Suffolk University Newsletter (SUN), vol. 28, no. 4, 2000

Suffolk University Office of Public Affairs

Follow this and additional works at: https://dc.suffolk.edu/sun

Recommended Citation
https://dc.suffolk.edu/sun/216

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Suffolk University Publications at Digital Collections @ Suffolk. It has been accepted for inclusion in Suffolk University Newsletter (SUN) by an authorized administrator of Digital Collections @ Suffolk. For more information, please contact dct@suffolk.edu.
Community Initiatives

Last Spring President Sargent distributed a monograph written by Ken Garni, Director of the Counseling Center and Elliot Gabriel, Associate Dean of Students, to several academic departments and administrative offices throughout the University. The monograph presents demographic information on entering students from the last 30 years, as well as anecdotal information from more than 50 faculty, students, and administrators on the nature of the "new" Suffolk student. The information in the monograph highlights the dramatic changes that have taken place both in the make-up of our student body and in the physical structure of the University. We have become an institution with a remarkable richness of diversity.

Out of a concern that students, faculty, and staff be able to gain the greatest benefit from this rich diversity and be able to enter more fully into the life of the institution, President Sargent invited representative members of the CAS and SSOM to discuss ways of enhancing the sense of community at Suffolk and to present the ideas generated from these discussions at a meeting he hosted last May. In response to his request, several discussions were held—in academic departments, administrative offices, among students, and in informal gatherings—and the ideas generated have been collected and will form the basis for a series of initiatives and on-going discussions about building and enhancing a sense of community that will continue throughout the coming academic year.

Madrid Campus Accredited

In March 2000, Suffolk University’s Madrid Campus received a site visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accrediting team. The subsequent report was very positive. The Madrid Campus was commended for: improved mission statement, careful planning and implementation efforts, serious use of assessment and resulting data in the planning and implementation process, strong integration of Boston and Madrid campuses, the strengthening of physical facilities, increase in full-time faculty, and improvement in library and computer resources. The team suggested that the advising and transfer process for students moving between the Boston and Madrid campuses be strengthened. Recently, Linda Foley-Vinay, Director of Second Language Services, met with relevant faculty and administrators from both campuses to coordinate plans for responding to this suggestion. Congratulations are in order for Dr. Leslie Croxford, Madrid Campus director, Elizabeth Baile, Madrid Campus assessment coordinator, Susan Clark Thayer, CAS associate dean, Mark Rotondo, CAS data analyst, David Robbins, CAS associate dean, and the many other people who worked so hard on this project.

NEASC Accreditation

Every ten years, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) requires member institutions, like Suffolk, to undertake a comprehensive self-assessment as part of the re-accreditation process. In the institutional self-study report, Suffolk is required to respond to a set of specific criteria and standards defined by NEASC. Accreditation is necessary as a way to provide assurance to the public about the educational quality of the member colleges and universities. The University is currently preparing for the 2002 accreditation site visit by NEASC, and thus President Sargent recently convened a meeting of the Steering Committee to hear a presentation by Peggy Maki, Associate Director of NEASC. Dr. Maki clarified NEASC’s expectations for accreditation under the new regulations.

Eleven committee chairs were appointed to coordinate each of the eleven standards data collection and reports. The chairs are: (1) Mission/Goals—Susan Thayer; (2) Planning/Evaluation—Bob Rosenthal; (3) Organization/Governance—Richard Beinecke, John Deliso, David Robbins; (4) Programs/Instruction—Barbara Ericson, Alexandra Todd; (5) Faculty—Ken Greenberg; (6) Student Services—Nancy Stoll; (7) Library and Information Services—Bob Dugan, Betsy McKenzie; (8) Physical Resources—Joe Kennedy; (9) Financial—Frank Flannery; (10) Public Disclosure—Midge Wilcke; (11) Integrity—Judy Minardi. These committee chairs have been asked to appoint their committee members this summer for action in the fall. In the meantime, the three schools are collecting information about their mission, goals, and objectives, and any evidence regarding the extent to which they have been met. The committees are expected to be as diversified as possible. If you would like information on one of the committees, please contact the appropriate chair.
Commencement Activities

