Convocation 2002

Mary Lally, College Registrar, led the new first year and transfer students into flag festooned Tremont Temple for the opening of the 2002 school year on September 3, 2002. Led by the Boston Police Gaelic Bagpipers, the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Sawyer School of Management, dressed in academic regalia, followed the students. Talented students treated the record number of 500 student and 600 parent attendees to musical numbers and readings. Three members of the Suffolk chorus, Laura Chicon, Heather Mumford and Julie Natario provided vocal entertainment. Students, Mohammed Boise-Kamara, Erin Curran and Christopher Tiongson presented a skit focused on the issues facing new college students.

The faculty was introduced to the students and parents by the respective deans of the two schools, Dean William O'Neill and Dean Michael Ronayne. Sean Powers, SGA President welcomed the new students on behalf of all current students. President David Sargent closed the convocation by stressing the richness of the diversity of the student body and urging students to take advantage of that diversity. President Sargent ended his address with a quote from Winston Churchill, “What we get is how we make a living... What we give is how we make a life.”

The convocation is quickly becoming an annual tradition for the opening of the colleges. Chris DeStefano and Katie Young of the Dean of Students' Office organized the program with the help of a large volunteer committee, which included Anne Blevins, Undergraduate Admission; Kelly Clark, Advancement; George Comeau, UMS; Angela Counts, Student Activities; Natalie Deddy, CAS Deans' Office; Amy K. French, Student Activities; Stephanie (Gibson) Cheverie, Facilities Planning; Dan McHugh, Student Activities; Dawn Medina, Student Accounts; Jeanne Morton, Ballotti Learning Center; Jean Neenan, Alumni Affairs; Maureen Owen, Residence Life/Summer Programs; Julie Pham, SSOM Deans' Office; Aurelio Valente, Student Activities; Midge Wilcke, UMS; Dorothy Zahir, CIE. Chris DeStefano said, “the volunteers really made the event happen.”

In CAS and SSOM there are 1546 new students on the Boston campus, 803 new first year students, 282 transfer students and 461 graduate students representing 71 countries and almost every state in the nation. According to Walter Caffey, Dean of Enrollment, there are more international students on campus this year than last year and the enrollment of AHANA first year students has increased by 41.4%.
Suffolk Has a New VP for Advancement!

Kathryn Battillo has been appointed Vice President of Advancement. Most recently she was the Chief Development Officer for the Boston Ballet. In that position, she increased the level of giving by one hundred percent.

She has a wide range of experience in higher education including many leadership roles. She was a Director of Development for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Principal Gifts Officer for Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, and worked in Development and Alumni Relations at Babson College in Wellesley. Additionally, Kathryn worked at the University of Vermont in Burlington and Simmons College in Boston.

Yesteryear

Ted Williams Photos Are Found At Suffolk

One can only imagine the excitement felt by Sara Chadwick, NESADSU, when during a cleaning spree at the school she discovered old photos of Ted Williams. Bill Davis, NESADSU, who was helping Sara rummage through boxes, was baffled by the discovery. One of the photos is of Williams and Jack Sharkey, the former heavyweight-boxing champion of the world. Sara discovered the picture was taken at Mechanics Hall, now the Prudential Center. According to the information Sara received, Williams and Sharkey appeared at a Sportsman Show to give a fly fishing exhibition.

When Jim Nelson, Athletics, found out about the pictures, he went into his personal archives and found a picture of Williams wearing a Suffolk University Varsity jacket. Two former Suffolk University students were pictured next to Williams. The picture was taken when the students informed Williams that he had been made a Suffolk University Varsity Club member. According to one of the former students, Williams was extremely grateful for the honor.
Persistance of First Year Generation College Students

At the 2002 Annual meeting of the North East Association for Institutional Research, Michael Duggan, Enrollment Research and Planning, presented preliminary findings from his dissertation, “Factors That Influence First Year Persistence of First Year Generation College Students.” He also conducted a poster presentation, “Using NCES BPS Data to Examine Factors That Influence First Year Persistence of all College and First Generation Students.”

At the same conference, Rebecca Mathews, Enrollment Research and Planning, conducted a poster presentation, “Designing a Multi-National Survey of Foreign Students Living in Their Home Countries Who Have Earned a Degree From a U.S. Institution.”

NESADSU Achieves FIDER Re-Accreditation

The New England School of Art & Design received word in May 2002 that its Master of Arts program in Interior Design has achieved Accreditation and the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Diploma programs in Interior Design have received Re-Accreditation, as professional level programs by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER). The Accreditation involved the July 2001 submission of a comprehensive program evaluation report on curriculum, facilities, faculty, administration, students and alumni, followed by a three-day site visit in November. This Accreditation is for a period of 6 years. The Master of Arts program in Interior Design at NESADSU is one of only three FIDER-Accredited graduate programs in the country.

Corporate Education Wins Contract

The Corporate Education Department won a contract to provide leadership development for 300 executives of Investors Bank & Trust (IBT). Corporate Education will design and implement an advanced leadership certificate program for middle and senior level managers. Chris Holland, Adjunct Professor of Corporate Education and Linda Nazzaro, Corporate Education, were responsible for bringing the new contract to Suffolk. The contract helps build a bridge to the Greater Boston business community.

