



Ward Fellowship Alumni Newsletter



The 2008 Ward Fellows Go to DC

By Natalie Dorokhina and Rachel O'Donnell

On July 13, the Boston Latin School Ward Fellows embarked on their annual retreat to Washington, D.C. They were scheduled to stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Rosslyn until July 15, enjoying four days in the capital. During their stay they planned on visiting a number of memorials, museums, and historical buildings. They also looked forward to hearing from several distinguished speakers. The trip was aimed to further the Fellows' knowledge of public service, their understanding of government, and their desire to go into law and public work in the future.

After a short flight, the Ward Fellows arrived in the capital of the United States on Saturday morning, which allowed them to spend an entire weekend walking the streets of Washington and sightseeing. On their first day, they visited the many memorials dedicated to past influential presidents and historical events. They walked past the Washington Monument, which is shaped as a stone square obelisk, soaring over 45 feet into the air. The Fellows then walked past the reflecting pool behind the Washington Monument leading up to the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial and on the way visited a memorial dedicated to those who died during the Korean War. This memorial consisted of a number of statues of soldiers, all of whom were sculpted out of brass to highlight the struggle they went through in the war and to contrast with the whiteness of the other monuments, many of which were made out of marble.



When the Fellows ascended into the Lincoln Memorial, some read the inscriptions on the walls, one of which was Lincoln's second inaugural address. The statue of the seated president was very magnificent, especially because it made the visitors think of all the courageous things he accomplished during his presidency, and of his untimely death. On the way out of the Mall, the Fellows walked through the memorial dedicated to the war in Vietnam, where almost sixty thousand soldiers lost their lives. Their names were inscribed in the granite plates that served as walls to the path on which sightseers walked to view this memorial.

The following day, the Ward Fellows were allowed a few hours during the morning to explore Washington and Georgetown on their own: visit colleges and universities, get acquainted with the city, and see friends and family members residing in the area. In the afternoon, the Fellow reunited in the hotel lobby and went into Washington once more, this time to visit a few of the Smithsonian museums. Some also went to one of the most remarkable sights of the Washington D.C. area, the Arlington National Cemetery.

This cemetery houses the graves of President Taft, President Kennedy and Jaqueline Onasis as well as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This particular monument in the Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to every unidentified or unknown American soldier lost during battle. The Ward Fellows were fortunate enough to witness the ceremonious changing of the guards at the tomb.

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NEW SPONSORS IN

State Rep. Martin J. Walsh Police Commissioner Edward Davis

By Lauren Anderson

After only going to a handful of meetings, I had decided that there wasn't any one sponsor that had really spoken to me, that was until I met Marty Walsh. Every time all the fellows gathered together for a meeting the sponsor whom we were meeting with would always ask us who we were working with this summer, and every single time we were asked, Marty's intern would always proudly say "Representative Martin J. Walsh." This gave me a very strong impression of this man. When I entered the meeting room and pulled up



a chair, one of the other fellows told me "Lauren, you're going to really like this guy." I was almost positive that I would never find a sponsor who truly spoke to me; however, I could not have been more incorrect.

Marty entered the meeting wearing a green golf shirt and asked us what he was supposed to be doing today. I immediately took a liking towards him when, in reference to the House Meeting Chamber, he asked "Have yous been in there yet?" I realized that we were dealing with a man from Boston, Dorchester to be exact, who had not been swept up in politics and still called this city home. Next, he wanted to know more about us. He felt that what we were doing was more important to him than just letting himself talk about his career. He then asked all of the fellows if we knew who our representatives were.

When only a few of us knew, he asked all of us where we were from and then told us. Then I realized that this man may single handedly change my view on politics. He did not treat us fellows as if we were "the little guys," he treated us as equals to himself. He was trying to show us that we were no different from him. We are all Boston kids, trying to do well for ourselves, and that is what he was, and still is.

He showed us that there may be numerous obstacles that will stand in our way, but they can only do so if we let them. He never let being a kid from Dorchester, who had not yet graduated from college get in his way of becoming a state representative; he did not let rash mistakes he had made as a teenager bring him down; and he did not allow any intimidation of the state house and all the responsibilities that lay ahead deter him. I do not know if he set out to be a role model for Boston youth, however, he has accomplished that, and much more.

Next, Marty talked about how he felt while voting on the extremely controversial issue regarding gay marriage. He said that he knew he was voting on one of the last, if not the last, civil rights issue that the United States of America would face. He knew that his vote was important and that what he had to say was changing the world.

I didn't choose to write about Marty because of what he taught me about politics, I chose to write about Marty because of what he made me realize about myself and the fellowship. This experience isn't about learning about public service and government as much as it is learning about how one can make more of a difference than you realize and that there are countless medians in which you can do so. Therefore, on behalf of all the fellows, I would like to thank State Representative Martin J. Walsh for all that he taught us, because I know what we learned that day will stay with us forever.

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When Commissioner Edward Davis stepped into the room, I knew almost right away that this would be a really—for lack of a better word—cool meeting. He looked like the type of person who always had a few interesting stories and anecdotes to tell those he met, and indeed he did. After we introduced ourselves, shared our experiences, etc., he began to talk about his career in law enforcement.

