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2017 MILLER FELLOWS



MEET THE FELLOWS

WE ASKED:

1. Sponsor Name
2. Current Grade Level
3. One fun fact about yourself
4. College Plans (for Graduates)



Avi Nguyen

1. City Councilor Andrea Campbell
2. Rising Senior
3. My favorite color is blue!



Ben Tayag

1. Inspector General Glenn Cunha
2. Just Graduated from BLS!
3. I have a small collection of Presidential PEZ dispensers.
4. College of the Holy Cross



Theresa Nelson

1. Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley
2. Rising Senior
3. I love wrestling, and watch WWE weekly.



William Burnett

1. Council President Michelle Wu
2. Graduated from BLS!
3. I once filled up Mayor Menino's shopping cart as a child.
4. Boston University

1. Governor Charlie Baker
2. Rising Senior
3. Once, I ate an entire frog!



Carly Heffernan

1. Representative Adrian Madaro
2. Rising Senior
3. Once, I got lost looking for the mail room of the state house for about an hour. It's a confusing place.



Danny Xu

1. City Councilor Tito Jackson
2. Rising Senior
3. When I was younger, a nail cut part of my ear off and poked a hole in my head. [Consider Revising]



Bladimir Cuevas

1. State Representative Nick Collins
2. Just graduated from BLS!
3. I once had a lazy eye as a child.
4. Temple University



Jake Moy



Giselle Halliday

1. BPDA Director Brian Golden
2. Rising Senior
3. When my grandfather was a police officer, he pulled Amelia Earhart over for speeding.



Roger Cawdette

1. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh
2. Rising Senior
3. I'm really into music and I'm a member of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. I play the violin.



Diego Rao

1. The Committee for Public Counsel Services
2. Rising Senior
3. I'm a huge fan of cooking sciences!



Ivette Alvarez

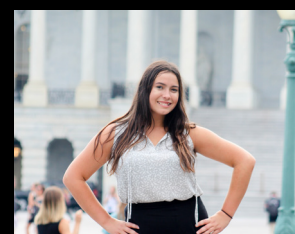
1. US Rep. Joe Kennedy III
2. Rising Senior
3. This fellowship has definitely reduced my cynicism toward government.

1. House Speaker Robert DeLeo
2. Just graduated from BLS!
3. I am interested in Int'l Relations and environmental studies.
4. George Washington University



Linden Yee

1. City Councilor Matt O'Malley
2. Rising Senior
3. My favorite subject in school is US Government and Politics!



Madison Toomey

1. Attorney General Maura Healey
2. Rising Senior
3. I once contracted the Swine Flu in Vietnam and couldn't reenter the country for 2 weeks!



Vivian Tran

1. State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
2. Rising Senior
3. I lived in Mexico for a year, am a twin, and know all of the Hamilton and Frozen soundtracks by heart!



Price Nicholas

The Babbitt Fellowship

The Julius E. Babbitt '87 Memorial Fellowship honors a remarkable man, Julius E. Babbitt, the first African American to be elected class president of Boston Latin School. After graduating from Boston Latin, Babbitt served in the administrations of four successive governors of Massachusetts, founded a number of community organizations, and became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Latin School Association. Mr. Babbitt sadly passed away from cancer at the age of 36 in 2008. He dedicated his life to making the world a better place through public service. The Babbitt Fellowship seeks Class II students who are dedicated to the community, public service, and Boston Latin to carry on Babbitt's legacy.

JULIA PRIOR, II



My name is Julia Prior and I am one of this year's Babbitt/Ward dual Fellows. This summer I have been working under Jack McCarthy '76, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. It has been a wonderful experience working for the MSBA and learning how this quasi-independent government agency partners with communities across Massachusetts to support the design and construction of public schools. This fellowship has given me a unique opportunity to see the value of public service and I hope to continue Babbitt's legacy of making the world a better place.

My name is Toluwalope Moses and as a seventeen year old rising senior, my age does not hinder me from understanding how truly lucky I am to go to BLS; I still marvel at the opportunities BLS makes available to me everyday. I am truly honored to take part in this fellowship in Mr. Babbitt's name. Everything from working at the Moakley Courthouse everyday, to meeting with public officials, and going to D.C. have truly been eye-opening experiences, in a way that I could never have imagined. I read court opinions written by the Judge Saris and summarize them, while also getting to sit in on court hearings. Along the way politicians have really been humanized to me and I am much more aware of the power I wield as a US Citizen.

TOLUWALOPE MOSES, II



Lilly Anderson, the program's inaugural fellow, speaks about her experience as a Griffin and Ward Fellow this summer. This fall, Lilly will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University, majoring in Government and Political Science.



As a Dual Griffin and Ward Fellow this summer, I was placed at the State House working for Rachel Madden, Undersecretary of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. Having been granted this unbelievable experience after graduating B.L.S., I see now that my path has been with a purpose. My experiences at BLS as captain of the debate team, student representative on the B.L.S. Diversity and Equity Team, and founder of the BLS gender equality club have coalesced in a vision for myself as a leader in public service, an image that Paul Griffin also held for himself at Boston Latin School. Over the past six years, Boston Latin School has taught me there is always something greater that I am preparing for. I aspire to continue to be a leader in the B.L.S. community, and the greater city of Boston. I will always want to bring back to this community what I have learned and help shape the lives of students at the school that has so profoundly shaped me, just as Paul Griffin has done for students like me. My greatest thanks to Bill Griffin and the Ward Fellowship Board for sponsoring my experience this summer!

