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"One must act as if one can make a difference" ~ John William Ward

DORCHESTER'S OWN: MARTIN "MARTY" WALSH

By: Abigail Mayer

Despite a scavenger hunt through the State House to locate the speaker, a meeting with Martin Walsh was well worth the trouble. Capturing his audience from the very beginning, Representative Walsh began by sharing some advice with the Ward Fellows. He addressed the dangers presented by alcohol and drugs and emphasized the lessons that his struggle with alcohol have taught him.

He went on to share a little about himself, explaining that he is a State Representative for Dorchester. He also explained the power that the House has to

override vetoes with a 2/3 majority vote. Some of the issues he focuses on are crime, housing, and casinos. Over the years he has dealt with numerous others. He proceeded with an anecdote about one of his first decisions as a state representative: whether or not to approve the death

penalty. This decision was made all the more difficult when countless loved ones came to him with their emotional stories to persuade him one way or another. After a lot of contemplation and reflection he decided to vote against the death penalty, noting that, while some criminals do seem to deserve a death sentence, the thought of accidentally putting an innocent man to death was too strong a deterrent because the consequences would be irreparable.

After asking the Ward Fellows for questions, one student asked why Representative Walsh went into government. Mr. Walsh laughed and explained that when he was a child his uncle had been running for office and Walsh liked seeing his uncle's name on a bumper sticker. As he got older he began taking on tasks such as coaching a Little League team and found that he really enjoyed helping people. He liked the idea of campaigning and the rush of politics

even if he was not quite sure what the job actually involved. Despite skeptical parents who could not understand why their son would give up a perfectly good job to go into politics, Walsh decided to run for office, and has strived, ever since his victory, to make significant and positive changes in his country.

The Ward Fellows were lucky enough to be treated to a brief tour of the State House by Representative Walsh himself. This included the balcony overlooking the Public Gardens and Boston Common. While enjoying the beautiful view of Boston, Walsh explained that no

building is permitted, by law, to cast a shadow on Boston Common. This along with many other interesting anecdotes kept the tour unique and exciting.

He also addressed one of his most recent concerns, which is the lack of taxation for online shopping. He admitted that this is a difficult issue because it leads to many

disputes about whether the state of the purchaser or the state of the seller should receive the revenue from the taxes. Though remedying the problem will be difficult, he noted that it is something which, if not addressed by the federal government, could be very harmful to the economy because of job loss due to increases in online shopping.

The State House tour helped the Fellows better understand the workings of the government by enabling them to envision where the decisions take place. Representative Walsh's personal connection to the building and the memories it holds for him were evident through his stories and descriptions. He shared both observations and opinions with the Ward Fellows which provoked their thought on a number of controversial topics.



PETER CANELLOS OF THE BOSTON GLOBE

By: Julia Iacoi

Climbing the stairs of the Boston Globe, I could smell the newspapers. Throughout the whole building there was a quietness that filled the halls and newsrooms with peaceful urgency. We were seated in a big room naturally lit by the huge floor to ceiling windows that surrounded us. Seated at the head of the table was the Globe's Editorial Page Editor, Peter Canellos. While they introduced themselves the two Boston natives told the Fellows about their careers in journalism, reporting, and editing with the Globe and beyond it. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and earning a law degree from Columbia University, Mr. Canellos began his career at the Globe in 1988 as a reporter that covered urban affairs. In 1992 and 1996 he covered the presidential elections and served as metro editor from 1999 to 2003 when he began writing his "National Perspective" column. In 2009, he was named editor of the Globe's Editorial Page where he has been ever since.

After he finished telling us about himself, he looked up and directed a question towards all of the Fellows: "We rarely have this opportunity to actually learn from Boston's youth on issues that directly affect them, what can YOU all tell us?" We began the conversation discussing teachers and how we felt about the ones currently in place within our school. This topic spurred a great discussion. We talked effortlessly about the pension and retirement policies of the union that kept "burnt out" teachers within the system, the failure of the education system to train and fully prepare new teachers, and what we looked for in a teacher.

