would happen next.

"Unfortunately, his record shows a lot of other charges," she says, paging through a folder in the West Roxbury Division courthouse office of the assistant district attorney. "He's picked up charges almost every year."

Trafficking, intent to distribute, larceny, breaking and entering—the arrests dated back to 2005, and they had led to several stints in jail. The man, Cavanaugh realized, was stealing to pay for an addiction that had haunted him for most of his adult life. The address he had on record was a homeless shelter. Now he was looking at up to two years in state prison. "It's a relatively upfront case," Cavanaugh says. "But it's tough. I can see both sides. This guy clearly has a drug abuse problem, but he's buying heroin in a place where there are also innocent people."

As the case wended its way through the courts—with motions to suppress evidence and attempts to elicit plea deals, all perhaps culminating months later in a trial—it would be Cavanaugh's job to represent the interests of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. But during her year-long service as a student prosecutor with the Suffolk County district attorney's office, the third-year Suffolk Law student has learned that justice doesn't always mean winning trials and locking up criminals.

"I thought, going into school, that it was all about the argument," Cavanaugh says. But that was before she took advantage of a unique Suffolk Law program that would embed her in the real life of an urban criminal court. "Being a prosecutor is also about compassion, communication, and doing the right thing," she says. "The only victim in this case is the addict himself. Can I help him, too?"

THE POSSIBILITY OF INNOCENCE

Over the course of her final year at Suffolk, Cavanaugh has spent Mondays and Wednesdays in court, representing the Commonwealth during arraignments and hearings, reviewing cases, making decisions about when to drop charges or seek pleas, and even arguing a case at trial. (The charge was possession of a dangerous weapon; a judge found the defendant not guilty, but, Cavanaugh says cheerfully, "I got some great feedback from the judge.")

Cavanaugh is one of two dozen students enrolled in Suffolk's Prosecutors Program, which since 1975 has provided hundreds of students with courtroom experience—and supplied the Suffolk County District Attorney's office with nearly half of its 55 current assistant district attorneys.

"We've got nothing but good things to say about the program's contribution to our work," says Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley JD '83. "The students who take part come on the job with better understanding, more experience, and greater confidence in their abilities. In an office like ours, where we try to work as a team, those qualities benefit everyone. From my perspective, there's no better training ground for a young lawyer than the fast pace of a district or
municipal court, and there's no greater opportunity to serve the interests of justice than as a prosecutor."

While many law schools offer a prosecution clinic, Suffolk's program is unique not only in its influence on Suffolk County's criminal courts but also in its hybrid approach. Student prosecutors spend two or more days a week in courts across Boston, with a handful traveling farther away to Middlesex County, Worcester, or even Springfield. But they also gather regularly for classroom sessions with Clinical Professor of Law Diane Juliar to hash out legal and ethical matters that arise in the field.

"Once they get out there, they don't have much time for reflection, so that's one of the things we're trying to do in the classroom," Juliar says. "The students see assistant district attorneys struggling with, What's the right thing to do? What's fair? They are aware of our high incarceration rate and its disparate impact on people of color. But what about public safety? Students learn about the human component and how hard prosecutors struggle not to lose sight of the possibility of innocence, and not to get beaten down by caseloads."

The professional life of a prosecutor lacks the glamour and tidiness of popular procedurals like Law and Order, and if students begin with that illusion, real-life court experience soon dispels it. But for the most part, romance is not what drives young lawyers to seek careers with the district attorney's office.

"These students are totally dedicated to public service," Juliar says. "These jobs are hugely underpaid, but that's what they want to do."

SHADES OF GRAY

As a teenager, Angela Cavanaugh recalls having a flair for argument. "People always told me I should be a lawyer," she says, and that was her goal when she enrolled at Assumption College in Worcester. But an accidental pregnancy just after her junior year derailed her plans.

"It was kind of devastating," she says. "The thought of law school totally escaped my mind." She weighed her options and reconsidered her future, ultimately deciding to keep the baby. She gave birth to a daughter, Alexis, in February 2010. Working twice as hard to balance classwork with caring for a newborn, Cavanaugh graduated on time that May, and within a year she had her own apartment and a full-time marketing job in Boston. She was in love with her daughter and proud of her ability to picture, and it's gray."

The idea of law school kept creeping back in," she says. "I would shut it down—you don't hear about single moms going to law school! But on the other hand, I thought, I still have so much life left to live. Do I want to be complacent, or do I want to show my daughter you can be anything you want?"