In Memoriam

Ray Parks, retired faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences, passed away on March 8, 2002. Parks was very popular in the Humanities and Modern Languages Department where he taught for 24 years before retiring in 1996.
Melissa Haussman, Government, received a Junior Faculty "Small Research Grant" from the American Political Science Association for 2002-2003. She is using the grant to travel to Mexico and San Diego, California to conduct research for her book, Contested Terrain: Abortion Politics in North America, forthcoming from Lynne Rienner Press. The book examines the strength of pro- and anti-choice movements in trying to change current abortion laws in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

Karen Clarke, NESADSU, was invited to speak at the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research workshop in Santa Fe, NM. The full day workshop assisted interior design programs throughout the United States and Canada with the FIDER accreditation process. The Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) sponsored the conference.

The DeSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University's College of Business awarded Darlene C. Chisholm, Economics, George Norman and William and Joyce Cummings, faculty members from Tufts University, a two-year research grant to study competitive dynamics in the U.S. motion-pictures exhibition market. The project is entitled "Competitive Dynamics, Spatial Competition, and Product Differentiation in U.S. Motion-Pictures Exhibition Markets." This grant is the first to be awarded by the DeSantis Center, whose mission is to serve as a center for scholarly activity in the field of motion-picture industry studies.
New Real Estate Advantage Program!

Suffolk University has formed a partnership with the DeWolfe Companies, Inc. to offer a relocation and home buying assistance program for Suffolk employees. DeWolfe counselors assist in the sale of homes nationally and locally and in the purchase of homes locally. Suffolk employees who take advantage of this program will receive cash rebates on the sale or purchase of their home. All home buying services are available free of charge. If you are interested in learning more about the Real Estate Advantage Program, please contact DeWolfe at (781) 863-0960.

Carol’s Corner

Hi, this is Carol, your benefits guru!

The purpose of this new column is to update and/or inform you about your medical and dental benefits. Please email your questions to me at cpowers@suffolk.edu or contact me in Human Resources at extension 8415.

In this issue we will talk about coverage of college age students under the health and dental plan. Under both plans dependent children who are full-time students may be covered to age 25.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC) requires that you verify the student status of your dependent child each year. Each fall HPHC sends a letter and an affidavit, which you must sign, and return to HPHC. Once the affidavit is received and processed HPHC will send you a confirmation post card, which you should keep for your records. If you do not receive the post card, contact the HCHP Member Services Department at (888) 333-4742.

Delta Dental Insurance covers your child to age 19. If your child is a full-time student age 19 or older, you must notify them at (617) 886-1000 of the name and address of your child’s school. Sometimes the first dental claim Delta receives for your child after the age of 19 is denied. If this happens, call Delta Dental with the information about your child’s school.

If your child is no longer a full-time student, s/he is eligible for continuation of health and dental coverage through COBRA. Under COBRA your child may continue on the Suffolk plan for up to 36 months at the full premium cost. Please contact me at extension 8415 to find out more about COBRA continuation.
New Employees

Kathryn Battillo, Vice President, Advancement
Jennifer Bergeon, Staff Assistant, Center for International Education
Adam Birmingham, Security Officer, University Police
Todd Bouffard, Advancement Assistant, Advancement
Beth Anne Bower, Archivist, Moakley Archives
Melissa Curran, Staff Assistant, Law Registrar
Rory Deegan, Security Officer, University Police
Michael Dixon, Advancement Assistant, Advancement
Melissa Ferris, Administrative Assistant, Dean—CAS
Perla Fuenmayor, Administrative Coordinator, Public Management
Christopher Giordano, Assistant Dean, Dean of Students Office
Kristen Goldman, Staff Assistant, NESADSU
Susan Gonzales, Admission Assistant, Graduate Admission
Eric Jackson, Assistant Registrar, Registrar—Colleges
Mark Kleinschnittger, Admission E-Services Coordinator, Law Admission
Angela Martin, Admission Assistant, Undergraduate Admission
Perry Moriearty, Clinical Supervisor/Attorney, Juvenile Justice Center
Migdalia Perez, Admission Assistant, Graduate Admission
Pamela Petras, Staff Assistant, Psychology
Christopher Ryberg, Security Officer, University Police
Lisa Santangelo, Senior Administrative Associate, VP Advancement
Voon Keat She, Network/Web Analyst, SSOM Technology Management
Lauren Simonetti, Receptionist, NESADSU
Amanda Sina, Public Affairs Assistant, Public Affairs
Michael Spooner, Scheduling Coordinator, Registrar—Colleges
Anna Stein, Associate Registrar, Law Registrar
Lynette Stellrecht, Secretary, Cape Cod 2+2
Colette Tvedt, Clinical Supervisor/Attorney, Law Clinical Programs
Paul Vargas, Security Officer, University Police
Shannon Werner, Assistant Director, Residence Life
Sinidu Woldie-Abegaz, Security Officer, University Police
Ellen Yen, Senior Reference Librarian, Sawyer Library
Katherine Young, Staff Assistant, Student Activities

Get In Shape and Feel Great!

Great News! We have arranged for Suffolk University employees to receive discounted rates for health club memberships at Fitcorp and Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs.

Fitcorp will charge only $68 per month for membership (usually $85) and the regular initiation fee of $150. Membership includes unlimited access to any Fitcorp center. For more information, contact Fitcorp at 617-248-9797 or www.fitcorp.com

The Beacon Hill Athletic Club will also waive the initiation fee (usually $99-$199) and charge only $54-$59 per month for membership. Membership includes use of all five locations. For more information, contact Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs at 617-367-2422 or www.beaconhillathleticclubs.com

Training at SU

The booklet describing on-site (and some off-site) training opportunities for the Fall is in the mail and will be on the HR web site soon. Look it over and enroll in the courses, which interest you.