Surprisingly, Mr. Canellos brought this engaging discussion to an end and



shifted us to our next topic, teen drinking. This conversation turned out to be even more interesting than the last. Everyone contributed, giving Mr. Canellos a wide variety of perspectives on the subject. As we all formed our own opinions about the legal drinking age and the perception of drinking, Mr. Canellos provided us with anecdotes and the viewpoints from both sides of the argument, which made for an even more captivating discussion. When we were finished Mr. Canellos took us on a tour of the Globe, we saw the news rooms, media rooms, and watched papers fly across gigantic machinery as they were being printed. Then, before we left Mr. Canellos handed us all his business card encouraging us to come to him with anything that affected us that we wished to discuss. Amidst a job that can be plagued by manipulation, Mr. Canellos strives to maintain a professional distance that guarantees objectivity and integrity. Supporting the Globe's role as a newspaper that centers on problems and their possible solutions, he shies away from operating behind the scenes to bring about a certain outcome. True to his city and true to himself, Peter Canellos has maintained an environment of honesty and trust within the Boston Globe.

THE WASHINGTON D.C. EXPERIENCE

By: Mengning Wang

Trudging through the burning oven, each one of us saw our footsteps fall heavily onto the ground. The sun was blazing and the hot wind swirling. Sweat beads streaked from our foreheads and perhaps mixed with tears, caused by the intense light waves that pierced through our eyes (for those unfortunate souls without sunglasses). The tribulation of taking pictures amidst this utterly deplorable condition was beyond belief. Some of us tried our best to open our eyes while faking smiles; others sought shade between the two plastic advertisement boards. After modeling, we trudged on. The least we could wish for was an air-conditioned room and an instant circulation of cool air, since the nearest metro stop would take a few decades to reach.

That summarizes the entire physical aspect of the trip – but certainly not the intellectual and emotional aspects. If the physical ordeal of surviving in the 120-degree heat wave had encompassed the whole trip, the trip most definitely would have been unbearable drudgery. However, the essential message that Washington D.C. tried to convey, through its memorials, museums,

and government officials – the idea that knowledge and experience can conquer all – captivated us and kept us alive even during the

most scorching episode of the summer.



Washington D.C.'s message is not something new, but the impressive and mind-blowing structures, artifacts, congressmen, senators, and the politics allow this message to be engraved deeply in every visitor's heart. The WWII, Vietnam War, and the Japanese American Memorials evoked a kind of sentimentality in me that seemed almost as if I were living through the moments of the war. I was especially entranced by the styles



of the structures and the engraved quotes. The Jefferson and Lincoln memorials not only convey the significance of these figures in history through their majestic structures, but also provided detailed information about the changes they brought about that profoundly impacted society then and now.

Modern figures whose influences shall have resounding effects on later generations are also exemplars of success that have reaped from the knowledge and experience of the past. Robert Primus, Chief of Staff for Michael Capuano, Dawn Smalls, the Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, and Hilary Krieger, the Washington Bureau Chief of the Jerusalem Post, all exemplify the virtues of persevering and steadily climbing up the career ladder. Dawn Smalls especially emphasized sociability and diligence to achieve success, and related her experience working in the White House. Hilary Krieger detailed her experiences while working as a journalist in Israel. All these vital components and people of D.C. truly serve well to convey D.C.'s most important message.

But the most unforgettable part – the part that exposed the message the best – was of course the Smithsonian Museums. Its wide variety of exhibitions gives the visitor an experience in a surreal dimension that combines artistic wonder and historical panorama. As I toured through the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Air & Space, the impressive artifacts and models and the history behind them gave me a vicarious thrill. The Hope Diamond was extremely glamorous, and the room with the life-size models of mammals,



reptiles, and fish was a living paradise. The gigantic spacecrafts especially whetted my appetite for science; as I was looking through the airplanes and tools used during WWI and WWII, I could imagine the glory of being an air force soldier then.

The museums were truly an experience in itself; I felt as if I were really living during the time period.

The Holocaust Museum was particularly penetrating. The account of David's life and the disparity between David's affluent childhood house and the concentration camp could not have been more poignant. When I stepped into the Hall of Remembrance, I was overwhelmed by my inability as an individual to prevent genocide.

But my spirit was elevated a little when I entered a section of the museum attempting to educate people on genocide and ways of prevention. I was glad that there still exist people who actively try to combat injustice in the world,

and that the basic values of freedom and equality still remain in those people's hearts. That exhibit successfully pointed to Washington D.C.'s message: we must *conquer* injustice by learning about historical and current events and turning cynicism into incentive for action. After all, this genuinely reflects D.C.'s motto: *Justitia Omnibus*.



HILARY KRIEGER OF THE JERUSALEM POST

By: Angie Isaza

Amid all the noise and busyness of the Metro Station dining hall, Hilary Krieger was able to capture and share her experiences with the Ward Fellows. Ms.

