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Seniors say goodbye:
The historic class that has ‘seen it all’ turns to next chapter

By Alexa Gagosz, Editor-in-Chief

For four years, the undergraduate students of Suffolk University have questioned their institutions’ stability in regards to maintaining consistent leadership in upper administration and the decisions that each reign conducted in each of their short tenure.

This class, the class of 2017, had seen a change in leadership each year they attended Suffolk and much like the presidential turnovers in the corner office of 73 Tremont, they endured the ousting of former Board of Trustees Chairman Andrew Meyer, the sale of both the Fenton building and Temple Street properties, the New England School of Art & Design’s feeling of disconnect from the rest of campus, and witnessed the deep divide that held three-straight Men’s Baseball Championships, rallied together and marched in more than one building and witnessed the deep divide that was wedged between both the campus and the rest of the nation after that was wedged between both the Fenton building and Temple Street properties, the New England School of Art & Design’s feeling of disconnect from the rest of campus, and the addition of the 20 Somerset Street properties, the New England School of Art & Design’s feeling of disconnect from the rest of campus, and the addition of the 20 Somerset

On May 21, the undergraduate senior classes of the Sawyer Business School (SBS) and College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) poured into the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, beginning early in the morning, decked in blue and gold with diverse flags and cords bearing around their necks.

After four presidential changes in as many years, Acting President Marissa Kelly, however, gave a promising note to those who bore cap and gown at the 2017 Commencement on their readiness to turn to the next chapter in their lives.

"The Suffolk Experience is a powerful thing. I suspect the experience that you gained during your time at Suffolk has changed your lives forever," said Kelly at the College of Arts & Sciences Commencement. "And the experiential learning that you embraced — both inside and outside of the classroom — will make a world of difference in your futures."

This same angst that these students sometimes felt over the reputation of Suffolk, some now face the challenge of today’s turbulent political climate that this diverse class faces. CAS speaker and Political Scientist Robert D. Putnam said that America has failed as a “we” society, and has very much turned into an “I” society. However, Putnam said this arts and sciences class of 653 graduates could possibly change America’s new selfish stigma around.

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Suffolk Law graduate receives recognition for years of work

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This year Suffolk University’s Law School saw the graduation of Cherina Clark, a student that filled her resume with a laundry list of high profile clerkships, internships and outreach programs for other local kids who are not yet on a path of legal studies.

Clark’s time at Suffolk resulted in a Juris Doctor in Business Law, and time served in the Black Law Students Association, as the Council of Presidents Liaison for the Student Bar Association, as a member of the University President’s Diversity Task Force, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Business Law Student’s Association.

Clark spent more than 13 months as a judicial intern, having worked on research and legislation drafting for bankruptcy, employment strategies and overcriminalization.

In her time as the former president of Suffolk Law’s Black Law Students Association, Clark has worked to provide training opportunities for Boston public middle and high school students that may have a similar background to herself. Another goal of Clark’s has been to prepare the teens for interactions with police officers and to help them understand when an officer may have crossed a boundary.

A leading news source for legal education, The National Jurist, named Clark 24 other law students from around the country as 2017’s Law Students of the Year. The National Jurist described Clark as a great law student as, "students [that] leave their marks on their law schools and the surrounding communities before going off and doing great things in the real world."

Clark was unable to be reached before the publishing of this article. Some of the projects Clark worked on include drafting legislation to aid the State of Michigan’s dealing with the Flint water crisis, participating in the Marshall Brennan program to teach inner-city students the legal foundations of search seizure, acts of protests and more.

As a first generation student, part of her student outreach was intended to provide others like her a more complete idea of what law school is about, and the resources they will need to succeed in the same ways that she has.

Clark has written that she has, “plans of pursuing a career in corporate law upon graduation.”

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NEWS BRIEFS

Suffolk MHA student teaches surgeon

Rapidly advancing technology in the health care industry has not only birthed creative and innovative techniques in medicine, but has prompted a younger generation to take charge in the ever-growing field.

Once a student in Suffolk’s Sawyer Business School’s Master of Healthcare Administration program, Michael Bayeh found himself in a position to teach someone whom he had studied in school. Bayeh secured an internship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and landed a job upon completing his program, only to have found himself in a position to teach someone, Harvard professor and New York Times best seller Dr. Atul Gawande. Virtual health care is an industry on the rise tailored to replacing visits to the hospital or a primary physician. Bayeh’s knowledge has stemmed in part from Suffolk University’s MHA program, which is the only MHA program in New England to hold Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. According to Suffolk University, Bayeh was able to interact with Gawande just 20 months after taking an introductory course in which the class required the use of Gawande’s book, “Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science.”

