CANDIDATES APPLIED:

PRESIDENT TO BE NAMED IN 2018

By Chris DeGusto, News Editor

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Ending ‘War on Coal’

Solar industry leader predicts massive unemployment hike in response to Trump’s budget cut

Coal and solar industry employment

"The decision effectively will cause the loss of roughly 23,000 American jobs this year"
The concerns surrounding free speech on college campuses stemmed from multiple factors. According to Ben-Porath, an increase in diversity, including a bigger representation of racial minority groups as well as a greater divide between democrats and republicans, has brought different perspectives to higher education institutions.

Ben-Porath’s lecture inside Sargent Hall last week tackled the concerns and solutions to creating a college environment where all students have the ability to speak openly, even if their opinions are unpopular or cause debate.

“It’s a reason for me to be very proud of our institution, that it moved very quickly after those events in August to think about how Suffolk would respond and preserve its principles as a community but also embrace this question of free speech,” said professor and chair of Suffolk’s philosophy department Gregory Fried.

Ben-Porath listed a number of obstacles that have prevented free speech from occurring on campus. She said civility contracts, regulating speech in a way that satisfies political demands and prioritizing bias reporting systems have all been counterproductive to free speech.

“You want students not to feel intimidated when they are reporting that somebody is treating them unfairly, so I understand the motivation [of bias reporting systems],” said Ben-Porath. “But I think these kind of approaches are undermining students relationships to their instructors.”

Ben-Porath focused on how to create and maintain an inclusive environment in school communities so students are able to share their opinions confidently and have open discussions on topics that influence and impact them, even if some of the conversations involve sensitive issues.

In addition to ability to speak their minds, Ben-Porath said that professors should encourage conversation that arises in class even if the conversation strays away from their lesson plan.

“I try to create to basically model as much as I can a comfortable and respectful classroom environment where I allow for students to speak their mind,” said Communications and Journalism professor Shoshana Gerber in an interview with The Suffolk Journal.

“I encourage students to ask questions, to say if they’re not comfortable with something. I try to check in to see how students feel about a specific topic.”

Two seniors in attendance, Claire Mulvena and Elena Jacob, said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal that they have had no issues with free speech during their time at Suffolk. Ben-Porath showed them a new point of view in the way she presented her ideas.

“Sigal, I think it’s interesting hearing from a professor who is not only really kind of supporting free speech but also has to think of it in terms like, I have to run an institution,” so I thought it was interesting.”

This event was hosted by “Before and After Charlottesville: Inclusion and Freedom in Dialogue,” Suffolk University’s ongoing initiative that was launched in the wake of the events of Charlottesville, VA, after a white nationalist rally became violent in August 2017. The series invites speakers, screens films and other events for the Suffolk community that are directed at issues that could emerge after the controversy in Virginia.

The “Before and After Charlottesville: Inclusion and Freedom in Dialogue,” initiative has more events planned for this semester, which include a “Congress to Campus” event on February 28 and a “ screening of the film ‘Gook’ ” on March 22.

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President Donald J. Trump delivered his first State of the Union Address – a speech made annually by the President of the United States for over two-hundred years.

"Over the last year we have made incredible progress and achieved extraordinary success," said Trump in his 80-minute speech, which highlighted the passage of the Republican tax plan. The President called for immigration policy, a stronger infrastructure package and strict foreign intervention against North Korea.

Suffolk University Government Associate Professor Dr. Brian Conley was surprised by some of the President's policy choices. "The thing I was most surprised by is the idea that the U.S. is going to continue to use Guantanamo (Bay detention camp) as some part of foreign policy and the war on terrorism," said Conley in a recent interview. "Both previous administrations acknowledged that it was a really problematic response to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq."

Toward the end of Barack Obama's presidency, Obama reflected on his administration and one change he would make if he could, which was "I think I would have closed Guantanamo on the first day," according to the New Yorker.

Suffolk students were most struck by the president’s comments on immigration. "It was clear that Trump wanted to make a hardline stance on immigration in the State of the Union," said senior International Relations major Jenny Rego. "I think immigration really stood out in this address, Trump seems very keen to put pressure on the matter," said Usovicz. Massachusetts Congressman J. Joe Kennedy delivered the Democratic party's official response to President Trump's first year in office. A technical school in what Kennedy called "a proud American city, built by immigrants" of Fall River, Massachusetts served as the venue for his response.