Commissioner Davis started the meeting by telling us about his experiences growing up in Lowell, Massachusetts, with his parents. He said his reason for becoming involved with law enforcement was his father. His father was a police officer in the Lowell Police Department for 29 years, and he patrolled the area where he lived. As you can imagine, that did not sit well with Mr. Davis's friends, who feared that they would get in trouble for whatever ridiculous things a kid could get in trouble for. After graduating high school in 1979, Commissioner Davis joined the Lowell Police Department and started out patrolling a section of Lowell. He also explained that in those days, Lowell had a reputation for being a tough mill town. There was more than the occasional fight because of the number of bars at the time and many people's experience with boxing.

After a few years in the department, he moved up in the ranks and became involved with narcotics cases, traveling to Miami and New York as the majority of the drugs that were going to Lowell were from either of those two cities. After a few more years in Lowell, he was asked to become Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, a job he still holds and is extremely content with. Commissioner Davis stressed that any police force should have integrity, the best possible candidates, and a close connection with the communities they serve. He explained that a few years ago, the police department was not close to many Boston neighborhoods, and therefore some residents did not trust the police and would not report crimes. He said it is a different story now, and there is evidence in the fact that the police are more involved with community events, and that the crime rate overall is lower com-

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THE WARD FELLOWSHIP

Robert L. Turner - The Commonwealth Compact

The Man Behind The Mission For Massachusetts

By Candace Hensley

As we walked into a meeting room at the University of Massachusetts Boston on an early Thursday morning, breakfast, fruit, and coffee were provided to our delight and we all grabbed a few snacks and proceeded to sit down around a large conference table wondering what new facts we would learn with this speaker. Robert Turner and Colleen Richards Powell introduced themselves and sat at the head of the table, very relaxed, wanting us all to feel comfortable and at ease in their presence. They asked us to introduce ourselves, and they then commenced to discuss the Commonwealth Compact, a new project that Turner took on with Powell and Michelle Yan, their Ward Fellow. Many organizations have jumped on the bandwagon with them and we received a list of 118 very honorable and noteworthy founding signers for the newly established Commonwealth Compact. The Commonwealth Compact is "an initiative to make Massachusetts a location of choice for people of color." The CC is complete with a forceful mission statement, a devoted pledge, and various benchmarks which will enforce its mission. The CC is a step in the direction of diversifying Boston, even Massachusetts, as a whole, because we seem to be known as an "unwelcoming city" to outsiders.

Unfortunately the segregation times of the past still affect the lives of people in our

world today, and this is what the CC is trying to prevent. As we all sat around the table and heard what the CC was all about, Powell began a discussion on Boston and how we, as young adults, felt about our city, and what our thoughts were on it. It turned out to be a very



interesting and fully-sided conversation, sometimes even becoming more of a debate when it came to certain topics or neighborhoods. It seemed to be a day right out of Ms. Freeman's Facing History and Ourselves course that is taught at BLS. As we were discussing racism, segregation, and diversity we all realized that we do have a lot left to work on in order to make our city, our state, and our nation one whole, united force of people, one whole people color-blind when it comes to preference, who treat everyone the same, no matter

the color or even gender.

Powell discussed how the CC is trying to work on diversifying corporations and organizations. For instance, instead of having ten fifty year old white males on the board of directors of TJ Maxx, a better board would reflect the diverse demographics of the company's customers, who can use their experiences to make a better shopping experiences for consumers. It is disadvantageous when a deciding force is mostly dominated by one gender or one ethnicity, that brings a bias to the corporation or organization, and it only represents a certain group of people, not everyone. Sticking with the TJ Maxx example, if these ten white males were holding the reins, they would not know what to sell in stores for say, young children or women, and would limit the representation of the entire group of

customers in the store. This is a problem in the world today because many corporations and organizations have little diversity and are too biased. We must hope that organizations in Massachusetts sign onto the compact in order to begin to rectify this problem and that other states form similar programs. In this way the Commonwealth Compact is helping our society in a substantial and much needed way, and with Turner, Powell, and Michelle at the head of it, we can look forward to continued success.

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pared to a few years ago.

Commissioner Davis also gave us a better insight as to how the Boston Police Department works with other departments in Massachusetts, most notably the State Police. He gave an example of how in South Boston there is property owned by Massport, over which only the state has jurisdiction. He explained that if a crime occurred, the two of them would work together in solving it. In addition, he shared his views on the corruption in the police force that had occurred in the past and the reputation that it had given

the department. He has worked tirelessly to destroy that reputation and rebuild a sense of trust in the police force.



Even though there has been significant progress made, Commissioner Davis believes there is still more work to do. He acknowledges that crime rates have gone down significantly and the relationship between different communities and the police have improved, but he wishes to extend this further and create a better city, free of corruption and crime. Whether one is just visiting for a few days or has lived here one's whole life, Commissioner Davis' priority is

to keep every person safe and it is obvious that he takes this task very seriously. Meeting with the Commissioner has given us all a better sense of the efforts being made to improve our city and inspired new ideas in careers in the field of law enforcement.

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JARED COYNE



I have come to realize that law school will always be a possibility but before I get committed to a long term job, I first want to get out of Boston and do as much traveling as I can while helping as many people as I can along the way.