Massachusetts Society of CPAs awards nine scholarships

Boston has long been regarded as an education mecca, and has often produced some of the world’s most renowned intellects. At Suffolk University, students in the heart of the city have the chance make their own mark. This past May, students at Suffolk were recognized for their accomplishments and rewarded for their efforts. The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA) awarded nine Suffolk University students scholarships. The Suffolk students, who represent a portion of the 50 total students who received this scholarship, will be able to use their awarded money of up to $2,500 toward their education. More than $858,500 has been awarded by MSCPA’s Educational Foundation since 2006, with a record $127,500 being distributed this year according to a press release.
Class etches their mark on Suffolk

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feed La and his sister and lived for just under two dollars a day, would eventually be standing in front of his graduating class of business students in a commencement ceremony. La spoke about the power of overcoming adversity, much like many of the 535 graduating business class of 2017 has had to do, instead of growing up with privilege.

"Suffolk was founded to open access to higher education to immigrants and working people who could not otherwise afford it," said La. "Suffolk has given us a place to advance our education, to succeed, and we must pay it forward. Tomorrow, we may pursue different careers and have different paths, but don't forget where we came from."

Putnam, who mirrored La's experiences later that day from a political scientists' point of view said that the new graduates could be the ones to transform the politically and economically polarized America. He proposed graduates to become reformers of the generation.

"You are the heirs of those Americans, including immigrants, and your generation faces exactly the same challenges they did a century ago," said Putnam. "Raise your voices, to be sure, but talk is not enough. Your lives will speak more loudly than your voices."

For the graduating class of 2017, who has seen "it all" here at Suffolk, in addition to the aftermath of these decisions and events their senior year, now face another obstacle: the divided state of the world in which they live in.

Class of 2017 graduates turned their backs to the stage and to their families and held up "diplomas" as a symbol of "thanks" for their support.
Several students and faculty members have expressed concern over the size reduction of the print shop room compared to the one that NESAD possessed at the Arlington Street location. A NESAD student explained to a Journal reporter that the studio space for the majors used to hold about 25 students and now the new space on the tenth floor of Sawyer will hold an estimated six. In addition, Shelby Felton, a fine arts major, who met with a Journal reporter in the new NESAD location, was discouraged by the diminishment of space for upperclassmen fine arts students.

"Like this space, this space is the worst space in the universe, so we have to figure out what we want to do about it," said Felton. "This is the Fine Art Studio, it hurts."

While all students will inevitably have transitional challenges to face in the fall, Felton explained that she has tried to keep a loose perspective on the move, and noted that the uncertainty of the new space will be resolved with natural learning curves. Students are going to walk in there being a little stunned," said Department Chair Audrey Goldstein in a recent interview with The Journal. "Like a first day in Kindergarten type of thing where you don’t know where to go."

The hope for a closer campus may still be yet to come. Seeing the sections of the building as it continued to be worked on may give some students unease, according to some within NESAD. Since the news broke that NESAD would be moving to the main campus for the fall 2017 semester, many Art & Design students have voiced their grievances over students outside of the program not being used to the sculptures and figures spread across walls and hanging from ceilings.

"I think [NESAD] is going to have to readjust to the fact that we’re going to be surrounded by students that aren’t necessarily a part of art and design community that we have built," said junior and Student Monitor Diane Appai-Castro. "We are pretty tight because we are so small and now it’s like all these other people are going to be joining us and it’s awesome but it’s also kind of terrifying."

As few students have been able to see the newly unveiled renovations as of yet this summer, it has been hard to tell what the overall student reaction is, according to Felton, who was just re-elected as the Student Government Association Senator-at-Large for NESAD.

"I haven’t heard a ton of opinions, but I know that there is a lot of apprehension," said Felton. "Some of that has to do with an immediate criticism due to seeing the space in a very raw state."

Goldstein said she believes the new space was designed with a more applicable outlook to the department, as opposed to 75 Arlington, which she said was never supposed to be a permanent home. Students and faculty grew accustomed to the old building, molding and shaping it to fit their needs according to Goldstein, who said having space in the Sawyer building is a better deal.