Krieger, a former Ward Fellow and Boston Latin School graduate of the class of 1994, has always had a love for writing. She wrote in the Latin School *Argo* and eventually became editor of the *Argo*. She furthered her studies at Cornell University, where she became the editor-in-chief of the University's newspaper. After graduating from Cornell, she worked for the Boston Herald, and in 2000, she covered the New Hampshire presidential primaries. She finally decided to move to Israel in 2002. She knew that she wanted to try something new in a place that she had ties to (in this case her Jewish heritage).

In 2002, Israel was experiencing a lot of bombings. For Ms. Krieger, bombings meant news. In the small town of Iraq, Ms. Krieger began working for The Jerusalem Post. It is one of the most influential and prestigious newspapers in the Middle East. It is written for people who do not speak Arabic but happen to be in the area. She did not only cover local affairs but she also covered U.S. Policy in the Middle East. Ms. Krieger returned to America in 2007, where she now works as the Washington Bureau Chief for the Jerusalem Post.

Ms. Krieger left us with a few words of her own as we asked her questions. She began telling us that as readers of the media we have to be critical of what we read

because not everything is always true. It is also part of our jobs as citizens to be informed of what is happening around the world. She advised us that it is important to read and understand different perspectives, as that is the only way that we can reach the truth. She also told us that it is important to take

risks and to recognize when to move on. The example she used was her trip to Israel. By going, she took a big risk. She did not know where she was going nor did she know anyone there. However, she was able to recognize a great opportunity, which manifested itself in the form of *The Jerusalem Post*.

She also expressed to us the importance and the gratitude that she has for Boston Latin School. If it was not for Boston Latin School she would not have met Chief Judge Wolf, who introduced her to the editor of the *Harold* (who she worked for in 2000). Furthermore, she explained to us that the Ward Fellowship was not only valuable for the experience that we are getting now, but also for what will come of it in the future. Therefore, staying in touch is important because these are the people who you can depend on later on in life.



BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL'S OWN: LARRY DiCARA

By: B. Kim

The Ward Fellows met with Lawrence "Larry" S. DiCara on July 7, 2011 on the 25th floor of Boston's Nixon Peabody office to learn a little bit about what it means to "Fly High With LSD." Whilst sipping lime-flavored sparkling water and nibbling on some delicious cookies.

The fit and athletic DiCara himself hesitated to take a cookie, but ultimately decided that it was okay because he was, in fact, going to play squash later on that evening.

We learned that Mr. DiCara is a native of Dorchester and the offspring of two Italian immigrant parents. He grew up speaking Italian at home although he eventually forgot most of it and now only speaks English.

His family worked hard to assimilate into American culture but DiCara was fortunately born into a time where America was turning into something completely different. With the presidential election of 1960, the USA saw its 35th president who was *Catholic*. John F. Kennedy became a role model to Mr. DiCara and inspiration for Mr. DiCara's interest and love of public service.

In his days at the Boston Latin School, Mr. DiCara was apparently not very tall and he did not have very good eyesight.

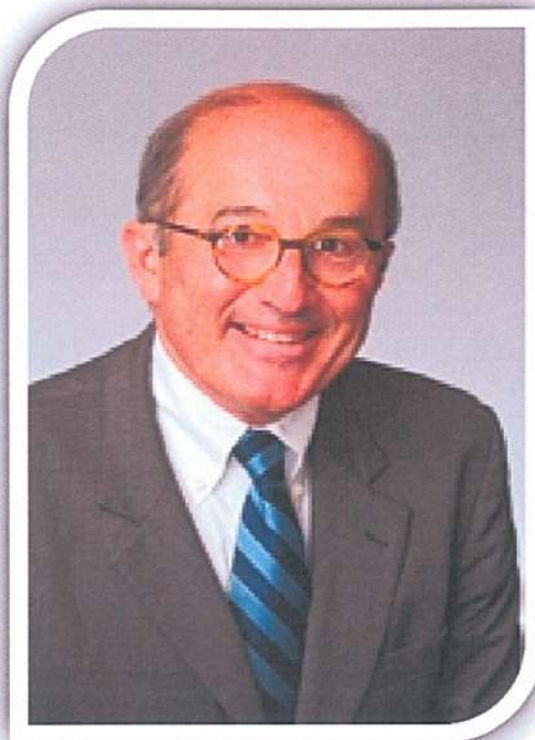
He questioned what his 'calling' was, until February 12, 1962, when he first participated in the ever-so-illustrious Public Declamation. He "never shut up since."

Collecting baseball cards during his childhood, he learned that he was able to retain an unbelievable amount of information, and began to use that skill to his advantage. One very interesting fact about Mr. DiCara is his ability to never forget a person's name. Honing this skill and using it to his advantage, by his senior year at BLS, he knew

the name of every single one of his classmates and often times even knew where they lived. Evidently this helped him in his campaign to become Latin School's class president.