NATASHA FARRELL



I met new people, made new friends; strengthened connections with people that I was already acquainted with and established connections with people in high places.

FRIENDS OF THE Larry DiCara

By Courtney Smith

As we gazed at the impossibly tall building that we were led into and felt our ears pop as we took the elevators all the way to the twenty-fifth floor and entered the spacious conference room, we were struck by the grandeur and prestige of Nixon Peabody. As we waited for our speaker, Lawrence DiCara, we could only wonder if he was as grand and stately as the building itself.

We were met with a surprise when the five-foot four-inch Lawrence, better known as Larry, DiCara entered the conference room, smiling and immediately putting us all at ease. He offered us cookies and juice and introduced himself to us. He welcomed us gladly, asking us our names and sponsors, and wanting to know more about the neighborhoods we lived in. He knew almost everyone's sponsor personally, and had friends in every neighborhood throughout Boston. He was funny and charming, explaining to us all the difference between a Townie and a Tooney – a mistake I'm sure none of us will ever make again.

He began to tell us about himself, focusing first on his parents before moving on to his childhood. His father, an Italian immigrant, graduated from Northeastern and became an accountant, while his mother, the daughter of Italian immigrants, became a music teacher in the Boston Public Schools. He grew up in what he says was a remarkably small Italian family and spoke Italian as a child, though he forgets most of it now. One of his biggest regrets is forgetting the language, which, he says, was beat out of him at the elementary school he attended in Dorchester, and he recommended that we all learn a second or third language now, because it will be a vital component to our future success.

He is a proud graduate of Boston Latin and credits his experiences there for much of his success. An active speaker – he said his glasses kept him from following his true passion, baseball – he was the lead in the school play, top delegate of Model United Nations, and a Public Declarer. At Latin, he learned the arts of public speaking and debate and he learned a lot about the importance of diversity. He was friends with people from other neighborhoods, from other religions, from other ethnicities, and from other races. By the time Larry DiCara graduated, he had friends across the city.

DiCara believes that it was these friendships that allowed him to get elected City Councilor at Large. In addition to actually knowing a candidate, he says that there are three things people look for when

they are voting: geography, ethnicity and ideology. A Dorchester native, the son of an Italian immigrant and a Harvard graduate, Lawrence Salvatore DiCara had all three. He became the youngest member of the City Council and was elected President in 1978. As acting mayor of Boston during the Blizzard of '78, he was forced to make some hard decisions – the city was out of money and the roads had yet to be plowed. Knowing that the safety of the city and its citizens came before monetary concerns, DiCara told them to plow the streets and they would find some way to pay for it. His concern for the well-being of the city did not stop there: he led the floor fights for Quincy Market, Charlestown Navy Yard and Copley Place, favorite landmarks and places of Bostonians everywhere.



After graduating from Suffolk Law School and passing the Massachusetts Bar – both while serving tirelessly on the City Council – DiCara attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. It was this degree that allowed him to become president of the City Council, and he says he has a fond place in his heart for his days at Kennedy.

Eventually, however, he returned to practicing law, and opened his own law firm, because he didn't want to be under the control of either the governor or the mayor. His prowess in the court was awe-inspiring and his knowledge of old laws impeccable. A jack-of-all-trades now at Nixon Peabody, he says that the specialization of lawyers today will cause problems in the future. Adding humor to his message – like he had all afternoon – DiCara informed us that they only let him in the courtroom nowadays if he knows the judge. Today, he is an expert negotiator, brokering high profile real estate deals, concerning everything from our very own statue of John Adams in Quincy Market to the newest Bertucci's.

As we left, the building was still full of guilt and glass, our ears still popped in the elevators on the way down and Nixon Peabody was still prestigious. For us, however, it was a challenge. Larry DiCara had told us that he loved challenges – “the bigger that challenge, the better” were his words – and his service to the people of the city of Boston gave us an imposing task. It's our job to create a future that's good for the people of Boston, as well as the people of the world, and, having met Mr. DiCara and seeing for ourselves the importance of public service, I can say for certain that every single one of us is up to the challenge.

FELLOWSHIP RETURN Nick Littlefield

By Michelle Yan

Entering the conference room of the Foley Hoag Law Offices where we were meeting Nick Littlefield, all of the Ward Fellows commented to some degree on the majestic atmosphere of the room and the view. When Nick Littlefield finally entered the room, with a simple “hello!” and an invitation to help ourselves to any of the food he had made available, he managed to put all of us at ease in the somewhat intimidating conference room. He immediately went around the table, asking each of us where we worked and like most, he made a comment to almost every Fellow about his or her sponsor. He mentioned anecdotes or fun facts about each of the sponsors, giving us the first glimpse of his extended connections.

Following this introduction, Littlefield gave us a brief narrative about the Ward Commission and John William Ward. He told us that the Ward Commission was started by Dukakis because of the extensive corruption evident in the state. Construction and architectural companies were not being chosen based on their competence and ability but rather based on under-the-table deals. Littlefield explained that such plans were wasting billions of taxpayer dollars and the Ward Commission was able to expose these. Next, he expanded on his own connection to the Ward Commission. He worked side-by-side with Bill Ward as Chief Counsel for the Ward Commission. Littlefield described Ward as an eloquent writer who was able to make the most mundane memo into “something beautiful.” With this comment, Littlefield underscored the importance of being able to write, emphasizing that it would be imperative to our futures if we wanted to be successful.

