

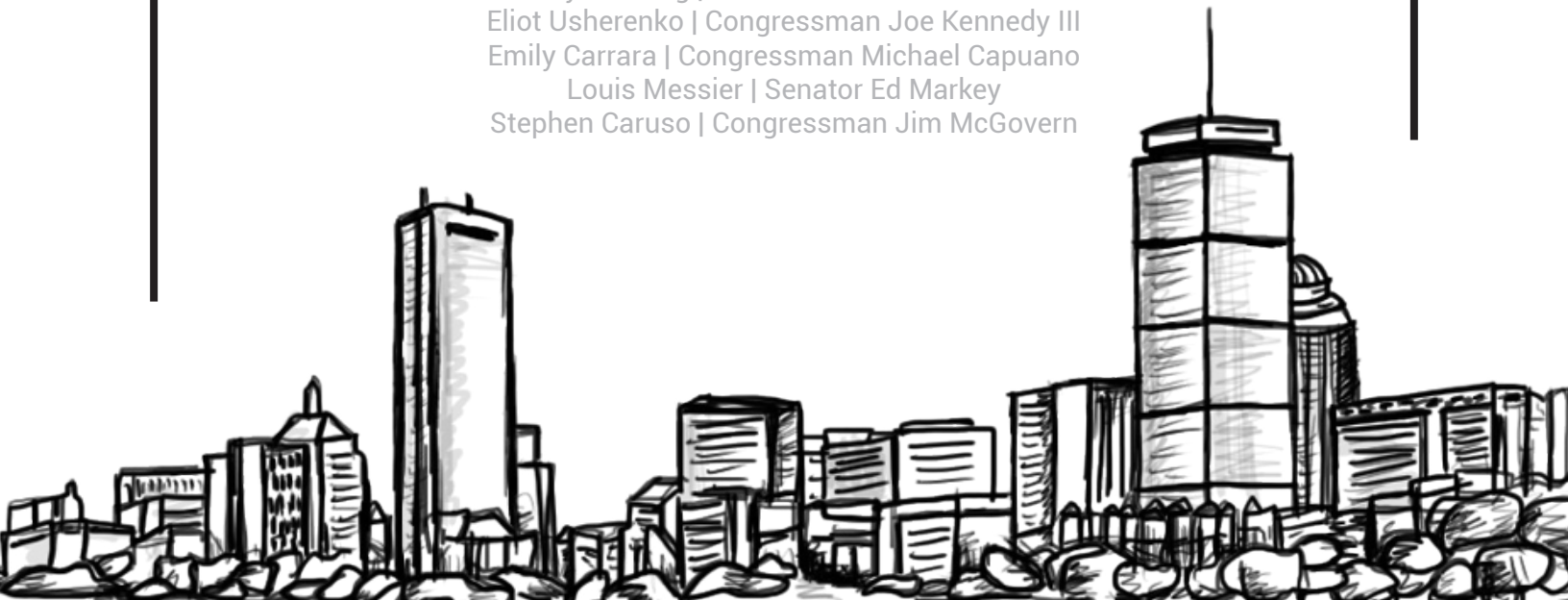
# 2018 THE WARD FELLOWSHIP

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Annie Miall | Attorney General Maura Healy  
Armen Youssoufian | School Building Authority Director Jack McCarthy  
Carina Layfield | Inspector General Glen Cunha  
Charlie Chen | Boston Mayor Martin Walsh  
Edil Mohamed | Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell  
Federico Rollo | Governor Charles Baker  
Hilary Wong | CPCS Chair Anthony Benedetti  
Janna Ramadan | U.S. District Judge Patti Saris  
Joao Paolo Ferreira | State Rep. Adrian Madaro  
Niara Hightower | Boston Public School Interim Superintendent Laura Perille  
Perrin Price | Boston City Councilor Matthew O'Malley  
Rafaela Ugarte-Nuñez | Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu  
Samuel Zuniga | House Speaker Robert DeLeo  
Sebastian Suarez | Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley  
Sofia Meadows-Muriel | State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz  
Susan Tang | U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy  
William Harrington | State Rep. Nick Collins  
Yanxi Fang | BPDA Director Brian Golden  
Zoe Messier | Undersecretary of Administration & Finance Rachel Madden  
Price Nicholas | U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf

## 2018 MILLER FELLOWS

Allyson Ping | Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Eliot Usherenko | Congressman Joe Kennedy III  
Emily Carrara | Congressman Michael Capuano  
Louis Messier | Senator Ed Markey  
Stephen Caruso | Congressman Jim McGovern





# MEET THE FELLOWS



**Annie Miall '18**

Harvard University  
Attorney General Maura Healy

I am the oldest of 3 kids, and we're each separated by 7 years.



**Armen Youssoufian '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
MSBA Director Jack McCarthy

My favorite color is blue.



**Carina Layfield '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
Inspector General Glenn Cunha

I am allergic to apples.



**Niara Hightower '18**

Princeton University  
Boston Public Schools

I am a dancer.



**Perrin Price '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
Boston City Councilor O'Malley

I have a YouTube channel!



**Samuel Zuniga '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
Mass. House Speaker Robert DeLeo

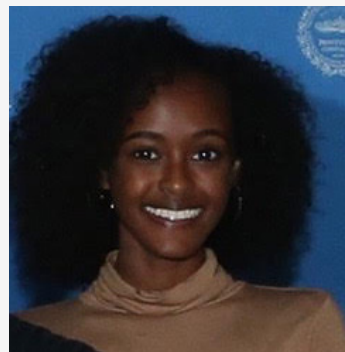
I have been playing piano with the same teacher for the past 9 years.