Her old ambition—and a good LSAT score—eventually won the case. And it turned out that "life experience," as her district court supervisor, assistant district attorney Megan O'Rourke JD '05, put it, has made Cavanaugh a better lawyer. "A lot of prosecutors, it's their first job ever," O'Rourke says. "They tend to see things in black and white, when it's actually shades of gray. People who have done something else are more adept at seeing those nuances. And Angela works very hard—you can tell she wants to make this her career."

If Cavanaugh's career goes as she hopes, she will follow in the footsteps of Assistant District Attorney Joanne Araujo JD '12, an alumna of the Prosecutors Program who was recently promoted to a position handling major felony cases in Suffolk County Superior Court. Before that, Araujo spent three and half years in the Roxbury Division of Boston Municipal Court, the same busy courthouse where she was a student prosecutor during her final year of law school.

"We learned all the fundamentals in clinical," Araujo says. "It definitely was daunting—you're a student attorney, but the judge is treating you like the Commonwealth, because you represent the Commonwealth!"

Like Cavanaugh, Araujo's work is informed by her life experience. As a child, she lived in a tough part of Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. Her mother was once followed home from work by a man who tried to force his way into their apartment building, while her father, a taxi driver, worried nightly about being mugged by a passenger. Seeking a safer environment, her family eventually moved to Everett, but today Araujo's inner-city childhood helps her connect with the crime victims whose interests she represents in court. That proved especially important as she began to specialize in domestic violence and cases involving children—cases that have taken on a new dimension since she had a son a year ago.

"I hope one day he sees the work that I do and appreciates it," Araujo says. "I want him to learn to treat people fairly, and to realize that sometimes people make mistakes."

Christina Miller, Suffolk County's chief of district courts and community prosecutions—and an adjunct professor at Suffolk Law, in charge of placing students from the Prosecutors Program in courts—has watched Araujo's career from the beginning.

"What makes Joanne unique is her care in interactions with the community, with victims and their families," she says. "Child protection cases are very intensive, and she's exceptional at building trust. I think that all started with the Suffolk program."

As much as she empathizes with victims, Araujo credits the program with helping her to see cases from both sides. "For me, coming in, it was very black and white," she says. "I thought people who do bad things should go to jail. But in clinic, I realized a lot of our defendants are prior victims, and a lot of our victims will become defendants. There's a bigger picture, and it's gray."

HER OWN VERSION OF JUSTICE

Back in West Roxbury, Cavanaugh was thinking hard about those shades of gray as she considered the case of the 36-year-old heroin addict. After conferring with O'Rourke, she decided to offer the defendant a deal: If he participated in Narcotics Anonymous and came back in a month with a clean drug test, she would drop the charges. Would that serve as sufficient motivation for the addict to seek help?

"That's the kind of system I want to be a part of!" Cavanaugh says. "But, as happens so often in the criminal justice system, things failed to go as planned. The man's next court date came and went, and he couldn't meet the requirements Cavanaugh laid out.

"That's the catch, right?" she says. "Sometimes you do everything you can to help someone, and they can't help themselves. It's a struggle that prosecutors face every day."

The next step would be to seek a guilty plea, and Cavanaugh still hoped the terms of the deal, whether it involved jail time, probation, or a court-mandated treatment plan, might help the man find the support he needed to kick his habit. Meanwhile, she would turn her attention to the other 14 active cases on her docket. Each thin file folder represents a story of misfortune, malice, addiction, greed—or a simple mistake. Some might be straightforward, some convoluted, some sad, but each offers the student prosecutor an opportunity to sort through shades of gray, and to find her own version of justice.
I graduated from Suffolk in 2013, and I was elected chairwoman for the West High Blue Knights Foundation in Manchester, NH. In October, I started as the program manager in the School of Business at Southern New Hampshire University. I also enrolled at SNHU and earned my International MBA with a concentration in social media marketing in May 2016.
2004
Melissa Lowery Eaton (MA) is the author of a short-story collection, North of Boston, based on Facebook status updates.

2006
Nathan R. Shoedr (MSPS) was awarded a PhD in political science from Temple University in May after completing his dissertation on Pennsylvania school board politics. He began working as an assistant professor of political science at Millisaps College in Jackson, MS, in August 2014. "Shoedr teaches courses on campaigns and elections, research methods, state and local government, public administration, and the U.S. presidency while also serving as director of the American studies program and director of internships in political science.

2008
Michael Moon (MS) has successfully defended her PhD in human capital management from Ballyncoo University in Bellevue, NE. While studying at Suffolk, she was treated by Dr. Barbara Ash and she owes Dr. Ash "eternal thanks for her inspiration and compassion" while Michael pursued her goals.