The relocation from 75 Arlington has allowed both monetary resources and work space for police and Information Technology Systems once used for NESAD’s own offices to be reallocated, according to a former article published in The Journal earlier this year. Last year’s Assistant Vice President of Campus Services Jim Wallace was actively working on this project along with Andre Vega, director of construction services, to ensure the techflex classes could begin May 22 for the summer sessions.

"The moving in wasn’t complicated, the building into Sawyer was. It’s about ten thousand square feet less than what they had on Arlington," said Vega. "The problem with the Arlington Street property is that it was so remote from campus there had to be a lot of duplicated space. By having them on campus is really what saved them a lot of space."

For Goldstein, it was a relief to move out of the Back Bay property.

"The landlord was not happy having an arts school there," said Goldstein. "They kind of couldn’t wait for us to leave- we were in a commercial building and we’re a nonprofit institution and there was a conflict."

Both Goldstein and Manager of NESAD’s Woodshop Jasmine Helenski have anticipated the move to include the involvement of new students in the program as well as being able to design the new spaces to suit those who will use them. Part of making the space their own for Helenski was relocating the laser-etched plaque made in honor of the late Woodshop Manager Paul Andrade. The plaque, which was created in the fall of 2015 shortly after Andrade’s death, now hangs outside of the new space in the Sawyer basement.

"It’s not the same space in a lot of respects because now [Andrade] doesn’t have a hand in the way the shop is laid out and how it will function," said Helenski. "It will have to change how it runs because of it now being accessible by more students, but I think it’s really nice to be able to still give him his nod and be like, this is what he contributed."

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Terrorism Strikes Again, London Stays Strong

Jacob Geanous
World News Editor

Britain has been rocked yet another devastating act of terrorism, the third in three months. Seven people were killed and 48 more were injured when a car plowed through pedestrians on London Bridge Saturday before three men jumped out of the vehicle, armed with large knives, and began stabbing people in the nearby Borough Market. Armed officers killed all three attackers while they were perpetrated the attack within eight minutes of the first emergency call to authorities, reported British officials.

Recently, authorities have identified Pakistani-born Khorun Butt, 27, Rachid Redouane, 30, both of Barking and 22-year-old Moroccan-Italian Youssef Zaghba as the three attackers. A day after the attack, 12 people were arrested in connection to the incident, but have all been released without charges, according to BBC. On Tuesday, a 27-year-old man was arrested in connection to Barking in connection with the attack, but details as to his alleged involvement have not been released.

The deadly attack came only two weeks after a suicide bomber detonated himself in front of an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester. Many of those killed by the attack were children, and 116 were injured. Reported numerous news outlets, Britain was on "severe" threat level following the bombing, but downgraded the threat level to "critical" just before the London bridge attack.

The vehicular assault and the mayhem that ensued also took place on the day dubbed "Remembrance Sunday," the British election, which is scheduled to take place on time.

Following the attack, British Prime Minister Theresa May and the opposing Labour Party suspended their campaigns for a full day, although the Labour Party stated they would continue even though London was out of respect of the victims of the attack.

According to a recent press conference and announced that the election will be taken place on Thursday, as scheduled.

She held an emergency meeting with her cabinet of safety officials Thursday, which was followed by a release statement calling for increased counterterrorism efforts, both online and in the country's streets.

"Everybody needs to go about their lives as they normally would," she said. "Our society should continue to function in accordance with our values. But when it comes to taking on extremism and terrorism, things need to change."

London's Mayor Sadiq Khan urged the citizens to stay calm and vigilante" in a press conference following the attack.

"We will never let these cowards win, and we will never be covered by terrorism," Khan said.

Khan's address drew criticism from President Trump in a tweetstorm following the attack.

First, Trump shared condolences for the victims and tweeted "Whatever the United States can do to help out in London and the UK, we will be there — WE ARE WITH YOU. GOD BLISSU!"

Trump then proceeded to condemn Khan, incorrectly, for saying that there was nothing to worry about, something Khan never said.

"At least seven dead and 48 wounded in terror attack and Mayor of London should be arrested and put on trial for reason to be alarmed," Trump tweeted.