**Charlie Chen '18**

Yale University  
Boston Mayor Marty Walsh

One time I flipped a water bottle 15 times in a row.



**Edil Mohamed '18**

Boston College  
Boston City Council President Campbell

I studied abroad for a month in Morocco last summer.



**Federico Rollo '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
Governor Charlie Baker

My dad and I have the same birthday.



**Sebastain Suarez '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
District Attorney Daniel Conley

I've never broken a bone in my body.



**Sofia Meadows-Muriel '18**

Ithaca College  
State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

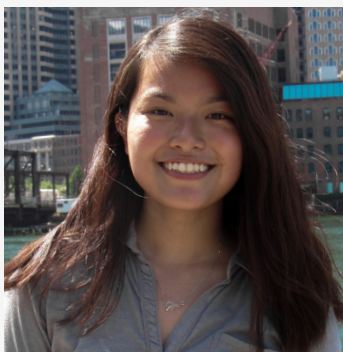
I played for the Puerto Rico national soccer team.



**Susan Tang '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
US Rep Joe Kennedy III

I play both the French horn and the trumpet.



**Hilary Wong '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
Committee for Public Counsel Services

I did the graphic layout for this newsletter!



**Janna Ramadan '18**

Harvard University  
US District Judge Patti Saris

I am a second degree black belt in Taekwondo.



**Joao Paulo Ferreira '18**

Loyola University of Chicago  
State Representative Adrian Madaro

I sprained my pinky finger in the second grade playing kickball.



**William Harrington '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
State Senator Nick Collins

I am learning how to play the ukulele.



**Yanxi Fang '19**

Rising BLS Senior  
BPDA Director Brian Golden

I lived in China for 8 years before coming to Boston and the United States.



**Zoe Messier '18**

Suffolk University  
Undersecretary of A&F Rachel Madden

My favorite season is the fall.



# DC TRIP

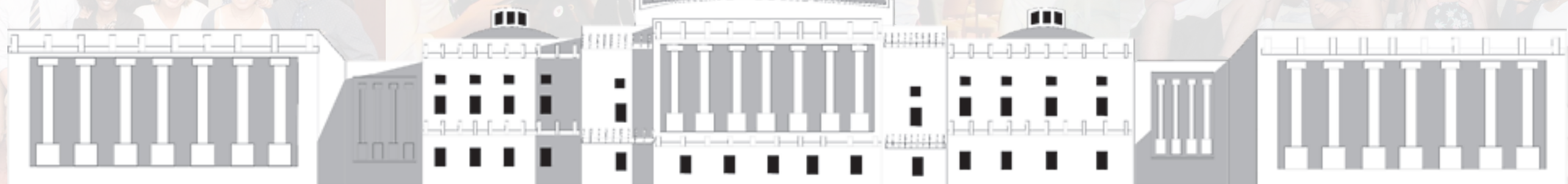
*Oh the places you go...  
...and the people you meet*

The trip started out quite uneventfully at Logan Airport, but as soon as we touched down in DC, the excitement began. The exhaustion of the 20-minute ordeal in dragging our luggage from the Metro to the hotel was soon forgotten during the hours spent at the Newseum, which exposed us to the underpinnings of the press and made us realize that it is an essential component of our democracy. The tour of the Capitol the next day was equally overwhelming, especially when we sat in the balcony of the Senate floor and watched on as multiple senators went about with their daily work, finally connecting the media's abstract phrases of "Washington" and "lawmakers" with something concrete. That night, President Trump made his nomination for the next Supreme Court justice, and some of us went to the White House itself and observed the various protests that had already begun. This experience was enhanced by the guided tour of the Supreme Court later in the trip, and served to further increase our interest in the judicial system. Overall, even if we only considered the many places that we visited, the trip to DC was a very worthwhile experience that enhanced our understanding of government, and, by extension, increased our enthusiasm toward our daily work in the offices of public servants.

**By Yanxi Fang '19**

If I had one word to describe the D.C. trip, it would be: surreal, but in the most opposite sense of the word. Let me explain. Before this trip, whenever I imagined people like Elizabeth Warren, she was always just a prominent face that I saw in campaign advertising with her iconic blue blazer. I never would have thought that I could actually meet, much less have a private meeting with her as well (during which she did wear her blue blazer). As much as I deeply admired my elected officials, speaking to them reminded me that they are human too. Congressman McGovern shared with us his personal fears of losing re-elections although he has been in office since 1996. Representative Kennedy III admitted that while he studied engineering at Stanford, he realized that while he was good at it, everyone else around him was better. Their humble nature, despite their high position in government, reminded me that while they are representing the people, they are still part of the people. With Pablo Zybergleit from the Federal Trade Commission, together we outlined the role of government, which we determined is to provide for the common good. Ricardo Sanchez, press aide to Senator Warren, emphasized that everyone in public service truly believes in the work that they do. And in expressing his enthusiasm for Boston Latin School, Senator Markey advised us to approach life being generally ambitious, not specifically. The more their words sunk in, the more I realized how they were once in our position too as bright-eyed young adults with a burning desire to make the world a better place. So as much as I originally placed our leaders on a pedestal, the more accurate picture is that they are just normal citizens like us- besides the fact that they're always in a suit.