During Suffolk University’s commencement exercises held on Sunday, May 21 at the FleetCenter in Boston, the following employees received their hard-earned degrees:

- Venus Albanese, Voice Communications BS
- Todd Brown, Health Services BS
- Paul Campbell, Law Career Services BS
- Barbara Coffey, Development BS/BA
- Anne Condon, Development MPA
- Theresa Craig, Business Office BS
- Christopher DeStefano, Dean of Students BS
- Philip DiBlasi, University Police JD
- Margaret Dion, NESAD BSA
- Charles Felch, Financial Aid BA
- Ruth Hegarty, Communication & Journalism MS
- Jeanne Morton, Financial Aid MS
- Lisa Murphy, Law Admission BS/BA
- Maureen O'Donnell, Law School MEd
- Dayimiris Peguero, Financial Aid MPA
- Nancy Profera, UMS MA

These 16 employees joined a class of over one thousand graduates comprised of students from 16 states and 47 foreign countries, with ages ranging from 20 to 72.
Commencement Activities

The following individuals received honorary degrees from the Law School: The Honorable Suzanne DelVecchio, chief justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts; Nicholas Macaronis, Esq., prominent Lowell attorney and Suffolk University trustee; Deval Patrick, Esq., vice president and general counsel for Texaco; and the Honorable Thomas Reilly, attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, the Sawyer School of Management bestowed honorary degrees on: Patty Murray, a senator from the state of Washington; Kjell Magne Bondevik, former prime minister of Norway and current member of Parliament; William Connell, chairman and chief executive officer of Connell Limited Partnership; James McGovern, U.S. representative for Massachusetts' third congressional district; and Andre Sonko, former minister of education of Dakar, Senegal.
**New Employees**

The following is a list of new faculty and staff at Suffolk. Please give them a warm welcome to our community!

Allison Bachi, Secretary, Sociology
Rosetta Baetzel, Associate Registrar, Law Registrar
Lynn Barkess, Visiting Faculty of Accounting
Mary Bodwell, Program Coordinator, SLS
Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, Visiting Professor of Law
Ruth Ann Bramson, Assistant Professor of Public Management
Timothy M Brown, Staff Assistant, Ballotti Learning Center
Lisa Celovsky, Assistant Professor of English
Craig Christensen, Associate Professor of Elec & Comp Engineering
Jennifer Davis, Instructor, Law School
Christian DeLaunay, Visiting Assistant Professor of Management
Victoria DeMaret, Instructor, Law School
Stephen Gottlieb, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law
Susan Grover, Visiting Professor of Law
Flora Guidry, Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting
Christine Hauge, Graphic Designer, UMS
Patricia Hamm, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Amy Hayward, Staff Assistant, Law Registrar
Annaphe Hurlock, Gifts Processor, Development
Craig Jackson, Visiting Professor of Law
Stephen Kane, Assistant Professor of Finance
Angela Lombardo, Coordinator Radiation Therapy, Physics
Christine Maher, Assistant Director, Online Programs
Seth Markley, Library Assistant, Sawyer Library
Catherine McCabe, Assistant Professor of Marketing
Quentin Miller, Assistant Professor of English
Richard Miller, Assistant Professor of English
Julie Pham, Administrative Assistant, Dean-SSOM
Joseph Ready, Coordinator, Law Registrar
Colleen Rua, Secretary, Theatre Arts
Becky Spritz, Assistant Professor of Psychology

**Absolute Madness**

This year’s Support Staff Appreciation Day was held on June 14th and included a presentation of Shear Madness and a reception afterwards at the Brew Moon. A fun time was had by all, and we hope to see even more of you in attendance next year!