"This administration isn't just targeting the laws that protect us - they are targeting the very idea that we are all worthy of protection," said Kennedy.

Rego, who has interned for Kennedy, felt the Congressman accurately reflected the position of his party and his own values. "What stood out to me most in his speech was his statement [which was] spoken Spanish that the Democrats will fight for the Dreamers," said Rego. "A message I think showed a lot of solidarity with immigrants around the country who are being persecuted on multiple fronts by the Trump administration."

Some of the nation's leading publications, such as the Washington Post, the New York Times, ABC News and others offered "fact-checks" that assessed the truthfulness of various assertions and lies made by Trump.

"There are implications any time elected officials mislead the public," said Conley, who assured that saying the President lied in the State of the Union Address is "a really quite bold assertion."

Trump also made calls for bipartisanship in his address, rhetoric that may be foiled if Congressional Republicans and the White House fail to negotiate a budget this week and suffer another government shutdown.

"Another shutdown would likely serve to only further lower public faith in Congress," said Usovicz who believes that Congress will pass a budget, or a continuing resolution that would fund the government temporarily.

"It means that its purely rhetorical," said Conley if the government does shut down, "that there is working bipartisanship in Washington - it's a rhetorical claim."

Conley also recommended that students gather an understanding of the president’s agenda, not just from the State of the Union, but by reading newspapers regularly and even using Twitter to stay up to date on actions taken by Congress and the administration.
To leave home behind for a US education

Alex Gazzani
Journal Contributor

Every day I dream of waking up to the sound of the wind in the palm trees and the sound of crashing waves. I dream of the warm, tropical breeze brushing my cheeks in the sunlight and I dream of a happy family dinner filled with jokes, laughter and the flavors and smells of my mother's kitchen. Instead, I study, work hard and spend my days thinking about how lucky I am to have escaped our reality and be able to start a new life elsewhere. Nonetheless, it is with a heavy heart that I cherish the memories of growing up in a country that had so much potential, and yet, fell into a downward spiral of chaos.

Venezuela used to be one of the most economically and socially thriving countries in South America, where people went to dive into the crystal waters at the beach or to seek adventure within the exotic mysteries of the Amazon Jungle. But the economic and political anarchy we have been facing this past decade plunged our country into its darkest years. Having to leave your home is not easy. I am not talking about moving out of your parents house or going away for college. I am talking about packing your whole life into two suitcases and leave the place you grew up in, your friends and your family, to start it all from scratch; because home is not a safe place anymore.

It is not that we want to leave, we do not. It is not that we want to "invade" other countries to steal jobs, it is that we cannot survive in the sad reality that has become our home. We are sad. We are terrified. We just want to live normally.

There are things that people who have been living their whole lives in developed countries might take for granted. Sadly, Caracas has become one of the most dangerous cities in the world and daily occurrences have become a luxury. Walking the streets without the constant fear of being robbed or kidnapped, being able to find food in the supermarket or medicine for the ill in a hospital are only some of the numerous problems we face every single day back home (Not to mention the massive increase in poverty).

This is why anyone who finds the opportunity to leave and lead a normal life, goes in search of comfort and tranquility. However, it does not mean that we stop caring for our country. We do. It just means that as human beings, we all deserve to live somewhere we feel safe and where have the opportunity to thrive emotionally and professionally.

Make no mistake, it is a bittersweet sentiment leaving one's country. Should we be happy we left or sad that we "abandoned" the cause? Why do some of us get this opportunity while others continue struggling in the prison that has become our home?

These are not easy questions to answer, but something we can be certain of is that those of us who find the opportunity should take advantage of our luck and make the best of it.

Here is my advice for all emotionally conflicted immigrants out there: do what interests you. Get an education and flourish as a professional so that you can eventually go back home and be part of the generation that will rebuild the country that saw you grow and blossom. Be the person that will help recover the land that owns half of your heart and is forever present in your dreams.