**By Annie Miall '18**





# BABBIT FELLOW

The Julius E. Babbitt '87 Memorial Fellowship was established in 2008 as a summer internship program, designed to reward a deserving Class II Boston Latin School student, who has exhibited his dedication to alma mater, tireless community and public service and an ability to inspire others to make our world a better place.

Babbitt was the 1st African-American elected class president at Boston Latin School. He later served in the administrations of four successive governors of Massachusetts: William F. Weld, Paul Cellucci, Jane Swift and Mitt Romney.

Outside of government, he founded and operated, the New England Collegiate Service, a placement operation for students in urban communities that set up tours of East Coast campuses. He also founded Zazz!, a bimonthly magazine aimed at the international student community.

Babbitt was also elected to the Boston Latin School Association Board of Trustees from 1994 through 1997. After losing a battle with cancer at age 36, he passed away on April 8, 2006.



**Rafaela Ugarte-Nunez**  
Rising BLS Senior  
Boston City Councilor Wu

My name is Rafaela Ugarte-Núñez, and this year I had the opportunity of being the 2018

Babbitt Fellow. I have had the wonderful chance of working under Michele Wu this summer and have learned so much. I have gotten to research the topics I was most interested, but also understand and find new interests such as education. I have taken a close look at the Boston Public School Equity Evaluation of 2018 as well as look at gentrification in Boston through a statistical lens, but also get a chance to improve my public speaking through a day of presentation of the topic of my choice; mine being education. I had not realized how frequent I would be seeing City Councilor Michelle Wu, but also how closely I would get to work with her on various occasions. My favorite experience I have had has been sitting in on one of Michelle Wu's constituent meetings. Seeing the Councilor interact but also be avidly engaged was, in my opinion, the most rewarding experience. I would not have had this opportunity without BLS but most importantly the Ward Fellowship as well as the Babbitt Fellowship.

# SPOTLIGHT ON... EDIL AND JP

This summer, Edil and Joao Paulo worked together on a project regarding community policing. Here, Edil tells us a bit about her experience with this project and what she learned.

This summer, I had the opportunity to be partners in crime with Joao Paulo Ferreira, a Ward Fellow in State Rep. Adrian Madaro's office to tackle the Community Policing Grants Program. From 1995 to 2009, the State provided funding for Municipal community policing through a grant system. The program was called the Community Policing Grants Program, and is line-item 8000-0010 in the State budget. It's administered by the executive office of public safety. Grants are awarded to municipalities based on criterias such as population statistics and crime rates. The goal was to ensure that all grant funds distributed from this item are used to supplement local community policing efforts. At its height, over 330 communities across the State participated in this program and Boston was awarded just shy of \$5 million.

The program was discontinued in 2009 because of a lack of funding due to the economic recession. Beat cops are policemen and policewomen who are actively engaged in the communities on foot. Their presence is supposed to help bring down crime and also strengthen the relationship between the police and the communities they serve. Both Rep. Madaro and City Council President Andrea Campbell are large advocates for community policing because these individuals serve neighborhoods that exhibit high crime. JP and I conducted a thorough research on municipalities that would qualify to receive grants by analyzing violent crimes and property crimes between 1995 and 2014. From the data we collected, we found out that the program brought down Part 1 crimes in many cities. Even though the program ended in 2009, the effects of the program had a lasting impact in the communities that they were implemented in. For BLS students who are familiar with lab reports, we wrote a CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) on our findings. Our claim was that the Community Policing Grants Program worked as a positive agent towards reducing crime and should be reestablished in order to not only diminish the amount of crime in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but also to improve relationships between police officers and citizens in the wake of trending national discussions over police brutality and to combat current pressing issues such as the opioid epidemic. After we completed our research and analysis, we compiled a letter that would be sent to different officials in order to have the program passed as either a bill in the State or considered for the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. I knew that it would take a long time before such a program can be restored, however I know the initial steps being placed into this work will have amazing outcomes.

Coming from a neighborhood where crime is rampant, I know how essential it is for communities to have a trusting relationship with the police. Because of worsened national perceptions of police officers, the future for sound police and citizen relations remain skeptical. There is a history of communities avoiding interactions and communication with police in fear of harassment and violence. However, with community policing, police officers would be actively engaged in the neighborhoods they're serving. They would work to understand the culture and the diverse ethnicities that inhabit the neighborhoods in Massachusetts. Cultural competency and communication are crucial factors for building trust between police and communities. Once a strong trust is established within a community, people will feel comfortable coming forward to the police when crime occurs. Instead of immediately calling 911, residents can easily reach out to a police officer on their main street and seek help. It was truly an amazing opportunity to take initiative on such important work, and we hope to see that the program is one day restored into our cities.



# MILLER FELLOWS

Modeled after the Ward Fellowship, provides former fellows with a summer internship in Washington D.C. with a member of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation.



**Allyson Ping**

This summer, I was given the incredible opportunity to work for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat representing the state of New York. Having had no prior experience working on Capitol Hill, and certainly not a resident of New York, I entered this job not knowing what to expect. Six weeks later, and I am confident that those expectations have been overwhelmed. Throughout the internship, I was introduced to an assortment of tasks, ranging from constituent services (addressing concerns over the phone and mail), legislative research and memo-writing, as well as leading group tours of the Capitol building. I found it exceptionally rewarding to contribute to the legislative process, whether it involved recording constituent opinions or attending various committee hearings and reporting back what I'd learned. Although I did experience some negative side effects of partisanship and gridlock, I found solace in meeting legislators, staffers, and other interns on the hill who have been inspired by their passion for public service, and driven by their own experiences to create a future hospitable to all. I cannot thank the Miller Fellowship enough for helping me obtain access to an unforgettable summer.