**Meeting the Challenge**

On June 7, 2000, seventeen of Suffolk’s finest ran/walked the Corporate Challenge in grand style. Each of the participants received two t-shirts and the satisfaction of a job well done. Thanks to Anne Blevins, Lori Caithorne, Darlene Poplawski, Rebecca Fulweiler, Suzanne John, Lisa McGlone, Connie Liuw, Karen McKetchie, Tara Mahar, Jeanne Morton, Donna Schmidt, Erin Smith, John Lee, Luis Marquez, Brian McDermott, Sean O’Brien and Michael Ryan, for their stellar performance in representing Suffolk University. We look forward to seeing you all at the starting line again this time next year!

In a collaborative effort between Suffolk University and the Colleges of the Fenway, a program on Leadership Management began last fall. Beginning in October, seven managers from Suffolk attended eight monthly sessions with 24 managers from other participating schools. Session topics included: managing change, dealing with conflict, leading teams, communicating across lines, and challenges facing higher education. Attendees benefited both from the session presentations and from the networking opportunities with other college professionals. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the upcoming academic year.

**Dancing the Night Away**

Suffolk University’s first annual Spring Fling was held this May at 75 Arlington Street-Park Square. Employees and their guests enjoyed an evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing, not to mention fantastic raffles. Prizes included an overnight stay at the Omni Parker House, Red Sox, Boston Pops and Beanpot tickets. The event was well-attended thanks to the efforts of the Spring Fling Committee. Members include: Terry Bishop, Graduate Admissions; Cathy Boyle, Sawyer Library; Michael Boyle, Law Admissions; Maureen Dooley, Budget Office; Ellen Driscoll, Graduate Admissions; Suzanne John, NESADSU; Tara Mahar, Enrollment Research; Lisa McGlone, MIS; Dawn Medina, Student Accounts; Jeanne Morton, Financial Aid; Jim Nelson, Athletics; Jackie Parker, President’s Office; and Diane Wise, Residence Life. Be on the lookout for upcoming events sponsored by this fun-loving group. (T-shirts are still available. For those who are interested, contact Maureen at ext. 8611.)
Human Resources

How Do We Spell Relief?

All those who are faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences can breathe a sigh of relief as we welcome Thomas Dellicicchi as our new Director of Academic Computing. Having served as Program Director for the Home for Little Wanderers for eleven years, Tom has extensive management experience in a non-profit setting. In addition, he has worked for Harvard University supporting faculty and students in all aspects of academic computing and as an Information Systems Specialist for a leading voice recognition software firm. Combined with his MEd from Northeastern where his concentration was Administration of Instructional Technology, a MSW from Boston College, and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification, Tom is an excellent addition to our Academic Computing/CAS department.

Tom joins Bob Drain, PC/Network Manager, Luis Marquez, UNIX Systems Manager, Diane Raymond, newly promoted to IT Training Manager, in serving the academic community of the College of Arts and Sciences. You can reach Tom at x8529.


In an effort to facilitate communication among departments, we are in the process of revamping the SUN. Since we not only appreciate, but heartily encourage and rely on individual and departmental contributions, we are providing you with the following publication deadlines for future editions:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Deadline</th>
<th>Edition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>September 15, 2000</td>
<td>November 2000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 15, 2000</td>
<td>February 2001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 16, 2001</td>
<td>April 2001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 18, 2001</td>
<td>July 2001</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

On April 7, S.O.U.L.S. (Suffolk’s Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service) sponsored another successful Service Day, in which close to one hundred members of the Suffolk community volunteered their time and efforts to organizations ranging from Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly and the Paulist Center, to the AIDS Action Committee, Community Servings and the Greater Boston Food Bank. Among the volunteers were 31 Suffolk employees: Ivone Amorim, Karyn Benvenuto, Terry Bishop, Maureen Brown, Todd Brown, Wilma Celestino, Amy Fisher, Tyrone Johnson, Thelma Lake, David Latessa, Connie Liao, Sherry Mattson, Magid Mazen, Betsy McDowell, Peter McQuaid, Jeanne Morton, Jim Nelson, Maureen Owen, Michelle Rapp, Lydia Sadusingham, David Sargent, Donna Schmidt, Nancy Stoll, Paul Tanklefsky, Gavin Tierney, Zegenu Tsige, Aurelio Valente, Steve Vinitsky, Diane Wise and Carol Zulaf. At the end of the day, a dinner was held to honor all those who contribute to Suffolk and its surrounding community. During this time, David Latessa, associate director of Financial Aid, was presented with the staff/faculty “Good Person of Suffolk” Award for his family’s sponsorship of an annual run/walk which benefits a local elementary school and families in need.