Danielle (Touma) Oakes (MPA) and her husband are in the middle of their year-long trip around the world. Having traveled through South America, they will continue on to Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia and New Zealand before returning to the States. Follow their journey at oaksandcompass.com.

2011
Jamie Manning (MBA) and Adriano Varasas (MBA '10) co-founded SnagStool, a mobile app that allows users to reserve bar stools for big games. They pitched their idea on ABC's Shark Tank. Although they did not get a deal, they gained invaluable experience, exposure, and relationships. They continue to partner with Suffolk's entrepreneurship program and encourage students to start their own business at Suffolk as they did.

Law

1975
Sheldon F. Margolis (JD) writes, "I am a sole practitioner and have been practicing for 40 years. I was previously a partner in several firms and over the decades, I was a matrimonial, collection, criminal, and union labor attorney. My practice is now limited to real estate and landlord/tenant litigation. I just learned that another attorney, Peter Willis (JD '69), is in my building. I also know quite well Robert Margulis (JD '74) and Jack Wind (JD '77), partners in Jersey City, but (they) attended day classes (and) I attended night and our paths never crossed. Go figure."

1976
"I am a counsel at Satterlee Stephens Burke & Burke in NYC, specializing in trusts and estates, writes R. Demarest Duckworth III (JD). "Our daughter Heather Smith, who lives in the Boston area, took several exchange classes at Suffolk when she obtained her doctorate in psychology from another institution. It was a rewarding feeling to know that two generations had the experience of attending Suffolk."

1979
Heal Weinstein (JD) volunteers for the BAA Boston Marathon as a motorcycle carrier, carrying the elite men's photographer Victor Sailer.

1981
David E. Cherry (JD) was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, 2016. He is a partner in the Boston firm of Alwood & Cherry PC.

1983
"Hi everyone," writes Joan "Kote" Stohl (JD). "After retiring from law teaching after 23 years, I started an online legal writing coaching business. My website allows me to tutor and teach legal writing without the constraints of a specific law curriculum. I teach a course on job search skills for Drexel College, which is a deeply fulfilling experience."

1987
E.F. Wingate (JD) has had a varied career, including work as a real estate and banking lawyer, New Hampshire Department of Safety hearings examiner and State Police prosecutor, defense attorney, and New Hampshire Secretary of State Securities Regulation attorney, along with the elected positions of selectman and police commissioner. Now, he adds, "I've been given the job of town administrator for Pittsfield, NH. My wife and I, our two Brittany Spaniels, three lambs, eight Bourbon Red turkeys, and 35 chickens of various ethnicity send our greetings."

1997
Sally R. Gaglini (JD) is the author of Young Performers at Work: Child Star Survival Guide written as a "one-stop for parents of talented kids that "blends entertainment and probate law."

A new novel by Dan Pope (JD), Housebreaking, was published in May. The New York Times Book Review described his book as "a heartfelt chamber piece of flawed personalities, calamitous decisions, and unexpected moments of grace."

1998
This past summer, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin appointed attorney John Valente (JD), a shareholder and director of Rutland law firm of Ryan, Smith, & Carlbld LTD, to the Vermont trial bench. Valente is the son of former Vermont trial judge Silvio Valente. "I am humbled by this opportunity to serve my fellow Vermonters," John says, "as my father did for over two decades." Valente and his wife, Paula live in Rutland City.

2001
Linda Champion (JD, BS '95) is a board member of Chang Chung Lives Inc. "I recently retired from the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps after more than 20 years of active duty service between the Coast Guard and the Army," reports William Moorhouse (JD). "I started working for the Department of Defense as an associate general counsel for contracts and fiscal law with the Defense Human Resources Activity in Alexandria, VA."

2006
James Walter Murphy (JD) and Sonya (Rancenovich) Murphy (JD '07) welcomed their second son, Dylan Vailant Murphy, on September 29. Big brother Aedan James, 4, is excited to have a little brother. Sonya works in-house as corporate counsel for Perini/Eller Inc. in Waltham, MA. James recently became a CPA professional and continues to work for the Boston firm Coates Hall and Stewart, where he focuses on trust administration and estate planning. The Murphys are excited to be moving to their new home in Beverly, MA.

2008
Catherine (Boult) Bye (JD) and Phil Bye (JD) welcomed Elizabeth Sophia on August 26. Catherine reports that "big brothers Jackson (4) and William (2) are thrilled with her so far." Phil and Catherine live and work in Washington, D.C. Phil is a government relations consultant. After maternity leave, Catherine will continue working at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation, in the Appellate section.