Next, Littlefield expanded on what he had previously eluded to as his “zig-zag career,” thus beginning the story of his own life. He explained that his passion for public service first began right after he graduated from college when John F. Kennedy was president. Between the inspiration of Kennedy's “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country” and the overall civil rights movement, every-



one was drawn to public service. Littlefield was also involved in the movement against the Vietnam War and finally decided to go to law school after being “indoctrinated” by all of these various movements. In law school, Littlefield traveled around the country to register voters and encourage them to advocate an end to the war.

After the war finally wound down, Littlefield decided to pursue law and became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He conducted both preliminary and grand jury investigations, tried jury cases, and also argued appeals in front of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Through his work in the courts of New York, Littlefield became very involved in anti-corruption cases. He then continued his “zig-zag” career by teaching at Harvard Law School and created a course called Government Law. At Harvard, he met Archibald Cox who was connected to Bill Ward and eventually, Littlefield was invited to join the Ward Commission and pursue his interest in anti-corruption. At this point in the meeting, Littlefield emphasized the immense importance of connections. He showed us how all of his connections helped to get him his various jobs. It was all about creating a network.

Following his work at the Ward Commission, Littlefield worked at another law firm for a while before joining Senator Kennedy's staff. Again, this job for Kennedy was offered to him through a connection, a person he met during the anti-war movement whom he had kept in contact with during the following years. For nine years, Littlefield worked as the Chief of Staff for Kennedy, helping to raise the minimum age twice and creating an emer-

gency assistance program to help areas hard hit by AIDS. Through this work with Kennedy, Littlefield's passion shifted from fighting corruption to advocating for the “little guys.” With this in mind, Littlefield again changed paths, staying true to his “zig-zag” lifestyle and returned to law, working with healthcare.

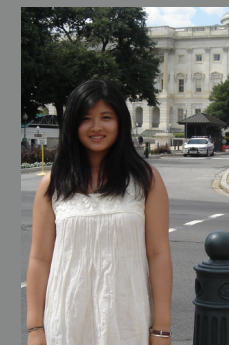
Nick Littlefield concluded the meeting reminding us that we had no obligation to follow the conventional approach to life. It was perfectly fine to switch between various careers in order to find one's true passion. Life was all about making and maintaining contacts and connections because we never knew when someone we met years ago could help us. He applauded us for starting our network early with the Ward Fellowship and encouraged us to keep in contact with our sponsors and other people we met during this summer. Finally, Littlefield left us with the statement, “public service is the most valuable and rewarding kind of life,” a motto we all took to heart.

QUEEN ARSEM O'MALLEY



In the meetings with Boston-area professionals, I realized how intertwined the city and state government and other officials are... This showed me the importance of networking, and showed how connections in one area of the public sector can help you in another.

REBECCA KAN



We were introduced to dedicated citizens who were infused with an obligation towards public service. Their commitment and fervor for making Boston a better city was irresistible, and I have a renewed admiration for the everyday individuals who renounce higher-paying professions in order to serve their city and country.

RACHEL O'DONNELL



I knew that I was put on this earth to help people, and I had already begun to feel its rewarding gratification while working at Representative Forry's office.

CAMERON ARROYO



I feel that I now have a better understanding of society and what people can really do to help out those who are having problems either with discrimination or within their own families or with friends.

Judge Sragow

By Andrew Connors

Sitting at my desk in the Office of the Inspector General at 1 Ashburton Place, I did not initially expect to have the chance to attend the day's meeting with Judge Roanne Sragow. With a prior commitment at work that could not be broken, I was quite disappointed as I sat thinking I would be missing out on a rare opportunity to meet someone in a field I one day wished to be involved in. It was at this time, however, I received some good news. My meeting had been rescheduled to the following day. I looked at my watch quickly thinking to myself, "Is it too late?" After a quick (but heated) internal debate, I made up my mind, "I can't miss out." After forty-five minutes of train rides, walking through Cambridge, and embarrassingly asking if I was in the right courthouse multiple times, I finally arrived to the smirks of some friends and the warm smile of Judge Sragow at the First District Court.

Well spoken and prepared, Judge Sragow soon informed us all of the busy day ahead. We would have the chance to see many different court room settings, and also speak with a variety of people involved in a few of the many aspects of the court. First on the agenda was a visit to the First Session with Judge Sragow. Having visited a courtroom only once or twice before, I was not quite sure what to expect, and was very surprised to see that this one was filled with what seemed to me upwards of fifty people! There were lawyers and other personnel everywhere! I had never seen a court like this and was not quite sure of what was going on. Some people were entering, others exiting, and some were discussing matters with lawyers. I will admit that I was overwhelmed at first, but one thing that stood out to me was how calm and collected Judge Sragow was at the head of the court. Despite the fast pace and some of the confusion in the court, she had a strong handle on the situation and efficiently carried on, dealing with each person individually. I, myself, was impressed. It really was great to see how the proceedings were carried out in such a busy environment.