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Deadly earthquake hits Taiwan

A 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit near Hualien, Taiwan just before midnight Monday, 12 miles off the country's coast. Officials have confirmed with multiple news sources that two people have been killed and more than 200 people were injured. The tremor collapsed portions of Hualien and left hundreds of people trapped in buildings across the city, BBC reported. Early reports from Taiwan News stated that more than five major Hualien buildings have been rendered to rubble and the paved streets have split open in some areas. Photographs that have emerged depicting the devastation in Hualien show buildings that have collapsed completely, or are leaning at precarious angles. Two bridges in the city have been sealed off because of the damage they have sustained. Multiple landslides along the Suhua Highway have also been triggered by the earthquake, closing the highway to traffic. The tremor occurred on the second anniversary of a 6.4-magnitude earthquake that killed 117 people in Tainan, Taiwan. Aftershocks could reportedly be felt 100 miles away in the island country's capital of Taipei. Taiwan sits on two tectonic plates and has been hit by a long string of earthquakes in the last week. Monday night's earthquake was the most powerful and has followed nearly 100 smaller recent tremors, according to the Guardian.

UN alleged chemical attack in Syria

United Nations war crime expert are investigating are looking into reports of chlorine-filled bombs in the rebel-occupied Eastern Ghouta area; on Thursday, more than 40 people were killed by the airstrike in the Damascus suburb, according to multiple news sources, but it has not been confirmed if the airstrike was a chemical one. Medics activists and Western powers in the region told BBC that the government has used more than six toxic attack in the last 30 days. The government has dismissed the claims as "lies." These attacks are not the first to be recorded in the nation of Syria, as similar violence have occurred in 2014, 2015 and last April when an aerial attack killed 100 people. The United States and Russia have traded verbal blows over the rooted responsibility of these attacks. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley told the Security Council on Monday that Russia's proposal for an investigative body in Syria, "is a way to whitewash the findings of the last investigation that Russia desperately wants to bury," according to CBS News. Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia initiated a body of investigation that would determine the responsibility of these attacks against the U.S. and its allies. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Nebenzia claimed that the common goal is to work toward accusing the Syrian government of using chemical weapons "where no perpetrators have been identified."

Cult busted for slavery in Brazil

Brazilian police arrested 13 members of a religious sect for alleged enslavement, human trafficking and money laundering.

The religious group known as Evangelical Community of Jesus, the Truth Marks was targeted by Brazilian authorities as part of an investigation into the sect, according to multiple news sources. Police raided several businesses owned by the group and is currently looking for nine more people, including the sect leader, who is identified as "Father Cicero." The church is estimated to have approximately 6,000 followers, reported BBC. According to statements released by investigators in Brazil, the church is estimated to have approximately 6,000 followers. According to statements released by investigators in Brazil, the church is estimated to have approximately 6,000 followers. According to statements released by investigators in Brazil, the church is estimated to have approximately 6,000 followers.

The church's hierarchy used the profits from donations, as well as unpaid labor, for land, houses and luxury cars, BBC wrote in a report this week.
SPEAK AND BE HEARD

Using the power of spoken word and personal accounts of hardships, Nigerian women shed light on the truth of the daily struggles women face.

By Kaitlin Hahn, Copy Editor

Illuminated by the 10 electric candles held by 10 respective women, the small OBERON stage was brightened for the briefest of moments to start a night dedicated to shedding light on the stories of the Nigerian women who have suffered the most extreme hardships. They start off in unison, swaying their lights together as they move about the stage, only to eventually go their separate ways.

This opening, introducing the women as united is the first of many in the production "Hear Word! Naija Woman Talk True" by Ifeoma Fafunwa, illustrating the hardships Nigerian women face as they deal with oppression and discrimination in their country.

The production is composed of varying mini-scenes, each giving different perspectives on events that happen in life as a Naija woman. From heartaches to successes, the audience grew entranced as each actor gave her whole heart, passionate about the treatment of women in Nigeria.

Each scene discussed a different side to the oppression women face in Nigeria, ranging from the pressure to marry at the age of seven to losing all your possessions and rights when you become a widow later in life.

Along with providing an insight to these tragedies, the women also took part in the societal reaction to these injustices, from a mother rejecting her 12-year-old daughter due to her miscarriage which resulted in a failed marriage to a woman dancing and singing to fight off oppression with, "I reject all limitations placed on my life's expectation."

The women's words were accompanied with a three-man band, providing traditional music with their use of drums and cymbals to create emotion and complexity which worked to solidify the message of the scenes, drawing the audience to open their eyes to this world of discrimination.