My name is Stephen Caruso, and I worked with Congressman Jim McGovern in his main office on Capitol Hill as an intern. As an intern, my many tasks included: giving tours to constituents or important guests, manning the phones, writing letters in response to constituent issues, and attending briefings in place of other staff. When you work with a congressman, your job revolves around their actions. Though congress itself might move slowly, the congressmen have fast-paced lives and busy schedules. To do my job, I was required to keep up with what was happening in both the news and in congressman McGovern's life. Though working as an intern was often tedious, the office constantly bubbled with energy. Congress and Washington D.C. are electric environments, and working in D.C. is an opportunity anyone who is interested in government should take. When I wasn't in the office, I was exploring D.C., meeting new people, and making connections while absorbing the city and its history.



**Stephen Caruso**

This summer as a Miller Fellow, I had the opportunity to work for Senator Ed Markey in his Washington, D.C. office. During my time there, I was able to work closely with a number of the senator's staff on a variety of different policy issues. Whether I was writing, researching, or problem solving, I felt that I had the adequate tools and preparation to successfully complete these tasks. I have certainly developed these skills during my time studying at Kenyon College, but I am grateful that Boston Latin allowed me to begin honing them even earlier. One of the most substantial projects I worked on this summer centered around the regulation of self-driving autonomous vehicles. In light of a fatal accident involving an autonomous vehicle earlier this year, Senator Markey sent a letter to each major car company conducting autonomous vehicle testing in the United States. The letter asked each of them to answer a series of questions relating to their safety procedures. As the responses trickled in, it was my job to first read each response and then catalogue them into a singular document that would be easily comprehensible for the Senator and his staff. This project, as straightforward as it seems, took weeks to complete but was one of the most rewarding experiences from my time as a Miller Fellow.



**Louis Messier**

My time interning for Congressman Capuano with the Miller Fellowship was more than I could have hoped for. In my office were the most fantastic and hard working people who wanted our experience to be the best it could be. Capuano's office is smaller than most offices in the House, and they do not have a Staff Assistant, which allows interns to take on more responsibilities. We answered phones, greeted people coming in for meetings, wrote memos for briefings, and wrote a lot of constituent letters, as well as any other duties staffers needed help with. These tasks enhanced my professional skills and gave me real perspective into working in a Congressional office.

A few weeks into my internship, the news was nonstop stories of children being torn from their family, and the phone was ringing off the hook in our office. There was a universal expression of outrage and I was at the front lines of receiving that outrage and funneling it to the rest of the office. Although the stories pouring from news outlets were absolutely heartbreaking, I was proud to see how much people from the 7th District of Massachusetts (my district) cared. For some, it was their first time calling their representative, and for many, they were not sure what else to do but felt they had to do something. One call was from a class of elementary schoolers, whose teacher said she was teaching them about what was happening at the border and that their voice mattered. I was proud to be part of this lesson, and I was so proud to work for an office that witnessed what was happening and did not hesitate in trying to find out how to stop it. I felt, in my small way, I was contributing to the right cause.



**Emily Carrara**



**Eliot Usherenko**

My name is Eliot Usherenko and working in Congressman Joe Kennedy's office allowed me to witness firsthand how the legislative process works and obtain a better grasp of the issues confronting the 4th District, the Commonwealth, and our nation. From immigration to healthcare to foreign relations, I was able research policies on a variety of matters and address constituents' concerns on the phone, through letters, or in-person at the office. Compiling press clippings was my favorite task during my time as a Miller fellow, as I was able to better understand the different stories of the day and how the media shapes the public perspective on them. The opportunity to sit in on congressional hearings, whether it was the House Committee on Small Business or the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was also incredible and a highlight I will never forget.

The Stanley A. Miller Fellowship taught me the importance of public service and the need to give back to one's community. The saying, "To whom much is given, much is required," rings true now more than ever, and I hope to one day to return to Washington DC to fulfill that goal of promoting the general welfare embedded within the Preamble of our Constitution.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

# WILLIAM HARRINGTON

Will worked for State Senator Nick Collins this summer, where he was especially impressed by the people he met in the office.

This summer I have had the distinct honor of being able to work for State Senator Nick Collins. I've done a variety of tasks from constituent services, creating ads, summarizing the news, to even providing input on possible legislation. Public service has been so rewarding as I have learned that something as simple as one phone call or one referral can really make someone's day. My internship experience has been shaped by my coworkers. I have never worked in an office environment before, and I wasn't sure what to expect when I first started. Looking back, I understand now the reason the office runs efficiently is because of the Senator and his staff. They have been so positive, kind, and welcoming from the first day I walked in the office and they did not treat us interns just as an intern but rather as contributing staff members. What I learned from them in such a short period of time is that we all come from different backgrounds and cultures, yet what has impacted me the most is that each person's unique perspective on the issues that arise or on constituent service matters helps the office create the best solution possible that a less diverse office, frankly could not. This summer as a Ward Fellow has been an amazing experience. The skills I have gained and the friends that I have made is something I never thought would have happened back in June. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and I know that the Ward Fellowship will help shape my future in the most beneficial way possible.