After attending First Session for quite some time, Judge Sragow called for a recess and informed us of a rare chance to see a very "unique" defense attorney. There was to be a motion to suppress hearing, and we would have the chance to attend. This courtroom was nothing like the first. Much smaller, this room had only a judge, a prosecutor, the defense, and a witness on the stand. Many of us were excited at the chance to see both sides question a witness in person. Of course I had seen this plenty of times in movies and on television, but never in a real life situation. It was everything I expected it to be. To see both sides strategize and ask

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key questions to frame their case was eye-opening. It was especially interesting to see the defense lawyer in action. As promised by Judge Sragow, he was very entertaining as he paced the courtroom floor loudly arguing his case and effectively questioning the witness. It was something I truly enjoyed and will never forget.

As we all closely watched this case waiting for the dramatic outcome, we were informed of yet another trial about to begin. This was going to be a trial by jury, a little different than the hearing we had watching. Although eager to know the outcome of the hearing taking place, I decided to move on to the next courtroom because I had never seen a case decided by a jury before and was quite interested in this as well. The case was against a man who was involved in an automotive accident while allegedly operating under the influence of alcohol. As hoped for, this experience was just as interesting and exciting as the previous two. Though the case was fairly straightforward, I was thrilled to see each lawyer make his case to the jury in hope that he could sway them to one side or the other. Both sides had compelling arguments, and I could see the decision going either way.

Ending the day with lunch and a discussion with Judge Sragow as well as with defense and prosecuting attorneys, we had all learned so much. Two gentlemen from the probation department spoke to us about their important role in the judicial system and provided us with a behind the scenes career opportunity to consider. The prosecutors discussed their work with victims and their reason for working as Assistant District Attorneys—the ability to help those who could not defend themselves. The defense attorney explained that while most people have a negative view of those who protect alleged perpetrators, he saw it as upholding the American ideal of justice, where every man or woman is presumed innocent and is given the chance for a fair trial.

After getting the opportunity to see the plethora of ways in which a district court proceeds, I have a much better understanding of the field I hope to go into. Judge Sragow had planned an efficient and great way for us to experience it all. This hands on look at the judicial system in action is something we will not soon forget. It had really been a great day. As we said our thanks and goodbyes, I smiled to myself thinking of the mornings trek around Cambridge trying to find the courthouse, and knew that it was completely worth the somewhat embarrassing and desperate scramble it took to get there.

FAMILIAR FACES

Corp. Counsel Bill Sinnott

By Elizabeth Zappalla

At first glance, one may wonder if this man is Corporation Counsel for the city of Boston or a Colonel in the United States Marine Corps. As the we began to talk to William Sinnott, it was quickly evident that not only was Bill both of these men, but also much more. Bill Sinnott opened the meeting by getting to know each Fellow and talking individually about our sponsor, showing how knowledgeable he was within local and state government and asking what we would like to do after college. After hearing the chorus of future law students, he began to speak about different programs in the area, which was thoroughly interesting, especially for those who were just pondering the idea. He then introduced himself and his colleague, Joe Callahan, who worked



alongside him in the Law Department. Since they were both Boston Latin graduates, the conversation began to flow even more easily.

As Mr. Callahan spoke about the importance of education and planning for the future, the Fellows began to think about how quickly life was progressing. Callahan also told us about his involvement in the Marine Corps, and how this along with Law School are great educational opportunities for young people and both ought to be carefully considered. He felt they had immensely impacted his life and wanted to share this with others. As Callahan began to bring up retirement, Mr. Sinnott stepped in to try to prevent us from being completely overwhelmed by the daunting task at hand. The pair easily spoke with us since both have children close to our age who attend or have attended Boston Latin. They understood what we were experiencing, which allowed them to offer very candid but advantageous advice. After Callahan stepped out, Mr. Sinnott began to explain in greater detail what his job entailed and how the Law Department worked.

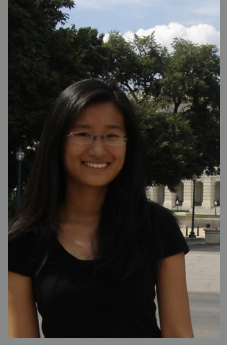
Representing the City of Boston in lawsuits appeared to be a daunting task, but as Mr. Sinnott explained his involvement further, it seemed impossible. What made this even more surprising was how easy Mr. Sinnott

made it all sound. His department handles the lawsuits involving the Mayor, the Boston City Council, the Boston Police Department and other city agencies. These lawsuits, while all civil except for the fire code cases, involve the thirty-three attorneys of Mr. Sinnott's department. As Corporation Counsel, he ensures that the cases are handled appropriately, but much to his chagrin is unable to be before the jury throughout these cases. Although presenting in court is his favorite part of being a lawyer, he demonstrates great leadership by allowing his staff to have the ability to stand before the

jury on the court cases they work so hard on. He is also prevented from this more active role due to his close ties to the Mayor. His job is to serve as legal counsel to the Mayor.