The simplicity of the set, with each scene having one prop per character at max, added to the meaning of the message, displaying how much these women actually struggle as they try to make the best out of their situations. The traditional dress helped identify the characters in their different stages of life, as simple dresses showed the age of the young girls, while the wrap dresses differed the mothers from the children.

Besides the musicians, no men appeared on stage, which added to the emphasis on female empowerment. The only mention of men in the play happened when a widower's late husband's family came to take her belongings that she, herself had worked for. The women who were playing the "men" were wearing dark clothing and not in the light, putting the focus on the oppression the woman was feeling as all the possessions she had worked for was taken.

The last few scenes of the play focused on the positives of female empowerment, as women took the stage totting messages of self love with, "How are you going to love others if you don't love yourself?" and the wonders of women enjoying the sex they partake in with their partners instead of the expectation of having sex for the enjoyment of others and not themselves.

Each member of the cast, standing in unity with each other, listed off the obscenities that each scene dealt with, bringing the audience face-to-face with the oppression Naija women deal with on a daily basis. This summary, or condensing of the production, enticed great applause from the audience, erupting into multiple standing ovations for the actresses, musicians and director.

"Hear Word! Naija Woman Talk True" will be running at the A.R.T until Feb. 11 at the Loeb Drama Center in Cambridge.

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Sprin Showcase 2018: an existential crisis, celebrating women
Suffolk University students have been speaking up about the difficulties of finding on-campus jobs to which they might be eligible for. It is known that Suffolk has a very diverse set of students within its community, and yet, many of them feel they are not considered in the work ambit.

Student employment at the university is mostly sponsored by the Federal Work Study Program, which is considered exclusively for American Citizens. This program distributes jobs on campus for full and part-time students, depending on their demonstration of financial need. Since this is the largest resource for student employment, the majority of the jobs offered on campus are based on the program, which makes it hard for the average international student to find a paid job on-campus. Even though American citizens are legally able to work outside the university, most students prefer working on campus because of its adaptability to working schedules and concurrence with the semester calendar. Nevertheless, international students are not considered in the work opportunities.

On a personal note, being myself an international student who had a very hard time finding an on-campus job, I can certify that the limitation of work opportunities here at Suffolk is rather frustrating, because many of us come from countries where we do not have the work opportunities the United States is so praised to hold. We come here in search of a better education and a better way to gain experience in our professional work ambit, and having to struggle with not finding jobs in the only place we are legally able to, can really become a hardship. So what could be done in order to provide more opportunities for on-campus jobs for international students?

A possible solution could be to create a specific student employment program that focuses on the distribution of jobs for non-American citizens, as well as opening up spots for internationals in current job positions that are only available for Americans. This way, our Suffolk community can truly become undifferentiated ideologically, and the international students can gain the work experience they deserve.

By Alex Gazzani, Journal Contributor

"Even though Suffolk makes the statement that diversity plays a big role in our community, many internationals feel left out on working opportunities."
For the past seven years, Suffolk University has accumulated as many presidents, and as each have created a new “issue” on campus that has resulted in the next head, many of them have placed a “bandaid” on each of these problems. From the lack of classrooms to a low retention rate, the parade of presidents have sold buildings with the next person sitting in the high seat leasing the same ones, one will recognize the absence of space and the next one will cram students in a conference room for an entire semester’s course.

Suffolk needs a new direction, a new brand. It needs to promote not just the overused “in the heart of the city” statement, splashed across ultra-repetitive brochures, but to showcase its students and their drive to make the university succeed.

Students are what create and make the university, and for what some Suffolk veterans say—upper administration has targeted their top offices as their only focus. Suffolk, start investing in your students.

Two years ago, Suffolk was in the midst of their largest media debacle. Since that time, it has attempted to repair the integrity of this institution, yet haven’t involved its students enough.

An advice to the next leader, whether they have been at the university or not: Be student driven by asking what students want. Get them engaged in major decisions and we guarantee, alumni will donate, more students will apply and the enthusiasm for Suffolk will grow. But, stop assuming what the students need.

Most of our lives, there are advertisements, commercials and stores everywhere that promote the consumption of alcohol. The media and film romanticize the effects, alluding that drinking is part of having fun. So, it seems like no surprise that even people who are underage seek alcohol.