# SEBASTIAN SUAREZ

Sebastian was a fellow for District Attorney Daniel Conley this summer, where he had the chance to research many cases and witness the process of a trial firsthand.

## What was your favorite part about interning for District Attorney Daniel Conley?

I think my favorite part about interning in the District Attorney's office was going to court to arraign defendants with the District Attorney's in my unit. It felt good to see the look on the family of the victims when we were able to charge the defendant and start the process of getting justice for the victims and the community.

## Was there a specific case that you particularly enjoyed working on?

One specific case that I enjoyed was a motor vehicle homicide that happened on the morning of July 8th in Dorchester that one of the prosecutors in my office was working on. I'm not sure how much I can say about the specifics of the case because not all of the information that I know has gone public and it is important to keep some of the things confidential, but it was really cool to be part of the process of building a case from the very beginning.

## What is one thing you learned about the court/criminal justice system that you didn't know before?

One thing I learned about the criminal justice system is that building a case takes a lot of work. The prosecutors usually work on a case for a year or more before it goes to trial because there is a lot of predatory work. In popular culture we don't see much of this so it was interesting to learn about how it was done.

MSBA DIRECTOR

# JACK MCCARTHY



by Federico Rollo

Jack McCarthy, executive director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority and Latin class of '76, started off our sponsor meeting by telling us it was the best sponsor meeting we had had, and rightfully so, as it was the first of many. We discussed how the MSBA came to be, how it connected directly to the Ward Commission that fought fraud and corruption in the Commonwealth in the 80s. As town moderator for the town of Norwood, Mr. McCarthy had already worked extensively with the MSBA, so his appointment as executive director was nothing unexpected, also due to his extensive career in the public sector. For those who do not know, the MSBA is essentially given the task of building and fixing schools all over Massachusetts. I had no idea that one penny on the 6.25% sales tax was set aside to fund the MSBA, which I thought was a very interesting funding plan. What left the largest impression on me during our meeting was when we started talking about how the MSBA deals with Boston Latin School. Over the summer, meeting with various state reps and city councilors, I noticed a larger trend in that many Massachusetts constituents from outside of Boston think of us city folk as out of touch elitists. The same is true within Boston looking more specifically into Boston Latin School. Mr. McCarthy explained that some of the reason that we cannot get functioning air conditioning or get rid of the rats at school through better infrastructure is because people think that we, at BLS, do not need these simple things. Though the theme was not something I had not thought of before, I never realized how real the issue was and how it actually played out when working with policy. Prior to this meeting, I did not know what the MSBA was and had little interest in learning about it, but after listening and speaking with Director McCarthy I understood how instrumental the department was to ensuring that Massachusetts has some of the best education in the country.



# ERNANI DEARAUJO



By Rafaela Ugarte-Nunez

Never in my life had I ever stepped foot into the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, let alone meet Ernani DeAr- aujo. While most of the sponsors we had met beforehand walked into the room as we had already been settled, Ernani greeted us with a warm smile, a firm handshake, and food for our starving bellies. Roles had changed and

he was the one patiently waiting for us, with excitement, to arrive. He turned to his colleague as both of them began responding to questions about how the EBNHC worked, where the funding came, and what their work meant to the community surrounding it. It was absolutely fascinating learning where they receive their funding and medication for their patients. As he spoke about his life, working in the white house in both the Clinton and Bush administration to working as the past Boston Mayor Thomas Menino's East Boston neighborhood liaison, I had felt very inspired and hopeful for the future. It was amazing seeing a lifetime East- ie kid taking care of his community and knowing what the people of his community really needed from him as well as taking charge in his own neighborhood. He spoke about his past experiences and how important it was, what we were doing, for him and for everything. We were getting exposed to city and state government at such a young age, and an opportunity that not many have the chance in their life or even in high school. I left the meeting feeling empowered and motivated that the future is only filled with many more opportunities.

# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL

By Sophia Meadows-Muriel

The honorary, Andrea J. Campbell not only carries the responsibility of being the first African American woman to be Boston's City Counselor president on her shoulders, she also is the most inspiring Ward Speaker of 2018. Whether she refers to a hymn or an Oprah video she had seen on Facebook, her attitude towards the Ward Fellows was very uplifting as she truly believed in our past accomplishments and future responsibilities as BLS students. The meeting began with a brief explanation of her life before her current occupation. As a child she witnessed an immense amount of tragedy from losing her mom as an infant to going in and out of foster care with her twin brother due to her father's incarceration. Nevertheless her family never stopped showing her the importance of the education system which helped her eventually get accepted into Princeton's undergrad program. Campbell deeply believes that story telling is therapeutic and insists that as a society we not only come together to listen to each other's stories but also be reactive in order to create something from what we hear. Due to her dad and brother's incarceration, Campbell's platform focus-



es on education, racial equity, and criminal justice reform. She tries her best to echo other city counselor's information, regulating issues, and not getting too lost into politics and social media. In our meeting we discussed the need for criminal justice reform specifically for inmates and their family members, public health services, policing, and the fy19 budget. We even took a moment to discuss colleges and our future aspirations. Andrea Campbell told us that she "doesn't know what the end (the future the criminal justice system) step looks like but (she) looks only at the right now" and I believe that is something we can all consider.