On Tuesday, Khan said that Trump's visit to Britain, scheduled for October, should be canceled. He stated Trump "was wrong" about "stating in a statement he made to numerous morning outlets, especially CNN, that he wanted to roll out the red carpet to the president of the USA in the circumstances where his policies go against so many things London stands for," Khan told U.K. broadcaster Channel 4.

Despite all the time that academics and students have devoted to spreading their unique Japanese culture throughout the Suffolk community, in recognition of their efforts and to raise the profile of Japanese culture by incorporating Matsuri, "running man," and traditional food, the SUJSA, the association has received the Global Thinking Cornerstone Award for the second year in a row.

The Global Thinking Cornerstone Award is presented to students and organisations that have made a significant, diverse impact on the Suffolk community, according to SUJSA incoming President and senior Rina Hirate. As a strong-willed, student-run organization that embraces all aspects of diversity, SUJSA is dedicated to spreading their unique Asian identity throughout the university population.

Diversity is a prominent facet of SUJSA's reputation as a university. Hirate explained that SUJSA is dedicated to contributing to diversifying the Suffolk community. Despite all the time that classes may consume, Hirate feels that SUJSA board members are driven to make SUJSA successful purely because of their passion for Japanese culture.

"Japanese culture is not only about anime or comika," said Hirate in a recent interview with The SUJSA Journal. "Japan has a lot of wonderful cultures which we would like to share."

According to Hirate, SUJSA hosts cultural events such as a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony with guests from Urasenke Boston, or a movie night exploring the depths of Japanese media, SUJSA to draw in various students from all kinds of different backgrounds — usually having a crowd of at least 60 at each of their events.

Not only does SUJSA embrace Japanese culture, but they also advocate and co-sponsor events for other international clubs on campus. For example, SUJSA supported Suffolk's Korean Culture Club's recent "Running Man" event. Just by scrolling through SUJSA's Facebook page, you can see all their involvement and support for other clubs on campus.

SUJSA also co-sponsored Suffolk's International Student Association's Newport Trip in April.

SUJSA looks forward to their annual Japanese Culture Night in the Somerence Cafe, usually held in February. At culture night, audiences look forward to learning more about the Japanese lifestyle and games as well as getting to try a variety of Japanese foods.

"Our plan is to keep events which we got good feedback from last academic year," said Hirate. She explained that in the coming year, SUJSA plans to collaborate with other international clubs. "We've been able to make many successful events hosted by JSA, but we haven't created a big event with other clubs."

Hirate wants to make events fun and inclusive for all cultures.

Outgoing SUJSA President Kenichi Ozeki's efforts within the association were recognized by the president of the USA, President Emmanuel Macron. He has received the Global Thinking Cornerstone Award as a university. Hirate claimed that SUJSA is so diverse. "I’ve learned that so many Suffolk students are interested in Japanese culture."

SUJSA aspires to hold an Asian Culture Festival with some of the other culture clubs to help promote diversity at Suffolk. They are also looking forward to planning said event for next year.

According to Hirate, SUJSA has grown larger and larger each year. "We are so happy because it means that students recognize our club," said Hirate. She finds that one of the most valuable things about being a part of SUJSA's diverse club is being able to experience their culture with such large group of appreciative people.
State lawmakers, universities pledge to continue standing behind Paris Accord

Jacob Geanous
World News Editor

On Thursday, President Trump announced that he would pull the United States out of the Paris Climate Accord and John Nau and Syria, if the only countries not to follow the environmental pact. The decision, which President Trump alluded to before his formal announcement, is the latest furthest of the isolationism agenda he has voiced for the entirety of his political career.

A statement issued from the White House stated that Trump "understood the leading that America remains committed to the trans-Atlantic alliance and to robust efforts to protect the environment.

Shortly after the statement was released, French, German and Italian political leaders signed a joint statement calling the Paris Accord "Irreversible."

"I was elected to represent the people of Pittsburgh, not Paris," said Trump during the Thursday press conference. While garnering support from the some members of the Republican party, the decision has been widely opposed by political figureshead across the country including those in Boston.

A growing number of mayors, governors and university presidents across the country are vowing to uphold the regulations set by the Paris Accord, including Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

The unnamed coalition includes more than 30 mayors, three governors, 80 university presidents and 100 businesses. They have pledged to the United Nations meet the US greenhouse gas emission targets under the Paris Climate Accord, but there is no formal way for entities that are not countries to be recognized by the U.N. as full parties.