A dry campus puts the idea in students heads that drinking is considered negative, even though their whole life, they’ve been shown otherwise. Something negative about alcohol would be if it is abused or not properly consumed, which happens to a lot of young adults. If a university still wants to be a dry campus, it would be helpful to include alcohol education. Moreover, its not just college students who are prone to drink. For example, when prohibition was in effect in 1920, people still found ways to drink alcohol, even though it was illegal. This goes to show how banning, not just alcohol, but anything for that matter, is a waste of time and can have greater repercussions than educating others about the subject.

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Instead of limiting access and spaces where underage drinking can happen, there should be more done to combat the promotion of alcohol consumption. The university should illicit more conversations around the effects of being intoxicated and the dangers of too much alcohol in the blood stream. Precautions should be taken instead of punishment after the fact.

On many dry campuses, if being caught with alcohol is punishable, students are less apt to go to university police or resident assistants for help. This could mean a life or death situation, in which a student’s safety is at risk and the university could be to blame. A life is more important than a rule.

This also closes the conversation surrounding alcohol and while most students turn 21 during college, they may not know too much about it, which leads to mistakes being made in the consumption of alcohol. And maybe next time, even if they aren’t on campus, they will still be afraid to get help. Isn’t it the university’s priority to keep their students safe and teach them?

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Eagles clinch Lombardi trophy

From EAGLES - 12

Suffolk University alumnus Lauren Spencer, '15, attended this year’s Super Bowl as the Patriots alumna Lauren Spencer, for. I am looking forward third straight year was something I’m so thankful for. I am looking forward to another great season in 2018.

After halftime, Brady and the Patriots offense looked to dig out of a 10-point deficit. The Patriots and Eagles both traded touchdown passes throughout the third quarter, with New England scoring two. The quarter ended with a score of 29-26.

The Eagles recovered the ball out of his hands. Defensive end Brandon Graham in the end zone for the second time of the night. After kicker Stephen Gostkowski netted the extra point, the Patriots took the lead. With 9:22 to go in the game, Philadelphia needed a championship drive from inexperienced players. After a third down stop, New England had Philadelphia on the ropes. On fourth down, the Eagles went for it, again. They managed to knock off seven minutes while completing the drive in the best possible fashion: scoring a touchdown to give them a five-point advantage. They were two minutes away from a stunning upset.

With Brady being one of the greatest quarterbacks in history, the Patriots went on the field with a chance at Brady connected with Gronkowski in the first play for eight yards. They followed that up with a game-winning touchdown. Defensive end Brandon Graham forced the offensive line and got to Brady, knocking the ball out of his hands. The Eagles recovered the football, and knocked the wind out of the sails of the New England offense.

The Patriots were the only real chance remaining for New England, as the game came down to a prayer. The Hall Mary pass by Brady at the end of the game fell to the ground un-harmed. Philadelphia completed a massive upset and won their first Super Bowl title, 41-33.

"I'm proud of the way our players, coaches and everybody competed for 60 minutes," - Bill Belichick, Patriots head coach.

Rookie honored, again

Don Porcaro
Journal Staff

Last week, Suffolk University's men's basketball freshman Brendan Mulson was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Rookie of the Week for his performance against St. Josephs.

"As the season went on, I naturally became more comfortable playing with the guys and with the speed of the game. I'm very grateful to be apart of the starting lineup and look to get better and better everyday," said Mulson in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

During the winning streak, Mulson earned his second GNAC Rookie of the Week honor after the Rams defeated University of Massachusetts Boston 79-69 on Dec. 12. Being the only freshman in the Rams starting five has not stopped Mulson from continuing his aggressive play-style. The forward has put up the third most shots on the team and leads the Rams in rebounding.

Mulson is also one of the team's most consistent scorers, including most passing attempts, especially when things go wrong to their advantage.

With nearly a week off in the upcoming playoffs, the Rams hold a record of 16-6. Suffolk will look to face off against the Rams winning streak which is essential, especially when you have a team that includes seven underclassmen.

"They know how to pace the season and when things go wrong to keep everyone cheerful without counting their blessings," said Leyden in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "It's really important that they are as people as important too and taking care of themselves," said Bourikas.

While she has been a key asset in helping the Lady Rams win games, Bourikas has also been a dedicated teammate. She explained that she hopes to leave a lasting impact on the younger players so they can continue to progress in the program with a positive mentality.