# INTERIM BPS SUPERINTENDENT LAURA PERILLE

By Janna Ramadan

Laura Perille was recently announced as the interim superintendent of Boston Public Schools. And the Ward fellows had the opportunity to meet Superintendent Perille, but first we met with her Chief of Staff Rob Consalvo. Mr. Consalvo talked to us about what public service meant to him and the many roles he has taken on his way to working in BPS. He began by working in campaigns as a teenager, then went on to study

Political Science in college. Afterwards, he went on to intern at the Washington Center in Senator Kennedy's office. Coming back to Boston, Mr. Consalvo decided to run for City Councilor at Large, but lost that race. He ran for City Councilor in 2002 and

won, holding that seat from 2002 to 2013. Afterwards, he ran for mayor, and lost to current Mayor Marty Walsh. But the camaraderie they made in the mayoral race meant that even though Mr. Consalvo was Mayor Walsh's opponent, Mayor Walsh still gave Mr. Consalvo a position in his administration in the Boston Public Schools.

At this point, Superintendent Perille came in to talk to the Ward fellows. She was limited on time, but spent as much time as she could answering our questions. The first topic she was asked about was about the expansion of bilingual schools in BPS to provide services for more kids. Superintendent Perille was excited to say that BPS recently opened up the Mattahunt Elementary School, which is the 1st Haitian Creole bilingual school and was made possible with Perille's former organization Edvestors. BPS also has the Margarita Muniz Academy which is the first dual language high school in the district!

But does BPS have a way to help English as a Second Language learners with the MCAS? It turns out that is something that depends on two factors: navigating the BPS system in compliance with federal, state,

and local laws and when a student enters the school district. The first challenge is that MCAS cannot provide exams in alternate languages because of legal reasons. Considering timing, if a student enters the district when they are younger, then there will be more time to help the student and more years of education to help the student learn English. If a student enters in high school, there are less years of MCAS to practice on and less time, which creates a challenge. But that does not mean that success is not possible. Superintendent Perille told us of a

story where a girl entered BPS in 9th grade at East Boston High School. In two years, she completed her ELL classes and graduated with a 5.0. So success is still very much possible!

Another question we asked Super-

intendent Perille was about the limited early education program in Boston. Specifically, we asked if there are ways to expand the program because currently the limited seats the city has are given out lottery style. The Superintendent was really excited about this question. She immediately began talking about how expanding high schools to be 7th-12th will open more classrooms that can be used for k0, k1, and k2. She also expressed how BPS' goal is to provide pre-k to all families through BPS half-day programs or full-day daycare centers that provide the BPS pre-k curriculum. Implementing this curriculum is a big and important step to try to close the education gap between children who come from families of low income and families of higher incomes.

The Ward fellows asked the Superintendent a few more questions before we took a quick group photo and she ran off to her next meeting. For a group of students who walked in wondering what qualifications an interim superintendent must have and if she would be able to thoroughly answer our questions on the BPS system, we all left impressed.





# LARRY DICARA

By Charlie Chen

Thursday's meeting with Larry S. DiCara was very unique in the sense that it felt like one of the most personal meetings to date. By personal, I mean that the man seemed to know at least something about everyone's sponsors, streets, and even neighbors. Mr. DiCara has been involved in the politics of Boston for so long that he essentially seems to know half the people in the city, and his belief that local politics is solidly based on connections and personal relationships with fellow residents and constituents gives him even more incentive to get to try and know everyone that he can. He seemed personally knowledgeable about many of the fellows' very streets, and even told a few kids the names of their neighbors, which was very impressive.

In addition, Larry was one of the most interesting and best public speakers that we've had so far (I actually met him a year ago personally at his American Legion's Boy's State program where I heard him speak multiple times, so I'm biased), as well as full of wit and self-deprecating humor. He accepted his political losses as a part of life and harbored no resentment, talking openly about his failures. He also imparted many lessons about his successes, crediting Boston Latin's tradition of declamation with training him to be able to speak well. One of his most interesting stories was his experience as acting mayor in Boston in the famed blizzard of '78, where he declared a city-wide emergency in order to combat the storm. An amusing tangent that he told us was how he declared February to be Valentine's month that year, so that more people would buy Valentine's cards to help out a company in JP.

Larry was also very engaging and actively seemed to enjoy talking to the fellows and answering their questions. There were many questions about inequality in public education in Boston, and one of my personal questions was why the City of Boston funds our students around the same as better school districts like Weston, but our returns per se to the degree of education is lower. His answer was interesting, as he said that he believed city schools placed a higher emphasis these days on administrators instead of actual teachers, and that his personal opinion is that the city should focus more on the traditional way of teaching. He also got questions about how the MCAS places immigrant students at a disadvantage by focusing heavily on English, to which he responded that he feels that the current generation's education is too focused only on English and mathematics (which although important), leaves us less literate in subjects such as civics, history, and other humanities courses as compared to past generations of students.