With over 12,000 contacts in his Blackberry, DiCara's network of friends is astronomical. On a first name basis with "Deval" the Governor and "Tommy" the mayor, the man knows everyone.

Mr. Larry DiCara is a very proud man. While the meeting predominantly consisted of DiCara delivering his personal anecdotes, he managed to hold our attention till the very last second.





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THE LOWELL CAMP: FUTURE STARS

By: Kevin Baptista

Last week we were given a great opportunity to travel down to Lowell with our brother Fellowship – the Nelson Fellowship – and visit a very special camp. From the beginning, we were informed of the purpose of the camp: to give young kids a place to spend their time during the summer other than on the streets. The majority of the campers came from troubled parts of the city, places – I came to find out – not too different from the Blue Hill Ave. neighborhood in which I grew up. For me the purpose of the camp really hit home. When I was growing up, there was nothing productive for the younger kids in the neighborhood to do. Coincidentally, a large portion of the people I grew up with turned to paths that ultimately led to either death or incarceration.

The counselors at the camp were also a very interesting group of people. We came to find out that they had, for the most part, been involved in some way with the legal system and had turned to counseling as a way to get their lives back on track. They were just as excited about the opportunity as the children were. Observing the dynamics of the camp from the sidelines allowed one to see that they really enjoyed what they were doing and the difference they were making. The day's schedule consisted of playing basketball, volleyball, building things out of cardboard, and origami. But beneath the surface, it actually consisted of bonding, mentoring, and eye opening experiences. We had just as much fun as – if not more than – the kids that we were brought in to entertain. In such a short period of time we were able to make the

transition from strangers to friends in a manner very unique to children.

The Lowell Camp provides kids very similar to those that I grew up around with an alternative; a place to learn teamwork, discipline, and ambition. I know I speak for all of the Fellows when I say it was a pleasure to



jump out of the dress shirts and ties and into connections with some really great children. They were extremely well-spirited and just so excited to have us there to spend some time with them. The energy with which they did the smallest tasks was infectious. The thought and creativity they put into the seemingly basic arts and crafts tasks was refreshing. Seeing such small children doing so

much humbles you. It reminds you of your roots, your starting point. It reminds you of all of the people that helped you to get to where you are today. And it reminds you that giving back just a little is only right after receiving so much.

This experience really put things into perspective. Although I did not realize it at the time, what we were doing was the very base level of public service. Everything we do in our various offices, every piece of paper we copy, every folder we file, and it all goes toward creating a better society for all of us. In that way, the Lowell Camp and our multifarious offices share the same goal. They both seek to make things better for the future generations and it is truly a privilege to be able to help achieve these goals. The time that we spent at the camp has definitely got to be one of the most fun times this summer, but it was also one of the most rewarding.

BONDING WITH THE NELSON FELLOWS

By: Rashad Hossain

It was a crisp summer afternoon when the Nelson Fellows and the Ward Fellows met and greeted each other in front of the Moakley Courthouse. These two groups of high school graduates and students had met once before when they visited the Lowell Camps for a day. However, this meeting was a real chance for them to get to know each other and find out more about each other's summers.

When the Nelson and Ward Fellows united on the 4th of August, it seemed as though an old family had been brought back together. Although coming from different schools and different parts of Massachusetts, the Fellows all got along very well, and thoroughly enjoyed each other's presence. It all started when the Fellowship coordinators decided to play an icebreaker, in the hope that it would be fun and engaging for everyone. They played "Where the Wind Blows", which is a game where everyone got to find out a little bit about each other's interests and aspirations. It was beyond interesting to see how other Fellows were enjoying their summer internships and how they reacted to a change in the work atmosphere.

After finishing the icebreaker, all the Fellows took a seat in front of the Charles River and had a very nice time bonding with each other. Many of the Fellows were getting ready to move on to college, and



possibly pursue their careers in public service. It was exciting to hear about the future goals and ambitions of the older Fellows because it surely got younger Fellows thinking about what they might want to further study also.

The Nelson and Ward Fellows both had one unique aspiration that bound them together as good young people. They all had a passion for public service, and doing what they could to better the lives of people in their community. Every single Fellow worked in a unique office over the course of the summer, and they each did something particular to help the public sector. Some worked in the State House; others worked in the Court House, and others worked in various buildings around the city. None of the Fellows had any complaints about where they were placed and both programs seemed to be a complete success. Bright and smiling faces are the only things that could be taken away from that meeting between the Ward and Nelson Fellows.

LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR: THOMAS M. MENINO

By Kevin Liang

City Hall is definitely not the most glamorous structure in Boston on the exterior, but the vibrant people inside bring life and color to the lackluster building. On August 3rd, the Ward Fellows convened inside a spacious meeting room filled with the mouth-watering aroma of pizza, which was generously provided to us by the Mayor. As we settled in, enjoying our meals and chatting with one another, a sudden hush fell when the Mayor walked into the room. Thomas M. Menino, Ward Fellowship Sponsor and Mayor of the city of Boston, had a presence that demanded attention.

We scrambled to gather our writing instruments and notepads, ready to scribble notes while the Mayor spoke about himself. However, the Mayor surprised us by immediately turning the attention to the Ward Fellows, and asked each individual to talk about him/herself. Most importantly, the Mayor asked us to reflect upon our experiences this summer thus far, and to share a valuable lesson that we learned from our respective offices. He helped each of us recognize that, although some Ward Fellows may have done more in their offices than others, we all nonetheless have taken away *something* from this Fellowship.

Serving for 18 years and elected five times to be the mayor of Boston, Mayor Menino evidently has been doing something right. His compassionate, genuinely, and

benevolent nature has helped him to succeed in his position. He reminded us that “it’s not about you, it’s about the people.” He told us that every night, he reflects upon his actions he did that day. He told us that “if [he] did something right, [he] had a good day.” He reminded us that a career in public service may not pay as well as other occupations, but the monetary aspect of this world is not the most important. Rather, it is improving people’s lives. He truly cares for the people of Boston and is the epitome of a public servant.



The Mayor also taught us some valuable life lessons to keep in mind while proceeding into our futures. He told us to be decisive and firm: at times, the general public might not agree with his decision, and although he may be viewed unfavorably at that moment, he always strives to do what is right. He reminded us to treat others with respect, in order to maintain strong and healthy relationships. He told us to take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves, and to build a strong, reliable network to call upon when necessary.

In all, the meeting with Mayor was one that was entertaining and enjoyable, but also inspiring and enlightening. He demonstrated his wisdom and strong leadership skills that make him our remarkable mayor, and imparted valuable information to the Ward Fellows, the future generation. He is precisely one of those “vibrant people” who “bring life and color” to City Hall

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: ROBERT A. DELEO

By: Michael Tomasini

Under a golden dome and within impassive walls of brick is located an office ornamented with the portraits of some of the most influential men in the history of Massachusetts. That office is the

headquarters of the Massachusetts Speaker of the House of Representatives, Robert A. DeLeo. Speaker DeLeo, graduate of Boston Latin School class of 1967, a famed class which includes such illustrious

personalities as ex-Speaker Tom Finneran and Larry 'LSD' DiCara. It is hard to deny Speaker DeLeo's eminence. Yet when speaking with the Ward Fellows, the primary theme that shone through was not his commanding presence or his political expertise. The principal characteristic of the Speaker became quickly apparent: he was genuine.

Speaker DeLeo brought to the meeting a certain down-to-earth demeanor and a heartfelt admiration for the Latin School. Everything that Boston Latin School represents means something to the Speaker. Though his dedication was readily noticeable from the outset of the meeting (he had on his "Boston Latin School tie"), it became only more distinct as he began to talk about what Boston Latin School meant to him. The rigorous environment and the academic pressure engrained within him the willingness to do whatever was needed, a quality that still holds true to this day. Whenever it becomes time to crack down and get the job done, DeLeo credits Boston Latin School for giving him the qualities to succeed.



Throughout our meeting, the Speaker was engaging, entertaining, and enthusiastic. His personal anecdotes and willingness to answer any question frankly and honestly struck home with each and every Ward

Fellow. It may not have been quite so entertaining for the unlucky man who scheduled a meeting right after our group because our meeting ran long. As the Speaker told his secretary, the man could wait. This was Boston Latin School business and it could not be rushed. I can personally vouch that the extra time

was well worth it.