"Basketball is important but who they are as people is important too and taking care of themselves," said Bourikas.

With nearly a week and a half left in the regular season, the Lady Rams hold a record of 16-6. Suffolk will look to face off against competitors such as Saint Joseph's College of Maine in the upcoming playoffs. Earlier in the season the Lady Rams, after letting a solid lead slip, lost a close game to the Monks, 82-79.

"The big goal is to win the league and we feel that’s realistic," said Leyden.

Freshman Brendan Mulson named GNAC Rookie of the Week

Lady Ram scores 1,000 career points

From BOURIKAS - 12

Complained once in five years and she just put in the work day in and day out.

Head coach Ed Leyden said it is helpful to have Bourikas and Nagzi as captains of the Lady Rams because of their maturity level. He explained that she is essential, especially when you have a team that includes seven underclassmen.

"They know how to pace the season and when things go wrong to keep everyone cheerful without counting their blessings," said Leyden in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "It’s really important that this attitude comes from the locker room and not the coach."

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Last week, Suffolk University's men's basketball freshman Brendan Mulson was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Rookie of the Week for his performance against St. Josephs.

"As the season went on, I naturally became more comfortable playing with the guys and with the speed of the game. I'm very grateful to be apart of the starting lineup and look to get better and better everyday," said Mulson in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

During the winning streak, Mulson earned his second GNAC Rookie of the Week honor after the Rams defeated University of Massachusetts Boston 79-69 on Dec. 12. Being the only freshman in the Rams starting five has not stopped Mulson from continuing his aggressive play-style. The forward has put up the third most shots on the team and leads the Rams in rebounding.

Mulson is also one of the team's most consistent scorers, including most passing attempts, especially when things go wrong to their advantage.

With nearly a week off in the upcoming playoffs, the Rams hold a record of 16-6. Suffolk will look to face off against the Rams winning streak which is essential, especially when you have a team that includes seven underclassmen.

"They know how to pace the season and when things go wrong to keep everyone cheerful without counting their blessings," said Leyden in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "It's really important that they are as people as important too and taking care of themselves," said Bourikas.

While she has been a key asset in helping the Lady Rams win games, Bourikas has also been a dedicated teammate. She explained that she hopes to leave a lasting impact on the younger players so they can continue to progress in the program with a positive mentality.

"Basketball is important but who they are as people is important too and taking care of themselves," said Bourikas.

With nearly a week and a half left in the regular season, the Lady Rams hold a record of 16-6. Suffolk will look to face off against competitors such as Saint Joseph's College of Maine in the upcoming playoffs. Earlier in the season the Lady Rams, after letting a solid lead slip, lost a close game to the Monks, 82-79.

"The big goal is to win the league and we feel that’s realistic," said Leyden.

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Freshman Brendan Mulson named GNAC Rookie of the Week

Lady Ram scores 1,000 career points

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Complained once in five years and she just put in the work day in and day out.

Head coach Ed Leyden said it is helpful to have Bourikas and Nagzi as captains of the Lady Rams because of their maturity level. He explained that she is essential, especially when you have a team that includes seven underclassmen.

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While she may not be a history major, fifth-year senior Georgia Bourikas went down in the history books Thursday night becoming the 14th Lady Ram in women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points.

Appearing in her 100th collegiate game, Bourikas stepped onto the Lady Rams' home court against Anna Maria College three points shy of the 1,000-point mark. Bourikas clinched her spot in the Lady Rams’ archives and helped the team to a 92-57 victory against the Amcats.

This season, Bourikas has averaged a personal best of 14 points and 30 minutes of playing time per game.

"Overall it was overwhelming with the love and support from everybody," said Bourikas in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday.

"It was on my mind, but the back of my mind," said Bourikas. "I would have rather gotten a win than score a ton of points."

During her sophomore year on the team, Bourikas was shut down with a torn ACL just ten days shy of the team’s first practice.

Bourikas was unsure of how she would ever come back from her injury. After her recovery, basketball still came with ease and she pushed forward to become a top performer on the team in hopes to see her name hang on a banner in Regan Gymnasium.

"There is no one more deserving," said co-captain Alex Nagri in an interview with The Journal. "She hasn't..."