In a statement, Suffolk University Acting President Marisa Kelly stated that while she supports the Paris Accord, she has not yet joined the coalition.

"The new extension of our strategic plan calls for the creation of a Suffolk Sustainability Committee," said Kelly in the statement. "I have personally support the Paris Accord, but I have not yet signed the coalition pledge.

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In settling into a new location, Boston Calling doesn’t forget its roots.

What was a drawback and almost disappointment was the general feeling of the cop-out try-hard attitude toward this year’s installment of the ever-growing music festival, Boston Calling.

While there were certainly drawbacks, like overcrowded T-stations and minimal parking, it was a let down to travel to somewhere that was trying too hard to be something it wasn’t. What was always comforting and endearing quality of Boston Calling was the fact that it was held within City Hall Plaza. With the stages backed by skyscrapers and the bricked walkways, it was easy to feel like the venue was in a city, rather than some open grassy area like that of festivals such as Firefly or Coachella. Festivals such as those, and even classic Woodstock have been known for the traditional lackadaisical vibe and general laid-back outlook on life. With the fast-paced inner-city it was easy to get lost in the quirky urban setting.

Amidst the floating effervescent bubbles and the stage lights masked by a thick layer of fog and humidity, a heavy, soul-rattling bass thundered through the astroturf at the eighth installment of the festival.

Held this year at the Harvard Athletic Complex in Cambridge, Boston Calling played host to a crowd of roughly 40,000.
and a novelty of melodies and modern musical interludes.

Complete with an all-out-of-tune form of chaos placed on the outside of the six full bars based on lend, wind and field, the alternative way of the group seemed open and as a result, not questioning and no way. However, once the piece kicks up, the sound of their music began to rise and fill up, it seemed that most people settled in for an action-packed weekend.

Creating credo in its form, the new a cappella group went soul searching members, forcing their voice to be heard. The group's sound would be driven by the passion that would form the essence of their genre, Grant wanted to incorporate a facet of soul music into their sound with an a cappella voice.

Instead of just singing songs from the soul genre, the group planned to build a musical community. To foster that musical community, they planned to take their group a step further by building their own show in which they want to invite other a cappella groups that reside in the Boston area to participate. By doing so, Grant hopes to build a musical community.

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Suffolk University has worked hard in fostering a strong bond through their various musical organizations and clubs that have circled through generations of students. Music has always been a way to create lasting memories for people and will continue to do so. With so many possible artistic outlets, it is easy to see the difficulties some people face when trying to get their projects off the ground.

For Jo'Lise Grant, it wasn't always easy. Founder and President of Suffolk University's own Scuffle Versus, Grant set out to procure a more self-oriented sound of ensemble. Looking for new songs from the soul genre, Grant wanted to illustrate a facet of passion that would never settle. forcing their voice to become one in a capella and truly encompass the idea of "singing with soul." "It originally started as a cappella group because I myself, love to sing. But I also wanted there to be another option for people," said Grant in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I want people to enjoy our music and feel like they are part of something special that we have been working on as a group."

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America is being taken down with him

By Patrick Holmes, Opinion Editor

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America is not great.
The United States has lost its morality, sensibility and kindness. We are no longer the leaders of the free world and our actions speak volumes. The rest of the world has their eyes on us and their judgemental whispers send the message.

We are losing our core values. At this point, it is a cliche for baby boomers to speak about the “American Dream,” and so many others from different parts of the world trek to this country in search of such a dream. However, since Donald Trump’s presidential win, he has done everything in his power to squander that dream for most.

The coined “Muslim ban” was Trump’s first course of action that halted the dreams and outcries from many across the globe, especially Syrian refugees. After being blocked by a federal judge, his ban would be standstill, with Trump congratulating himself on an effort that failed;

Why do we have a president that does not care for anyone besides himself and the wealthy?

a health care bill allows more U.S. citizens to live a healthy, happy life. He is not a supporter of the American Dream. The U.S. was once a large super power with many wanting to follow in our footsteps. But now, we have lost our footing and the fall is a treacherous one. From the immigration ban, to the recent resignation from the Paris Climate Agreement, and even to the collusion with Russia, Trump is not oriented to serve the people of the U.S. accurately.

The American people will not only suffer with Trump’s latest proclamation to remove ourselves from the Paris climate agreement. This decision will affect every being on this planet.