# ATTORNEY GENERAL MAURA HEALY

By Samuel Zuniga

The meeting with Attorney General Healey was one of the most engaging meetings of the fellowship, many other meetings consisted of the fellows asking the sponsor and the speaker questions after a fairly short introduction, and as interesting as these meetings were it did not give us a full picture of what type of public service is done in the office. Our meeting with Attorney General Healey was able to give us this picture. Before the AG even walked in we were treated to a panel of employees at the office. There were investigators, solicitors, executive assistants, lawyer and even a former Obama staffer, each of whom talked about the journey that brought them to the office and their current role in the office. This was really an incredible experience and it gave us a clearer picture of the wide variety of work that an office as large as the AG's does. One particularly interesting person on the panel was Dave Covell. Mr. Covell is an Assistant Attorney General and a senior advisor to the Attorney General. He explained to us that he isn't quite sure of his title and that his role varies depending on the AG's needs that day. He also told us about how he came to the office. He worked in the Obama White House in the communications department and after the 2016 election he decided to move to the AG's office to continue to do the people's work while facing down President Trump as an added bonus. After the panel the Attorney General herself came in and spoke to us about a wide variety of issues, from her support for Ayanna Pressley for Congress, to her opposition to the legalization of marijuana and her career as a professional basketball player. This combination of a personal experience with a figure as illustrious as the Attorney General combined with a deep understanding of the office's work was what made the meeting so engaging.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

# JANNA RAMADAN

Janna spent the summer working for US District Judge Patti Saris. Below, she describes the three biggest projects she worked on over the past 8 weeks.

Coming into the Moakley courthouse my first day, I did not even have a desk, I worked on a table in the kitchenette for my first few days, but I already had a project. A new case was being brought up before Judge Saris questioning the constitutionality of the current winner-takes-all system that Massachusetts uses to allocate our electoral votes. It was a case that was also being brought up in California, South Carolina, and Texas. Depending on how Judge Saris ruled the way our entire country votes could change or the case could be appealed up the ladder. From the way it sounded, being a case with such high-stakes repercussions, I honestly would not be surprised if it ends up being appealed up to the Supreme Court. My project for my first day was to go to the library and find every book that explained the way the electoral college functions. The eventual product of my research would be a research essay detailing everything from the electoral college's philosophical origins to the way the founding fathers imagined it working to the way it operates in 2018. I spent my first few days in the court library and the kitchenette reading and annotating the books, and three days into my time at the courthouse I got to move into the chambers with the other interns and a computer. I spent the rest of my first week writing a 15 page research essay. Seven weeks later, I got to see that case presented in court before Judge Saris. Assistant Attorney Generals represented Governor Baker, the Defendant, and three private firm lawyers represented the Plaintiffs. Although, the case will not be resolved until after my time in the fellowship, to see a case go from the research phase to actually being heard on the courtroom floor was amazing.

After the research essay, my major project for the summer was going through all of Judge Saris' opinions on cases from April 2017 to December 2017 and write cover summaries for each one. These are all then put into a massive binder for the Judge's and clerks' use whenever they need to review cases. Some of the opinions are three pages long, others 73 pages long. First looking at the project, I thought I would be able to fly through the work. The work turned out to be more tedious and interesting, where at times I would get caught reading cases and searching up the legal terms used. There was one immigration case related to "Operation Indonesian Surrender" that I read early on. I later saw that same case in an opinion written three months after the first. I was able to track the case's progression through evidentiary hearing to decision. I later saw that same operation brought up in another case opinion and in a hearing. I also found a sad pattern in a lot of the drug-related cases. Most of the ones that Judge Saris had seen in the past year dealt with the girlfriend or baby mama of the drug dealer. It's a problem that in these cases women were caught with the drugs because they would get the lengthier sentence and the person who was actually dealing the drugs would get off easy because they were not in possession of the drugs. It was really frustrating to see those cases.

I also got to attend all of Judge Saris' hearings, which were less of a project and more of an experience that came along with interning in her chambers. Some of the court sessions were less exciting because they were scheduling conferences. But others were intense, either emotionally or factually based on case contents. On my first day the Judge saw the large payout in her entire career. A man won \$18.4 million due to a medical malpractice case. Seeing that on my first day I really thought that was the norm, until I saw the Judge completely spaced out during lunch in shock of the total. Another day I left the courtroom in tears because of an immigration case. Working in the courthouse I also got to see other Judge's cases. So when ICE conducted a sweep and brought in 25 people to be sentenced, I saw the sentencing process. For that one day I was in the same building as Jeff Sessions, as he was running a press conference on another floor. These cases were the ones that impacted me the most, being a first generation American. It was a lot harder, emotionally, to see the direct impact the judge's ruling had on a family. After a few weeks, though, I started to recognize U.S. Attorneys and the names of cases. I began to follow along with cases that I would read about in the opinions of 2017 that then came back into the courtroom this summer. I started to see how Judge Saris always had rehabilitation and settlement at the forefront of the way she dealt with cases. She wanted the easiest resolution, but made sure it was one that would bring the victim justice, even if the victim was an entire community, and tried to set the offender on a path towards the straight and narrow. So even though most of the cases I saw or wrote on will take years to be resolved, I was able to see the little ways each decision the court makes slowly helps all parties involved, even if slow can range from five years to ten.



# BOSTON CITY MAYOR MARTY WALSH

By Carina Layfield

Mayor Marty Walsh has quite an interesting and atypical story for a politician. He didn't go to an elite college, he didn't even graduate from college until the age of 43. He was a kid who struggled in school and didn't get into his top choice college:

Suffolk University. Walsh didn't have the easiest childhood. The son of immigrants, he overcame childhood cancer. In his young adult life he became an alcoholic and struggled with addiction. Now sober for 23 years (and counting), Walsh has quite the perspective as a politician.