2009
Sean Findlen (JD) has been named chief communications officer at Bates College. Bates President Clayton Spencer, described him as "a highly regarded strategist, a seasoned manager, and a hands-on professional who is fully conversant with the tools of contemporary communications." He served on the staff of then-Governor Angus S. King, Jr. and describes himself as an "absolute political junkie" who volunteered in his first campaign at age 30 and later served as a page for U.S. Senate Majority Leader Joe Mitchell.

Erin Seidell (JD/MA) writes, "October 5 was my first day as an assistant United States attorney for the District of Minnesota. Becoming an AUSA has been a dream for many years, and I am incredibly excited to represent the United States as an attorney in the Civil Division. Previously, I was an associate at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis in the Commercial Litigation Group. I joined Fredrikson after completing my federal clerkships in January 2013. I am sincerely grateful for the outstanding legal education I received at SULS."

2014
"I have recently concluded a term as a law clerk for Associate Justice Francis X. Flaherty (JD '80) of the Rhode Island Supreme Court," writes Matt O'Connor (JD). "I joined the Boston office of Morrison Mahoney LLP as an associate, practicing general liability defense."

2015
David T. Holland (JD) joined Proskauer Rose as a corporate lawyer. He previously worked as a paralegal for Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles and Boston.

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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
40TH ANNIVERSARY
May 4, 2016
Nearly 200 students, alumni, faculty, and staff came together in Suffolk's newly renovated graduate program space in Sargent Hall to celebrate the Suffolk MPA program's 40th anniversary.

HERITAGE AWARDS
September 20, 2016
Four former members of the Suffolk University community were honored with Heritage medallions commemorating their lifetime commitment and distinguished service to the University: (left to right) John Deliso, JD '72, Paula Fleck, BSG '97, Myra Lerman, and Emeritus Director of Athletics James E. Nelson.

DEAN NANCY STOLL RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
May 11, 2016
Dean of Student Affairs Nancy Stoll was given a fond farewell by fellow staff members in the dining commons of 20 Somerset Street as she retired from 30+ years of service at Suffolk.

Dean Stoll (at center, in yellow) surrounded by Suffolk staff at her retirement celebration.

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HALF-CENTURY CLUB LUNCHEON
June 10, 2016
At this annual tradition, Suffolk honored members of the Class of 1966, as well as alumni celebrating their 51st reunion or higher.

Larry Smith, BSBA '65 and Sawyer Business School Dean William J. O'Neill Jr., JD '74

Carolyn Lichtenstein, Mark Lichtenstein, JD '60, Ann Der Marderosian, BA '60, HDHL '06, Armen Der Marderosian, BA '58, JD '60, HDHL '06

James O'Donnell, BA '66, JD '69 and Half-Century Club alumni speaker Paul Nevins, BA '66, JD '82

REUNION NIGHT AT THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM
June 10, 2016
More than 350 alumni gathered at the New England Aquarium to celebrate Reunion Night and the life aquatic.

Top Left: Brian Holak, BSJ '14, Jon Huang, BSBA '15, Bottom Left: Victoria Kostyshena, BSBA '14, Dina Akel, BS '13, Sarah McColl, BSJ '14

Christian O'Neill BA '11, Christopher Gray, BS '95, Danielle Kahn, William Norton BA '10, Jennifer Graham BA '11, Haley Howell BSBA '10, Evan Lema BA '10
I was 23 years old, I had just finished two college degrees, and I was looking forward to starting my third at a university in Madrid when I was diagnosed with a tumor in one of my vertebrae that required emergency surgery.

I had spent my summer in the United States practicing English, and during that time I had experienced some back pain. When I landed back home in Spain, I was expecting the diagnosis to be quite simple: I had strained my back carrying my suitcase during my trip. That wasn’t the case, but after three weeks of testing and five very painful biopsies, the results were promising and the tumor seemed to be benign. I underwent surgery. Eight weeks after the procedure, I felt emotionally ready to move to Madrid and tackle my journalism degree. Physically, recovery would take longer, and it wasn’t until seven months had passed that I started feeling like myself again.

I finished my degree and became the editor of specialized magazines, first on industrial products and later on fashion. I had the opportunity to travel to cosmopolitan cities to attend fashion shows, but I knew I could do something more meaningful than focusing on trends.

In order to redirect my career toward social justice, I decided to apply for a master’s degree in political science at Suffolk University. After graduation I landed a job at the Spanish-speaking TV station Univision in Boston, first as a reporter and later as a producer and anchor. I came to understand which issues Latinos in Massachusetts cared about, and after five years of covering a wide range of topics, including immigration, education, and health, I knew where I could make a real difference.

I realized that because Spain has universal health care, I never had to worry about whether I would be able to afford the surgery or treatment associated with my tumor. After a few years in the United States, I understood that there was a lot of work to be done to improve access to the health care system. That took me first to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where I worked to educate minorities in the state about how to get and stay healthy.