Today, as Speaker of the House, Mr. DeLeo is the chief legislator in the entire state of Massachusetts. He sets an agenda, fights for it, defends it, and then starts all over again. Speaker DeLeo claims to "take the work home with him," meaning that his personal life is often impacted by the difficulties of such a leading role in the direction of the Commonwealth. He can at times take grievances personally, he said, and that such a tough job really takes its toll. But through it all, it is clear that the Speaker is doing everything in his power to fight for a stronger future in our state. He has battled to restore the strong image of Speaker of the House after previous Speakers such as Sal DiMasi and Tom Finneran were indicted for corruption. However, through his hard work and dedication, he has earned the respect of this state and of the nation. And on July the 14th, 2011, he earned the admiration of seventeen youths dedicating their summer to public service.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY

By: Jillian Baker

The Ward Fellowship meeting with Attorney General Martha Coakley was definitely one of my favorites. It was interesting learning about her legal career in Massachusetts and what her job entails. As I look at colleges and start thinking about majors, law has come up as one of my many passions. Therefore, it was great to hear about her experience as a lawyer and the many ways that one can pursue that passion. It was evident that she loves her job in public service and helping the people of Massachusetts.

At the beginning of the meeting the Attorney General talked about her childhood and her history in law and public service. She was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, one of five children (four girls and one boy). Her father was a World War II and Korean War Veteran and her mother was a homemaker. Education was important in her household. Her family encouraged her to seek higher education and most importantly, pursue a career that she loved. It was clear to Attorney General Coakley at a young age that she wanted to be a lawyer. She used to read Nancy Drew novels, watch Perry Mason, a popular show about the life of a defense attorney, and was a part of her high school debate team. Remembering her family values, she matriculated to Williams College, as a member of the first co-ed class. After receiving her Bachelor's degrees *Cum Laude* from Williams College in 1975, she attended Boston University School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 1979.

The same year she began her legal career. She started practicing law with the firm Parker, Coulter, Daley & White doing criminal defense work and later practiced at Goodwin Proctor LLP. In 1986, she joined the Middlesex District Attorney's Office as Assistant District Attorney at Lowell District Court, later becoming District Attorney.

Coakley truly enjoyed her time at the Middlesex District Attorney's Office because she was able to help keep people safe, especially children. She oversaw the prosecution of dozens of crimes. She named for us some of her most interesting cases, one in 1998 involving a nineteen year-old nanny shaking the baby, Matthew Eappen; another surrounding the conviction of Michael McDermott, a man charged with seven counts of first degree murder for the massacre at Edgewater Technologies in Wakefield. While she served as Middlesex District Attorney, she

was also Chief of the Middlesex DA's child abuse unit. In one of her cases, several Catholic priests were convicted of sexually abusing children. While she was explaining her job as DA, it was clear how much she cared for the wellness of the community.

After describing her life up to that point, Coakley then spoke on her job as

Attorney General (elected in 2006 and re-elected for a second term in 2010.) She explained that her job covers a variety of topics and that "every day is different." There are 250 attorneys in the office, paralegals, support staff, etc. An average day for her starts around 8:30-9am doing meetings not only in the office, but most out of the office. Sometimes she gives meetings with community groups. There are many divisions in her office, three being public corruption, cyber crime, and public protection and advocacy.

A few things that Martha Coakley emphasized were the importance of government and the importance of good government. She mentioned how more people need to know how their government works on a federal and state

level so that it can better serve them. She also mentioned that the next generation needs to realize the value of public service in order to be able to manage and solve all of the issues that that current generation is struggling with. Overall, I thought the meeting was very insightful and was glad to have the opportunity to speak with her.



The Miller Fellowship Experience

THE STANLEY MILLER FELLOWSHIP

The John William Ward Fellowship was co-founded by Chief Judge Mark Wolf and the late Stanley Miller as a way to honor their great friend, John William Ward. They wanted to create a program that helps to instill the values of John William Ward into the next generation and to leave their close friend a living legacy.

Unfortunately, in 2000, Stanley Miller passed away. As a memorial for his close friend and mentor, Judge Wolf, along with Dawn Smalls, a Ward Fellow Alumni, founded the Stanley Miller Fellowship.

The Stanley Miller Fellowship gives Ward Fellow Alumni who are in college an opportunity to intern in Washington D.C. with various public servants. The Fellows are sponsored by a variety of public offices, from working in congressional offices to interning in the White House.

The Stanley Miller Fellowship, just as the Ward Fellowship does, gives its Fellows an unprecedented experience to learn from and work with the most prominent public servants. They are both eye opening experiences that leave a lasting mark on the Fellows and positively influences their lives.

MY MILLER FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

By: Andrew DeStephano

What a time to be in Washington DC. When I applied to be a congressional



intern this summer, I did not imagine it would be during one of the more contentious and controversial economic debates in the history of our country. While it was scary to think about the ramifications of any proposed debt deal, it did not leave the office of Congressman Mike Capuano bored for one second. If I wasn't answering the calls and letters of thousands of constituents, I was sorting through faxes and mail from agencies across the country attempting to affect the Congressman's position. Some of my other (and more glamorous) duties consisted of attending briefings and hearings on behalf of the Congressional staff and detailing the contents of the meeting.