How can a country show so much hatred for its counterparts? For other beings? This country is not great. We are not great when a President is childish and incompetent with no political background. We are not great when the majority of the country is not being represented adequately.

America is losing its core values with every decision made by Trump. A very small minority is shown through the executive orders and his proclamations. That minority benefits while most suffer the consequences of his actions. Lives, hopes and dreams are slaughtered with the scrawl of his signature.

There needs to be action taken against Trump and his scandalous presidency because it is unclear of how much more of his decisions we can take. As a citizen of this country, I am afraid. I do not have enough power to throw his presidency out the window nor am I able to impeach him.

Collectively as a country, we must stand our ground and demand justice for the wrongdoings of our leaders and his cabinet. They must be held accountable and the needs of the citizens of the U.S. should be shown in the decisions made by leadership. This hierarchy is a slippery slope that will fall. Will we survive this? History will tell.

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On behalf of the entire Suffolk Journal staff, we are eager to welcome the incoming class. In a time when journalism, the freedom of the press and representing the student voice could not be more crucial in our country, we’ve had the pleasure of being on the frontlines of Suffolk University affairs for more than 80 years.

After clinching second place in the country for best newspaper among small schools this past year, my staff is committed to being your award-winning news force and we take the responsibility in delivering the news that you have the right to know, seriously. However, we do not act alone.

This incoming class, the class of 2021, are the future leaders of the Suffolk community— from eventual Student Government Association Presidents to Diversity Peer Educators—and the future Editor-in-Chief of The Suffolk Journal. As the news team that has heard it all, and has made it our mission to investigate, learn and report as much as we can, we encourage all and any students from each corner of the globe to reach out to us for their story to be told.

As the primary breaking-news source for students, faculty and staff of the university, we rely on your class—the campaigners, protesters, rule-breakers, the innovators and commanders—to speak on behalf of your peers.

Get ready to be part of the future of Suffolk.

Alexa Gagosz
Editor-in-Chief

The transition from being a high school senior to a college freshman is a big one, and adjusting can be difficult, but it is definitely not an impossible task to accomplish. For most of us, this is the first time that we move out from under our parents roofs, where we must make a name for ourselves all on our own. This comes naturally to some, but for others not so much. Regardless of whether you are a natural socialite or an introvert, there are countless reasons as to why the first thing you should do upon moving into college is get involved.

The first few weeks of freshman year are intimidating for almost everyone. You’re surrounded by hundreds of unfamiliar faces, all while trying to adjust to living in a new space. What better way to connect with people than by getting involved in a club? Suffolk University has no shortage of them. There are dozens of clubs that span a diverse range of interests. If you’re someone who is interested in greek life, Suffolk has two sororities and one fraternity.

Looking for something more political? Try our Suffolk’s Model United Nations team or our Student Government Association. There are groups to accommodate people interested in the performing arts, sciences, communication, culture and if you can’t find a place that fits you best then simply create your own! The Suffolk community wants to ensure that everybody has a sense of home and belonging during their four or more years here.

If you are someone who is into athletics, Suffolk has several clubs, ranging from cheerleading to lacrosse. Sports teams are a great way to get involved on campus and build relationships with other students, all while staying active.

For those who might have a more competitive edge to them, Suffolk also offers a variety of Division III men and women’s varsity sports. The varsity teams hold countless championship titles, as well as new varsity programs. The newest additions to the Athletics Department are the women’s golf team and the track and field team.

Getting involved in clubs like these was the best decision I made my freshman year. By putting myself out there I was able to connect with all sorts of different people, aside from just the individuals in my freshman class. Creating bonds with the people I will walk across the graduation stage with is extremely important, but also building friendships with people outside of my class is a part of the true college experience.

Extracurriculars exposed me to upperclassmen as well as faculty members and administrators. The people that you build friendships with will also be who you turn to when you need help. The individuals I encountered over the course of my freshman year are the individuals that I will forever refer to as lifelong friends. Having a strong support system is extremely important when adapting to significant life changes, and what better people to surround yourself with than those who are in the same position that you are.

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Softball steals two NFCA first-team honors

Brooke Patterson
Sports Editor

The Suffolk University softball team slid themselves into the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship game for the first time since 2013, making it the Lady Rams fifth-ever trip.

Seeded third in the tournament, Suffolk faced the number one ranked Johnson and Wales University in the GNAC Championship on May 7. The Rams needed to defeat the Wildcats twice in order to obtain the GNAC title.