In 2012, I joined the nonprofit organization Health Care For All (HCFA), a key advocate in the passage of Chapter 58, the health care reform law that brought Massachusetts closer to universal health care and served as a blueprint for the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. When I started working at HCFA, I got to know Rosemary, a woman in her 20s who had been diagnosed with breast cancer while living in Washington, DC, and couldn’t afford health insurance to cover the treatment.

At the time, the ACA had not been implemented yet, and Massachusetts was the only state in the country that offered options for residents who could not afford private insurance. Rosemary moved here to be able to get the treatment she needed to fight the cancer. She was a very private young woman, yet she decided to become a voice for the organization I work for and talk about how health care reform in Massachusetts had literally saved her life. Her words were especially powerful the day the Supreme Court upheld the ACA. At a press conference, she shared the story that she colors one piece of her hair and changes the color often to make sure that she won’t ever take for granted again simple things such as having hair.

That was the moment I knew I was doing what I wanted to do. I had been diagnosed with a tumor when I was in my 20s as well, but Rosemary put things into perspective and made me realize how fortunate I had been. The tumor in my back was benign, and I hadn’t faced any problems with my coverage because European countries have universal health care.

Now I invest my time and effort to build up a health care system that is more about patients than bills. Now I work for all the Rosemarys out there.
A (True) Fish Story
Rising from humble beginnings, Ernst Guerrier, BS '91, JD '94 finds success provides an opportunity to give back / BY TOM MASHBERG

A sk Ernst Guerrier what shaped his life growing up in Boston's Mattapan neighborhood and he has a ready response: working at the local fish store. "It was no glamour job, smelling of fish all the time," the real estate and tax lawyer says. "The funny thing is, now I own the building that store was in."

Guerrier's working-class roots have defined his career as an attorney and his life path. He came to Boston from Haiti at age 7, the son of a cab driver and a hospital worker. It's impossible to get through a chat with this voluble father of two without hearing the words "giving back to the community" and "making time" for young people.

And that is exactly what Guerrier has done since earning his law degree and forging a multi-million-dollar practice in Dorchester that focuses on the concerns of those living in Boston's largest and most diverse neighborhood.

Guerrier arrived at Suffolk as an undergrad planning to earn a political science degree and focus on civil rights. Then he met Richard J. Trifiro JD '57, HELD '87, the late Boston lawyer and philanthropist, who was committed to city youth and "meant so much to me and others." When Guerrier told Trifiro his ambitions, Trifiro responded, "No way, you're working in real estate and taxes."

"He wanted me to be financially successful so I could be a benefactor to others," Guerrier explained. "And he was right."

Guerrier cannot discuss his life and career without mentioning four people: his wife, Marie, whom he met in seventh grade; his teenage children, Christa and Ernst (both scholarship students and athletes); and his beloved mentor, Trifiro, who would take him and other teens for weekends to Cape Cod, invite them to Thanksgiving dinner, and even help them buy their first interview suits.

"Since I graduated, I have never received a call from a prospective student when I said I don't have the time, because I recall Dick and how he always had the time," Guerrier says. "This man was worth millions, and when he was asked, 'Why do you go down to Mattapan to meet a bunch of kids?' he'd say, 'Well, if I can help one kid, that's all that matters.' And that really stuck with me. We do make a difference."

Guerrier has helped students like Joevrose Bordeau '18 thrive at the Law School and embrace legal work as a career. "Ernst is always there rooting for me and encouraging me," said the night school student, a leader of the Black Law Students Association. "It's thanks to him that I'm doing well. Any time a question comes up, it's always: 'Well, better call Ernst. He'll know what to do.'" Anthony R. Ellison, a lawyer who shares office space with Guerrier, says Guerrier's office is always filled with neighborhood kids getting an introduction to the workplace. "Ernst never forgets where he came from," Ellison says. "It is amazing to me the level of commitment he has for young people."

Associate Dean and Clinical Professor of Law Kim M. McLaurin says Guerrier is such a booster that she can practically hear his voice "in my sleep." She told how a student's mother was discussing Suffolk's Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at a soccer tournament in Europe when "this gentleman goes up to her and says, 'I support that program; it's great,' and it happened to be Ernst."

Guerrier is committed to raising the donor base of African-American graduates. "We need to develop a bigger tradition of involvement among black alumni," he says. "We need to show a deeper engagement through giving and a real long-term connection with the University." In both respects, Guerrier leads by example.

"Whatever I have done," he says, "Suffolk has done more for me than I can ever do for it."
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