As Mr. Sinnott spoke about his previous employment, we learned that Mr. Sinnott had one dream job his whole life. Surprisingly, he has already experienced this and has moved on to even greater things. This job was as a US attorney. He was an assistant US attorney and was able to proudly say that it was everything he dreamed of and more. He loved being able to stand before a jury and say "My name is Colonel William Sinnott and I am proud to represent the United States of America". This phrase became so powerful and influential that the other attorneys would file motions to prevent him from stating it. Just this one story that Mr. Sinnott shared showed his impact on others. We also learned how much service and pride he brings to the United States as he spoke about his experiences in the Marine Corps. The stories he shared were extremely moving and we were able to better understand Mr. Sinnott on a personal level. It was amazing to hear how committed to his troops he was and how he was looked up to by so many as a strong and capable leader. The meeting with Mr. Sinnott was a wonderful experience because we were able to learn about public service on a variety of levels. Mr. Sinnott's dedication to public service is awe-inspiring, and his ability to be not only a political leader but also a military one, shows what a presence of character he

CHENGLIN YUAN



Working in the scheduling office has really enabled me to establish relationships and network with others. I realized that networking is definitely important as most of the staff in the Governor's office either worked for him on the campaign or started out as interns in the State House.

LAUREN ANDERSON



Although the goal of the fellowship is to learn about government and law through public service, I learned more about myself, than anything.

We are working on strengthening the alumni network, if you have any updates you would like to share, please send them to Erica Moise WF'07, AJ'08 [ERICASHARI@GMAIL.COM]

NATALYA DOROKHINA



After completing this program, I realized that the work of an elected official is full of challenges and that many of these people are capable and experienced enough to work toward bettering their society.

GINA PALINO



Who ever works with Judge Sragow next year needs to be very open hearted because often victims are looking for someone who knows how to comfort them, tough because its difficult to get up everyday and know that your only going to see what evil do in the world, and motivated because I often took the extra step by asking to take on more responsibility than was handed to me on a day to day basis.

FELLOWS VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY

Registering East Bostonians to vote

Learning from the youth of Lowell

By Queen Arsem-O'Malley

Most summer Saturdays are spent sleeping late, going to the beach, or maybe even doing some summer reading assignments a way to relax after a week of getting up early, rushing around the office, and going to Fellowship meetings. But one Saturday, Ward Fellows and alumni alike got up early, battled MBTA delays, and arrived in East Boston ready for some community service. Forming into two groups, we set up a table at a Shaw's Supermarket and sent the other group to the Orient Heights neighborhood. We were there to register voters as part of the "Now Is the Time to Vote" campaign. We had attended a press conference the week before about the campaign, along with representatives from over thirty other groups that were participating in the greater Boston area. In East Boston alone, there were at least three areas with "Now Is the Time" volunteers: Shaw's, Maverick T Station, and Orient Heights. About ten people were stationed at the Shaw's, so we rotated between sitting at the table and canvassing the neighborhood. The morning started off pretty slowly, to the point that we applauded when the first person registered, and even threw in a free t-shirt. New England Cable News came to film us, though there wasn't much activity, so we had to reprimand the video cameraman for not registering to vote here in Massachusetts (he had just moved from Pennsylvania), and gave him a form to take home.

After a while at the table, three Ward alumni and I, armed with our English, Portuguese, and Spanish registration forms, set off to go door-to-door. It was a good thing that two of our group were East Boston natives and spoke Spanish, because many of the houses we went to contained only Spanish-speaking residents. As someone who is not familiar with East Boston, it was surprising for me to see how many people were not citizens or residents, and there-

fore could not register. After walking around and registering voters for almost two hours, we decided to head back to the Shaw's, but on our way back decided to go down one last street. At the end of the street, we asked a group of young women if they were registered. Most of them replied that they were not citizens, but one young woman began filling out a form. As she did, her friends began talking about Barack Obama, and how much they wanted him to become President. When the young woman



handed back her voter registration form, she smiled and told us that hers was one more vote that would make a difference in the presidential election. After two hours of canvassing,

we ended up getting seven registrations (not counting additional forms that we left with people to mail themselves). This may not seem like a lot, but each of these people seemed genuinely pleased to register, and between the two Ward groups, we got over thirty voters registered. In addition to registering people, we helped people find where to vote, and answered other questions about the local election process. If all eighteen neighborhoods saw as much success as ours did, the Now Is the Time campaign is in good shape, and has made a difference to the voters of greater Boston.



Jenny Umeña WF'07 and "Rolo" Ronaldo Rauseo-Ricupero WF'00 canvas in East Boston

By Gina Palino

The Lowell camp was an eye opening experience. As soon as I walked in I saw children from the ages of 5 through 14 from all races playing together. We began meeting with the director of the Lowell camp and some of his senior staff. They explained that the premise of the camp was to keep young kids off of the streets and out of the prevalent gangs in the Lowell area. Many of the senior staff used to be "gang bangers" and turned to the Lowell camp in their youth for help to escape the gangs. Everyone involved seemed very passionate and the staff seemed very interested in being positive role models for their kids. From pats on the head to helping the kids with cuts and scrapes they got in the games, the staff seemed to know these kids well and genuinely care about their well being.