As someone who first hand knows how hard it is to overcome addiction he has a personal interest in today's issues of addiction and substance abuse. Walsh has a younger brother who is a heroin addict. The opioid crisis isn't just an issue that affects the people of Boston, but it's something personal to him as well. Walsh has overcome many obstacles that have pushed him to be in the position he's in today. During our meeting with him, he said "government is really about helping people. That's why I'm in the office and I love it". I think that it's easy to get mad at politicians for controversial decisions. Sometimes we don't always think about their thought process behind making such a decision. Prior to becoming the mayor, Walsh was a state representative for part of Dorchester. He

began his 14-year tenure in the House in 1997. One of the first controversial decisions he was involved in was the Death Penalty. Walsh spoke to us about how in politics, you don't necessarily learn from things you do correctly. The hard decisions and the days leading up to them are usually what stick with you. A few days before the vote, Walsh decided that he

would be voting in favor of the death penalty. He called a mother whose son had been brutally murdered and told her he would be voting in favor. A couple of days later, he met with a man who had been falsely charged with murder and then spent many years in prison before

being released. Walsh realized that he couldn't vote in favor of the death penalty knowing that sometimes people really are innocent. He had to call the mother back and tell her he'd change his mind. Although the death penalty was such a controversial case, Walsh learned from it that in politics you have to have a listen to all sides, not be afraid to change your opinion, and that what you say really does matter. Our meeting with Mayor Walsh was really interesting because it shows that anyone can get involved in politics regardless of background or level of education. Walsh became a state representative before he had even earned his college degree. Walsh's story is inspiring and has really shaped him into a politician with a genuine interest in bettering the city of Boston.



# BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR MICHELLE WU

By Susan Tang

Growing up, Councilor Michelle Wu never could have imagined that she would someday serve on the Boston City Council. Councilor Wu greeted us with pleasantries and smiles, insisting that we all arrange our chairs in a circle so that she could see each and every one of our faces before diving into the story of where she came from and how she got here.

The Chicago native told us about her childhood, topics ranging from her mother watching Oprah every morning to the politics taboo many Asian households, including hers growing up, had and continue to have. After entering Harvard as an undergraduate in 2003 (she eventually attended law school there as well), Wu fell in love with the city of Boston. However, her mother's declining health led her back to Chicago, where, at the age of 23, she became a mother figure to her two younger sisters and opened a tea shop to sustain herself and her family. As she struggled to find adequate healthcare for her mother, get her sisters good educations, and jumped through hoops for permits and other arrangements for her business, Wu came to realize the enormous impact local government has on people and how

flawed many of its processes are.

After moving herself and her family to Boston, Wu resolved to fix the many issues she had previously been faced with, becoming an advocate in the Boston community. With mentors such as the late Mayor Tom Menino and Senator Elizabeth Warren, it came as little surprise when Wu was elected to a Boston City Council at-large seat in November 2013, becoming the first Asian American woman to serve on

the Boston City Council and, in 2016, the first woman of color to serve as Council President.

Wu then answered questions on a variety of topics ranging from the future of the MBTA to her experience running for public office as an Asian American to the flaws in BPS and the issue of diversity in

exam schools. After being nudged by an aide for the third time to wrap up with us and head over to her next meeting, Wu took and answered six questions in one swoop before snapping a quick picture with us and taking her leave. This meeting left me feeling comforted, inspired, and empowered, knowing that there are people like Councilor Wu fighting for a better future and that anyone, no matter their background or their circumstances, can make a change.



# UNDERSECRETARY RACHEL MADDEN

by Perrin Price

When Undersecretary of Administration and Finance Rachel Madden walked into the conference room, her excitement was contagious. A Ward fellow herself in the second year of the program, Madden was ecstatic to be able to host the Ward fellows for a luncheon. She told us about her time at Latin School and how it shaped her to become the woman she is today who leads an office managing the \$40 billion dollar state budget. The task is far from easy and makes the people in the office have to make tough and hard decisions to be able to pass the budget. Madden was able to explain the creation of the budget in such a palpable and understanding way that when she was done, the listener felt like they truly learned something about state economics and could maybe even explain it to someone else. The meeting was engaging and even lighthearted especially the moment everyone's phone went off because of a flash flood emergency warning that took the everyone in the room by surprise. Madden deeply cares about her work and as she talked about her experiences from the RMV to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission it became more and more clear how much experience Madden has in government agencies. Her career is inspiring and no doubt has impacted the Ward fellows. Rachel Madden is a highly accomplished public official and has and continues to influence the careers and aspirations of young people today.



Judge Wolf of the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, has served as the founder and head of the Ward Fellowship since its creation in 1986. Presiding over the Ward Fellow selection process, Judge Wolf has, for the past twenty- six years, served as the central point of cohesion among the Fellows, alumni, and the many local and statewide officials associated with the program. Through his role in the Fellowship as well as his position as Federal Judge, he has inspired and empowered young people to believe in and participate in public service. Despite his persistently time-consuming caseload, he has never turned his back on the Fellowship he established, but has rather honored John William Ward's legacy by expanding both participation in and breadth of the program. Each year Judge Wolf provides each Fellow the opportunity to ask him about his experience and to share his or her own. His sincere commitment to hearing the input of Fellows from year to year has allowed the program to develop into an enduring component of the Boston Latin School and the Boston community.

## REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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 Fellow's 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. Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley (Ward Fellow '96) and State Representative Adrian Madaro (Ward Fellow '06) are examples of Ward Fellows emerging as admirable public officials themselves.

The Ward and Miller Fellows have re-freshed the idealism of their elders, and provided Bill Ward and Stanley Miller with vibrant living legacies. We are grateful to them and to all who contribute.