The other aspect of my job in Washington was being the coordinator for the Miller Fellowship which consisted of Michele Yan and Elizabeth Zappala, and myself. We were able to meet with different politicians and policy experts such as former special assistant to the President Richard Clarke, former assistant secretary of Homeland Security Randy Beardsworth and even Senator Scott Brown. The highlight of my time as coordinator was helping organize the Ward Fellow trip to Washington which allowed us to meet both prospective fellows and alumni of our program.

I will always cherish my summer in Washington. While it wasn't particularly uplifting to witness such a nasty debt debate, I learned invaluable lessons about governing and what it takes to be a Congressional staffer.

THE LEGACY OF JOHN WILLIAM WARD

"Being in Representative Walsh's office has taught me that public servants are needed in the community and that my generation needs to be more involved in government and politics. My generation needs to realize that there are a multitude of positions in government where people can make a difference in the life of another."

Jillian Baker- Boston Latin School '12



"I have a newfound respect for the people who take their talents to the public sector. Lots of people have the misconception that those who take lucrative positions in the private sector do so because they are more talented than those who go into public service. However, the public servants that I met this summer have revitalized my belief in the good of the public sector in a time where just about every media source in the state spews the opposite."

Kevin Baptista- Boston Latin School '11-
Massachusetts Institute of Technology '15

"The people at the State House are willing to sacrifice more money and more structured hours in order to serve the people of the Commonwealth. And they do it with little gratitude; public service is one of the hardest and thankless fields out there. And yet it is necessary for a civilized world."

Isaac Buck- Boston Latin School '12

"Through the course of the internship, I met with individuals who were passionate about serving the public in different ways; their positions varied from local, state, to federal, in the executive, legislative, or judiciary branch. Each public official was proud to accept a pay cut in order to make a difference."

Arismendy Cabral- Boston Latin School '11-
Boston College '15

"All the Ward Fellows would frequently have to meet with each other and go to meetings with different Public Sponsors across the city. These meetings were what gave me the most inspiration and impressed me the most. I was most impressed with Nick Littlefield, who inspired me greatly and showed me that it was

okay to not know exactly what you want to do in the future."

Rashad Hossain- Boston Latin School '12

"Learning about all the different parts we each play within our offices was so interesting. To know that this group of young people was capable of doing so much was definitely very inspiring to me. We all took on new challenges this summer and it was helpful to know we were not all doing it alone."

Julia Iacoi- Boston Latin School '12

"Being an informed citizen is important as was evident in the hearings that I was able to attend to in the State House. Understanding what citizens want and *why* they want it is key to making a decision. Therefore, staying informed about new legislation and bills is pertinent to making one's voice heard."

Angie Izasa- Boston Latin School '12

"I was able to go into all of Judge Saris' trials. Also, on the days when she was in Washington D.C. for the United States Sentencing Commission, I still sat in on other trials and hearings that went on in the courthouse. I even got to see some of the Whitey Bulger trials!"

B. Kim- Boston Latin School '12



"The most meaningful experiences that I had in the Fellowship were during the sponsor meetings. I learned so much from all of the different speakers that I had never realized before. From Speaker DeLeo, Councilor Matt O'Malley, Representative Marty Walsh, Councilor John Connolly, and Mayor Thomas Menino, I learned more about how the government of Boston

operated."

Kevin Liang- Boston Latin School '12

"Over the course of these eight weeks I have learned more about how government works, how to be a responsible citizen, and explored different public service opportunities. In addition, I have made new friends and connections, especially with alums of BLS and the other Ward Fellows, which has strengthened my appreciation for Latin school and reinforced my desire to give back to the school in the

future. Words cannot adequately describe all of which I have gained through this summer.”

Lily Liu-Krason- Boston Latin School '12

“Last year I took AP Environmental Science, which sparked my interest in environmental science. That class was mostly about the problems with the environment, so it was fulfilling to enter an office where they tried to fix those problems. Before taking this position, I was uninformed about what the city was doing to help the environment. I was fortunate enough to be allowed to spend most of my first week being educated about the recent initiatives in Boston.”

Abigail Mayer- Boston Latin School '12

“This first-hand experience in a meeting of this nature showed me the various ways that people in the government have to work together in order to accomplish something. It also was eye-opening on how many important topics really exist in our community right now.”