While at the camp I met with the youngest group of kids, ages 5 through 8. The kids ranged from very shy to borderline hyperactive, some of them were acting out wrestling, some were playing with their purses. we all shared our names, then went to play the game "the wind blows if..." where everyone sits in a circle with one less chair than people. one person stands in the middle and says the wind blows if _____ and they pick anything that a person might have, some of the more interesting things that came up were what races people are, the only only child was Maryana and the only people whose eyes were not the color brown were the Ward fellows. I had played this game when during a meeting of Boston Latin School's Gay Straight Alliance and it had a totally different flavor to it. The kids at the Lowell camp are very perceptive to what they are and how people see them, but they take it as reality and don't pity themselves. They're just kids who are happy to be having fun. The other Ward and the Nelson fellows enjoyed a game of very intense



dodgeball, and a game of not so successful volleyball.

The director was interested in the roles we all played as Ward and Nelson fellows. He wanted us to communicate to the kids what would happen to them legally if they join gangs and live the street life. Most of the children had a concept of jail, and gangs but he wanted us to fill in the kids what would happen if they behaved badly. We told them that the government will put them in jail if they chose the gang path. It was a unique experience because we are all around the same age as them and were able to speak of our first hand experience of kids in the court system.

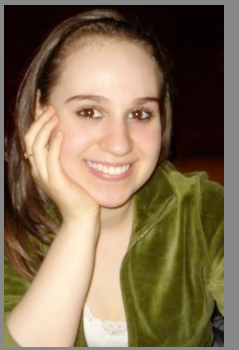


Working with the victim witness advocates I've heard of numerous cases in which a juvenile makes one bad choice and it affects them until they

are 18, they miss out on high school and their friends and have to stay in jail.

During our last meeting with Judge Wolf he told us that his son had started the Lowell camp. when we met with the police commissioner he told us that the Lowell camp was very successful when he was in . The Ward Fellows were scheduled to go to the boston equivalent of the Lowell camp; the Red Auerbach camp. We were rained out and did not get a chance to meet with the kids, but I'm sure it would have been interesting. This meeting was special because we had the opportunity to share ideas with kids our own age, instead of talking with those who were already successful adults.

BEVERLY SHRAYBMAN



It allowed me to learn how truly rewarding public service is and how it comes in many different forms. It shows me that I have many different areas to choose from for my future career.

CHRIS GU



In such a globalized world, it is vital to have important contacts and I sincerely believe that the Ward Fellowship is the best possible foundation for a great network.

ELIZABETH ZAPPALLA



Everyday I changed my mind about what I wanted to do, a lawyer, a politician, a journalist. The Ward Fellowship allowed me to develop my ideas and learn extensively about the different areas of public service.

MICHELLE YAN



It is refreshing to see so many people who are so devoted to making our city and state a better place and it is exciting knowing that we are the next generation of people who will go out there and really make a difference.

FELLOWS EXPLORE NATION'S CAPITAL

Continued from cover After the visits to the museums, the Fellows dined with the Miller Fellows, all of whom were Ward Fellowship alumni, now interning in the offices of Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry and Representative Delahunt as college students. Over dinner, they spoke of their experiences as Ward Fellows, their current internships as Miller Fellows, other work they have done, and their plans for the future. This dinner allowed the Ward Fellows to be inspired by people who could act as models for them as they embark on their path to find a career. They were joined by Dawn Smalls WF'92, who shared her work on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and her reasons for joining such a cause. Another former fellow, Sarita Frattaroli WF'00, discussed her work at the Department of Justice.

The following day the Fellows were able to tour the Supreme Court and the Capitol buildings. That morning, we met on the stairs outside of the Supreme Court, entered through the back, and walked around the floors, all the while having one of the tour guides explain how the court functions and what the chambers look like. There were two or three miniature representations of the court chambers, both of the old chamber and of the new chamber, which the guide used as an exhibit to show the Fellows where the nine justices sit and how the court operates. Although the Fellows were not allowed inside of the chambers, they were able to take a look inside from behind the curtains at the door and learn the meaning behind many of the aspects of the chamber, such as how the justices are arranged in order of the number of years that they have served with the Chief Justice seated in the middle. The highlight of the Supreme Court was having the opportunity to meet with a law clerk from Justice Breyer's chambers, Eric Feigin, who described his job working for a Supreme Court Justice, including his role in reviewing cases.

The Fellows were enriched by the history of public policy and its role in the United States of America, and their most rewarding experiences by far were with the people they met, a number of who were Latin School graduates. One of their first speakers was Michael Capuano, a Massachusetts State Representative. Congressman Capuano was most admired for his directness and his refreshing personality. He inspired the Fellows with the idea that the more fortunate people are, the more responsible they should be with their ambition and abilities. He himself came from a working

class family and explained to us how he rose above what was expected from him in his neighborhood of Somerville, going on to becoming the mayor of Somerville and eventually a congressman. The Ward Fellows next met Congressman Stephen Lynch on the steps of the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Lynch had a working class background similar to Capuano's, but was noted for his calm and relaxed personality. He had been a steel worker, and then became the union's president before running for representative office in Massachusetts. When Ward Fellow introduced him or herself to Stephen Lynch, he responded with several family members, friends or places that both were familiar with. The two State Representatives were very easy to relate to, speak with, and aspire to be like.