Cape Cod MPAers (Master in Public Administration) assembled at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter, American Society for Public Administration (MA/ASPA) held in May at the State House.

The Student Government Association annually recognizes an individual from faculty, staff and administration, for their outstanding service to the student population. This year’s leadership awards went to Michael Carvalho, Security Officer, Donna Giancola, Associate Professor of Philosophy, and Amy Fisher, University Chaplain. In addition, Donna Schmidt, Director of Student Activities, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to the clubs, organizations and student life at Suffolk. In future years, the award will be given in her name.

Victoria Dodd, Professor of Law, was honored at a May dinner for scholarship aid donors to the Harvard Law School. Her grandfather, Walter L. Nossinain, is a 1911 graduate of the Harvard Law School.

Robert DeFillippi, Associate Professor of Management, was Program Chair for the Management Education and Development Division of the Academy of Management Annual Conference held in Toronto on August 4-9, 2000.

Regina O’Neill, Assistant Professor of Management, served as associate editor of the Career Forum Newsletter published by the Academy of Management Careers Division.

Suzyn Ornstein, Associate Professor of Management, has been appointed Chair of the Management Department as of July 1, 2000. She replaces Dan Sankowsky who has served as Department Chair for ten years. Dan was recently recognized for his service on June 21, 2000 at the Sawyer School’s Faculty Appreciation Luncheon.

Also at the SSOM Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, Dean John Brennan announced the recipients of the Summer Research Grants: Sudip Bhattacharjee, The Impact of Nonaudit Revenue Opportunities on the Audit Judgments of Experienced and Inexperienced Auditors; Teresa Nelson, Corporate Acquisition Growth Strategy of Entrepreneurial Ventures; Steven Freund, Market Microstructure Differences between NASDAQ and NYSE; Ruth Ann McEwen, Analyst and Market Responses to Disclosure of Enterprise Resource Planning Systems. SSOM Summer Research Grants are awarded through a competitive process.
Faculty proposals are judged by former recipients and Associate Dean Rich Torrisi.

Richard Beinecke, Associate Professor in Public Management, was recently appointed Chair of the department. It is under his leadership that the Sawyer School adopted a new mission statement, created vision and core values statements, and began development of a strategic plan for the Sawyer School.

Jonathan Frank, Chair and Associate Professor of CIS, served on a discussion panel at the Executive MBA Council’s Northeast Regional Conference held in Boston on June 5th - 6th. Professor Frank participated in a presentation and discussion on the "Impact of Technology on Management Education Curriculum."

Krisanne Bursik, Professor of Psychology, presented two papers in early August at the America Psychological Association conference in Washington, D.C. The first, "Gender, Gender Role, and Ego Level: Individual Differences in Feminism" examined predictors of feminist beliefs among college men and women. The second was a collaboration with Tim Martin, a 4th year graduate student in the Psychology doctoral program, entitled "Ego Development and Academic Orientation: Individual Differences in Adolescent Achievement."

Natasha O'Brant, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, recently published an article entitled "Performance of Fiber Optic Cables with Equalization in the Receiver" in the NASTA Journal.

Nancy Stoll, Dean of Students, served on the NEASC accreditation team to Bryant College in the spring. The President of Bryant is Ronald Machtley, an alumnus of Suffolk Law School.