Suffolk came out on top in the first game with a 3-2 win at Scots Miracle-Gro Athletic Complex in Providence, RI, which forced the two teams into a winner-take-all final championship game. In their first ever if-necessary league title contest, Suffolk fell 15-5 to Johnson and Wales, allowing the Wildcat's season to capture the 2017 GNAC softball title.

The Lady Rams finished the season with an overall 29-17 record and 16-6 conference record. In the total 46 games played, Suffolk had a total of 270 runs scored and 39 home runs. Suffolk softball had six players recognized with All-GNAC Honors at the conclusion of this season, and were able to make a spot on the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) first-team.

“The team worked really hard to find ways to be successful together and were able to make adjustments throughout the season that led us to the GNAC Championship,” said Head Coach Jaclyn Davis in an interview with The Journal. “I think the goal is to make another run in the NCAA tournament. We plan to build upon the successes that we had this year and the foundation that we have created over the last few seasons.”

-Rising senior Delaney Sylvester was the other Ram to be honored with a spot on the NFCA first-team. Since her freshman year, she has been a recurring name on the All-GNAC first-team and was named an All-NFCA first-team.

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Suffolk finished the 2016-17 season with a 28-17 record, the third most wins in a season by the baseball team. Del Prete pointed out that his team had been successful because they always seemed to come up big when it was most detrimental, winning 11-4 of their games when only one run was scored.

“I think it was a nice accomplishment for our seniors to go out having won a championship in each of their four years here (three GNAC’s and one Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) in ‘14),” said Del Prete.

“Our players put in a lot of work each year to reach their goals and it’s always good to see them rewarded.”

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Right: Rising junior and designated hitter Jill Pulek

Rams swing at NCAA tournament

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“I am so proud of the work that they put in and the effort they put in on the field,” said rising senior and designated hitter, Jill Pulek, who found herself a back-to-back member of the All-NFCA first-team. Pulek’s spot marked the first time a Ram earned a spot on the NFCA first-team honor since Erin McAndrews in 2013 and 2014.

“I wanted to have an even better season than last year, but I was told that it would be hard to even accomplish what I did last year,” Pulek said in an interview with The Journal. “I think that I did have a better season and it feels really good to be picked as one of the best in the region.”

The tournament, which consisted of eight teams, five of which were from New England and one outside of New England, consisted of four home runs in 69 hits. “To be mentioned along with some of the best players in the country is a big honor and when you look at the list of these players almost all of them come from successful teams this year so obviously this is something that I can say wouldn’t have been possible without our team’s success,” said Chant in a recent interview with The Journal.

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Every game in that tournament is so important it will be for the team to take time off from the diamond in order to avoid "being burnt out." She hopes that the time off will help to generate a strong team foundation by the time they reunite at the start of the new school year in fall.

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With a slow start to the beginning of the season, the Rams found themselves with a 4-6 record in their first 10 games. Suffolk then turned things around, won nine of their ten next matches and would go on to "play their best baseball" in some of their most important games, said Head Baseball Coach Anthony Del Prete in an interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Suffolk came out with a 1-0 victory in the GNAC Championship as they took on fourth seeded Johnson and Wales University on May 7 at Fraser Field. Out of a total of eight teams the Rams now officially stand at the top of the GNAC for most championships with seven in total.

"We got three really good starting efforts on the mound from [upcoming senior right-handed pitcher] Ryan Bondes game one, [graduated senior left-handed pitcher] Worth Walrod in game two and [upcoming senior right-handed pitcher] Chuck Gibson closed out the championship game with the best performance we've had all season," said Del Prete. "We also played really good defense and got some timely hitting in each of the games."

Walrod said his performance was made easier with the backup from his teammates offensively and defensively. He explained that while he walked a lot of players, letting up no runs had made the difference. "Pitching in the semifinals this past season was an unreal experience," said Worth in an interview with The Journal. "Last year, I didn't do so well in the GNAC playoffs when I pitched in the championship game so I saw this game as an opportunity to redeem myself. My team and I were able to get it done and advance to the GNAC championship game."

Gibson threw a complete-game shutout, allowed only three hits and notched nine strikeouts. Senior catcher Matt Brenner scored the lone run of the game off a single to left from graduated outfielder Luke Ronchi.