Annie McDonnell- Boston Latin School '12

“Working in the Inspector General’s office I got an in depth look at the inefficiencies of Government. In my opinion the role of government, at its height, is to act as a social lubricant. In other words government exist to make things easier, to ensure that the complaints of individuals are heard, that laws are followed, and to rectify inequality and wrong doing. In this way government can best be pictured as a machine, facilitating tasks that would otherwise be too difficult for one individual or even a group of individuals alone.”

Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah- Boston Latin School '11- University of Connecticut '15

“I went home that day with my first taste in actually public service. Always something to do, totally unpredictable. I loved it.”

Eshe Sherley- Boston Latin School '12

“On a day-to-day basis, I observed hearings, sat in on meetings, attended public events, and generally made



myself available to any coworker in the office who was willing to take me along with them. This would range from note taking on a planning session to reinvigorate BPS schoolyards to helping the Mayor’s Advance Staff organize and prepare the Mayor’s remarks for a new housing project in East Boston.”

Michael Tomasini- Boston Latin School '11- Boston College '15

“There has always been this stigma attached with politicians that they are lazy, self-serving, and corrupt. While I knew that most politicians have the public’s interest at heart, I was often wary of their effectiveness, especially with the perception that society has imposed on them. But I have realized that there is an incredible amount of work and selflessness that comes with representing a district and attempting to meet the needs of constituents.”

Annie Zhang- Boston Latin School '11- University of Massachusetts Amherst '15



“Each path begins with the same first step: replacing assumptions.’ As an educated and well-versed high school student, my perception of the world is based on many assumptions that fill the gap of my experiences. Fortunately, the prestigious Ward Fellowship, whose founder, Judge Wolf, recognizes the importance of exposing youths to the real world, helped me

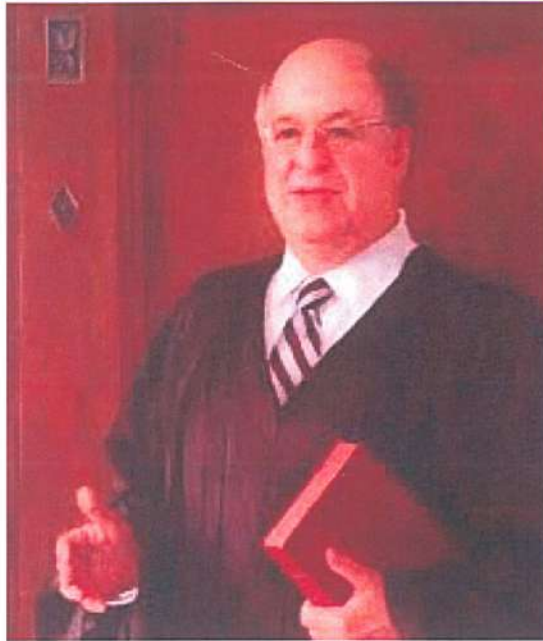
supplant some of these assumptions by bringing knowledge, observations, and experiences into these gaps. The actual amount of knowledge I gained from this Fellowship this summer did not fail my expectations. I learned a lot more than I thought I would, and probably more than I realize.”

Mengning Wang- Boston Latin School '12

“The Ward Fellowship was an eye opening experience; an opportunity, not a job. I enjoyed my internship so much because I was able to meet and learn from the most prominent Public Servants in Boston. That is why I returned as coordinator because I wanted to ensure that the Fellows were able to receive the same experience that I did and gain the same love and appreciation for Public Service.”

Fellico Toney- Boston Latin School '11- Massachusetts Institute of Technology '15

The Honorable Chief Judge Mark L. Wolf's Remarks



The John William Ward Public Service Fellowship for Boston Latin School students was established in 1986 to encourage the development of the engaged citizens and honorable public servants that Bill Ward advocated as essential to improving a state government for which the Ward Commission found in the 1970's, "corruption was a way of life." As this newsletter reflects, many fine public officials have provided the Fellows with exceptional opportunities and wonderful role models. As the Fellows' comments demonstrate, they have been inspired to participate in the public life of our Commonwealth and, through the Washington, D. C. Stanley Miller Fellowship for former Ward Fellows, of our country. Hundreds of them are now energetically engaged citizens. Some, like Dawn Smalls, (WF '92), the Executive Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley (WF '96) and Jim Hunt (WF '90), Boston's Chief of Environmental and Energy Services, are emerging as admirable public officials themselves.

The Ward and Miller Fellows have refreshed the idealism of their elders, and provided Bill Ward and Stan Miller with vibrant living legacies. We are grateful to them and to all who contribute to making the Fellowships possible.