Mary Jane Walker, Associate Director of Finance, reports that over 125 students and alumni of the Graduate Programs in Finance (GPIF), as well as representatives of Boston's financial community, greeted Massachusetts State Treasurer Shannon P. O'Brien on Friday, April 7 at the GPIF's annual Spring Reception. The Library Room of the Hampshire House provided a welcoming atmosphere for what turned into a reunion for many, and a socializing and networking opportunity for everyone.

Patrick Landers, a 1994 graduate of the Graduate Programs in Finance and Assistant Treasurer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, introduced his boss.

Suffolk Mail Services, in conjunction with the mail services departments of Harvard and MIT, hosted the Association of College and University Mail Services annual meeting. Anthony Voto, Manager of Mail Services, thanks a multitude of offices, including Residence Life/Summer Programs, the Law Registrar, Associate Dean - Law School, University Media Services, Physical Plant, University Police, the Business Office and Sodexo. Through their combined efforts, Suffolk was able to showcase itself as an academic institution for the new millennium. This was a wonderful example of Suffolk community spirit.

The Student Services Division held their 10th Annual Staff Recognition Dinner in May to celebrate the completion of the year, and to recognize the accomplishments of staff members. Dean of Students Nancy Stoll is pleased to announce this year’s award winners: Todd Brown, Coordinator in Health Services; Karen Benvenuto, Co-op Coordinator in Career Services and Cooperative Education; and Amy Fisher, Campus Chaplain. Special recognition was given to Coach Cary McConnell for the baseball team's successful season and for his being named the Greater Northeast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Congratulations to all!

During the Outstanding Alumni Awards Reception held on May 18, 2000 at the Omni Parker House Hotel, James Nelson, Director of Athletics, received special recognition for his participation in numerous alumni-sponsored events. Coach Nelson has been an integral part of the Suffolk Community since 1966.
Review is published at Suffolk University. Best wishes to John Sherman, Professor of Law, who retired in June and will assume Emeritus Status.

Congratulations go to the following faculty on their promotions: Elbert Robertson, Associate Professor; Linda Simard, Professor; Stephen McJohn, Professor; Roseanne Cavallaro, Professor, all of the Law School, and to Dr. Michael Basseches, Professor of Psychology; Dr. Gerald Richman, Professor of English; Dr. Robert Allison, Associate Professor of History; Dr. In-Mee Baek, Associate Professor of Economics; Susan Nichter, Associate Professor of Art and Design; Dr. Natasha O'Brant, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. Michele Plott, Associate Professor of History; Dr. Da Zheng, Associate Professor of English/ESL; and Dr. Carol Zulauf, Associate Professor of Education and Human Services. In addition, Mohamed Zatet has been appointed as the new Chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.

Congratulations also go to the following individuals who have been granted tenure by the University: Linda Brown, NESADSU; Laura Golly, NESADSU; Sharon Kurtz, Sociology; Ruth Ann McEwen, Accounting; Rosanna Cavallaro, Law School; Stephen McJohn, Law School; and Linda Simard, Law School.

On July 30th, Suffolk University Law School's Advanced Legal Studies department received national recognition for its Juvenile Justice courses. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Best Public Interest Activities category was presented by the Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA) during their annual meeting in Vancouver. These courses are a joint offering by the Juvenile Justice Center and the Advanced Legal Studies department.

The Communication and Journalism department notes that at a June reception, alumna Norine P. Bacigalupo received the Outstanding Alumni/Alumnae Service Award for exceptional service and loyalty to the Department. Bacigalupo, who received her bachelor of science in journalism Magna Cum Laude in 1970, has been an active force in alumni activities as well as an adjunct professor of communication and journalism here at Suffolk. As long-time public relations practitioner, she is an independent public relations consultant specializing in environmental issues, and a past president of the Publicity Club of New England.

Dr. Robert Rosenthal, Chair of the Communication and Journalism Department, presented a program on Persuasive Strategies for Academic Organizations at the Annual Career Services Retreat for the New England Law School Consortium held at Quinnipiac University School of Law on Friday June 2nd.