Next, the Ward Fellows met National Defense expert, Richard A. Clarke. A Latin School alum, Clarke grew up in Dorchester and was inspired to dedicate his life to public service by the Kennedy administration and antiwar activism during the Vietnam era. Clarke's first remarkable assignment



in public service was leading President Regan's National Defense Policy. Clarke went on to serve for the Bush I and Clinton administrations, and ended his White House career with the current Bush administration. Clarke explained that his decision to leave was a result of the way that the Bush administration failed to properly respond to the threat of terrorism. He is also an accomplished writer, giving each Ward Fellow a signed copy of a novel he had written about September 11th and the government's reaction to it, Against All Enemies. In addition to books about politics and government, Richard Clarke also writes fiction.

The final person that the Ward Fellows were privileged to meet with was Hilary Krieger, chief of the Washington Bureau for the Jerusalem Post. Krieger WF'94, who went on from her experiences at Boston Latin School to travel all over the world as a journalist. Because of the Ward Fellows' interest in the particular subject, Krieger spoke most of her experiences in Israel, where she lived and worked. In her opinion, her most interesting experiences were reporting the personal issues faced by average Israelis, rather than the glitz and glamour of working for a large daily paper.

In all, the annual fellowship trip was a successful preview of a possible future of public service. This experience is one which each Fellow will walk away from, treasuring every sight, path and individual met along the way. The trip was an opportunity to explore the nation's capital and experience firsthand what public service entails at the highest level.

TOURING THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS WITH JIM HUNT

By Queen Arsem-OMalley

Rather than sit us in a conference room for hours, James (Jim) Hunt III, Chief of Environmental and Energy Services for the City of Boston, decided to take a more hands-on approach to showing us the city's initiatives to improve the environmental state of the area.

First, we met in the Coast Guard Building, where he explained his position in the city and what his job entails. The Fellows were joined by Jim's assistant, Nancy, and another intern from City Hall, James, who works in the Mayor's Press Office. Jim, who has lived in Dorchester all his life, told us about his time at Boston Latin School, and showed his up-to-date knowledge of his alma mater by asking about the school's environmental group, Youth CAN, with whom he has worked before. He also told us about the neighborhood recycling program that is in the process of being instated across the city, which includes delivering larger recycling bins to residential homes to encourage recycling. The program was tested in the South End, which saw over a 100% increase in recycling, and has since spread to Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury with great success. It was inspiring to see a graduate of Boston Latin School and an alumnus of the Ward Fellowship have such a positive aspect on our city.



We learned about the history of one of the harbor islands, Spectacle Island, which we visited later in the day. Discovered by European explorers and named for its spectacle-like shape, the island has been used as a family resort (which was closed due to illegal activities taking place there, such as gambling), a horse-rendering plant, and a city dump. Spectacle Island was covered with 2-5 feet of dirt excavated during the Big Dig, and is now one of the most popular Harbor Islands for visitors, thanks to its life-guarded beach and miles of hiking trails.

We reached the island via police boat, with Mr. Hunt pointing out relevant aspects of the harbor as we passed, such as the hugely successful Deer Island, a water-treatment facility owned by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, on whose board Mr. Hunt represents the city. We learned about the improvement in the waters of the harbor,

the recent development of the waterfront, and Mr. Hunt's newly-instated No Discharge Zone. The city has also just launched a campaign to increase tourism to the harbor islands, since they have seen so much improvement in the last decade.

Once on Spectacle Island, we took a walking tour around one of the two drumlins, and Mr. Hunt continued to talk about the city's environmental action, such as the support of the Cape Wind project, and the attempt to place a wind turbine on one of the Harbor Islands. Because the height of the turbine would have interfered with flight plans of planes going to and from Logan, the plan had to be cancelled. However, City Hall is installing a miniature, rooftop turbine to generate some of the build-

ing's energy and show the city's commitment to environmental action. We also met with a Park Ranger who works on Spectacle Island, who told us more about the island's history. On our way back to the boat, Mr. Hunt's Fellow, Rebecca Kan, passed out pledges for us to sign, promising that we would take a few steps to reduce our energy use in our everyday lives. After meeting with Mr. Hunt and seeing his devotion, as well as the city's, to making a difference environmentally, I will be keeping those promises as best I can.

CANDACE HENSLEY



When people think about lawyers and judges, corruption and negativity always seem to come up, however this summer I got an experience free from any of these things.

ANDREW CONNORS



People are genuinely interested in working to the best of their ability to help the common good. This drive, I'll admit, is contagious and it really gives one a sense of purpose and self gratitude at the end of a long day of hard work.

COURTENEY SMITH



I have seen how much an act as simple as arranging for a drama class can change a person's life and how a sense of justice served can help a child start to heal and become a key player in our future.

Alumni Updates

*Marcus Hughes BLS '02, Ward '01, Middlebury '06 worked as a summer law clerk at the US Attorney's Office and is a 3rd year BC Law student.

*Ernani DeAraujo BLS '99, Ward '98, Miller '00, Harvard '03, Washington and Lee School of Law '08 I snow working at Foley Hoag LLP.

*Erica Moise BLS '08, Ward '07 worked at the John Joseph Moakley Court-house this summer as the Austen Jones Fellow.