Mr. Robert Crowley LeBlanc was sworn in as a member of the Board of Trustees of Suffolk University on Friday April 14th. Mr. LeBlanc earned his BS in Business Administration from Suffolk in 1966, was appointed as an assistant in the Office of Middlesex County Commissioners and in 1970 he was appointed Assistant City Manager of Cambridge. He has also earned a law degree, a MA in public management and a graduate certificate in urban administration. More recently he has served as Town Manager of Methuen, MA and Salem, NH, Auditor of Fitchburg and in numerous other public interest roles. He began his active service for Suffolk University in 1991 when he was first elected to the General Alumni Association's Board of Directors. He has since served as vice president for three terms and has been a member of the Suffolk University Alumni Council for six years, serving as president since 1998. He has been elected to a three-year term as Alumni Trustee, replacing former Trustee Stanley Dennis.

In order to better reflect the range of services offered, the following departments have changed their names: the Mailroom has become Mail Services; Switchboard has become Voice Communications.*
Now in its sixteenth year, Suffolk University’s Passing of the Gavel Ceremony continued its tradition of honoring distinguished student leaders of color. Hosted by Director of Multicultural Affairs, Dr. Sharon Artis-Jackson and Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs, Wilma Celestino, the ceremony honored organizations including the Black Student Union and the Asian American Association for their outstanding community service and continued promotion of diversity at Suffolk.

Congratulations go to Philip and Tina DiBlasi on their dual graduation from Suffolk University. Having already completed their undergraduate degrees at Suffolk, Phil was granted a juris doctor and Tina received a master’s of science in accounting. Phil is a Sergeant in the University Police.

Lori Rosenberg of the Ballotti Learning Center and the Sociology Department along with husband Joel Edelstein welcomed home a daughter from China this past winter. Sophie Yun arrived in Boston just before Christmas.

Barbara Ericson sends a thank you and congratulations to Celeste Thomas, her Graduate Advocates and Felecia Glover for developing the Off-Campus Housing Center into a multi-faceted full-service office, which has served over 396 students in the past year.

The Enrollment Management Directors have found a new way to reward superior customer service and outstanding performance by selecting from within the Division, “The Employee of the Month.” The winner receives a $50.00 gift certificate as a thank you. Anna Marie DeCicco was awarded the “June Employee of the Month” because of her pleasant manner, ready smile, knowledgeable responses to questions, and her willingness to always go “above and beyond” in servicing both students and employees.

On April 25, 2000, Annette Gentile and her husband John welcomed Georgianna Elliott into their lives. Weighing in at a healthy 7lbs 3ozs, Georgianna and her mother are doing fine. Congratulations go to Annette and her family! Congratulations also go to Mary Jane Walker and her husband on the birth of their baby boy Maxwell James.

Chris O’Gara and Anthony Lowe, both of Physical Plant, were spotted digging in the dirt one sunny Saturday in June, helping to beautify the Beacon Hill community. The University donated flowers, gloves, tools and kneepads, and together with neighborhood residents, Chris and Anthony planted a variety of annuals.

Pam Gaudiano, UMS, has been a part of the Suffolk family since 1983. Here a group of employees gather to wish her a fond farewell.

Those who were on campus on July 18th were able to view one of the 23 extant copies of the Declaration of Independence, printed on July 4, 1776. The copy was on display at David J. Sargent Hall. This special, one-day exhibit commemorated the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston on July 18, 1776.

After being confined to a wheelchair for four and a half years, John Kilpatrick, the former Suffolk University hockey player (and current assistant coach) who suffered a devastating injury during a game on January 25, 1996, is able to walk again. The Suffolk Community wishes John the best of luck for a full recovery.

---

**The Suffolk University Newsletter**

Attention: Connie Liauw, Human Resources
8 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108-2770

Visit our web site at:
http://www.suffolk.edu/admin/hr