THE PAUL GRIFFIN FELLOWSHIP

PEOPLE YOU MEET

How do you fit 19 kids, a dozen of DC's top brass, and 7 meetings between the two into less than 48 hours? I don't know, but you should ask the Ward Coordinator.

This summer, the Ward Fellows once again took the nation's capital by storm, meeting with Congressmen Jim McGovern and Joe Kennedy III, Senator Ed Markey, journalist Michael Wilner, and staff from the offices of Representative Mike Capuano, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and the Federal Trade Commission. These meetings allowed the Fellows not only to learn from the best of the best public servants (because we all know Massachusetts basically founded America), but also to build connections and networks that will

almost surely come in handy as the Ward Fellows go on to become business leaders, attorneys, and legislators.

The most common and most important advice the Fellows were given was perhaps best summarized when Congressman Kennedy said, "You guys are going have to fix... Well... Everything, I guess." One official after another repeated that the Fellows were coming of age at a moment of crisis for the world: either step up and face the problems that have heretofore been put off by generation after generation, or let mankind fall past the point of no return. And the Ward Fellows, they were told, had been selected because they had the ability, and hence the duty, to turn it all around.

/// BY DIEGO RAO, II

Some fellows outside the Supreme Court



Fellows with US Rep. McGovern



Ward Fellows at the Federal Trade Commission



Fellows pose outside White House



WASHINGTON D.C.



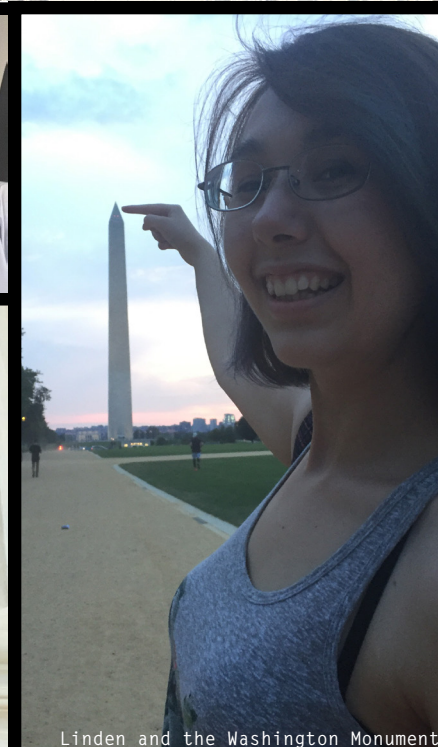
Posing outside of SCOTUS



Outside Senator Warren's Office



Linden and the Washington Monument



PLACES YOU GO

On our second day in the nation's capital, the Miller fellows gave us a tour of the U.S. Capitol building. The beautiful structure, composed of both American and international marble, carries a significant historical importance. Apart from the Roman and Greek art that the interior is designed with, we were able to stand on the very spot where past Representatives, like John Quincy Adams, sat at their desks. Almost every room inside the capitol hangs beautiful chandeliers, massive columns, and decorated domes. Statues of important congressmen are scattered throughout the building; some of the most recent sculptures include Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.

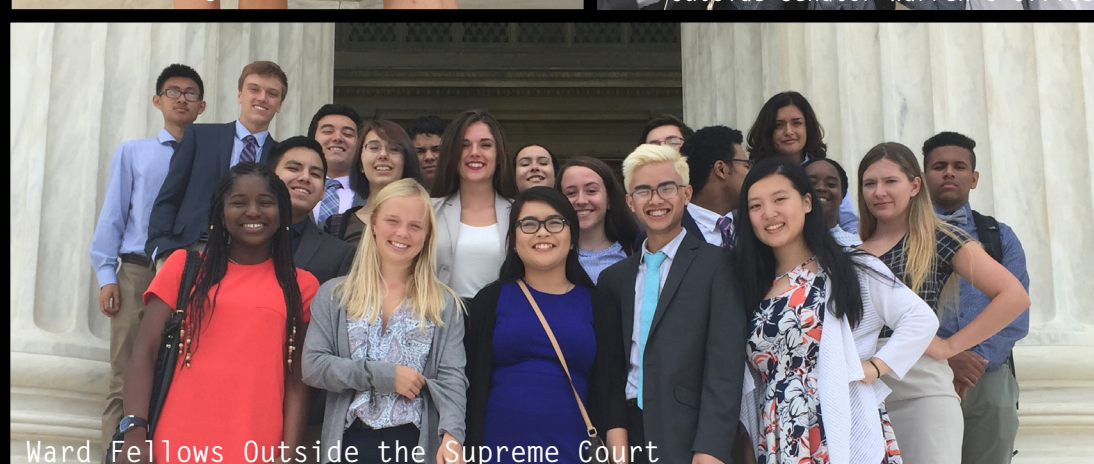
We visited the Supreme Court as well, and we actually sat in the real courtroom! Did you know that

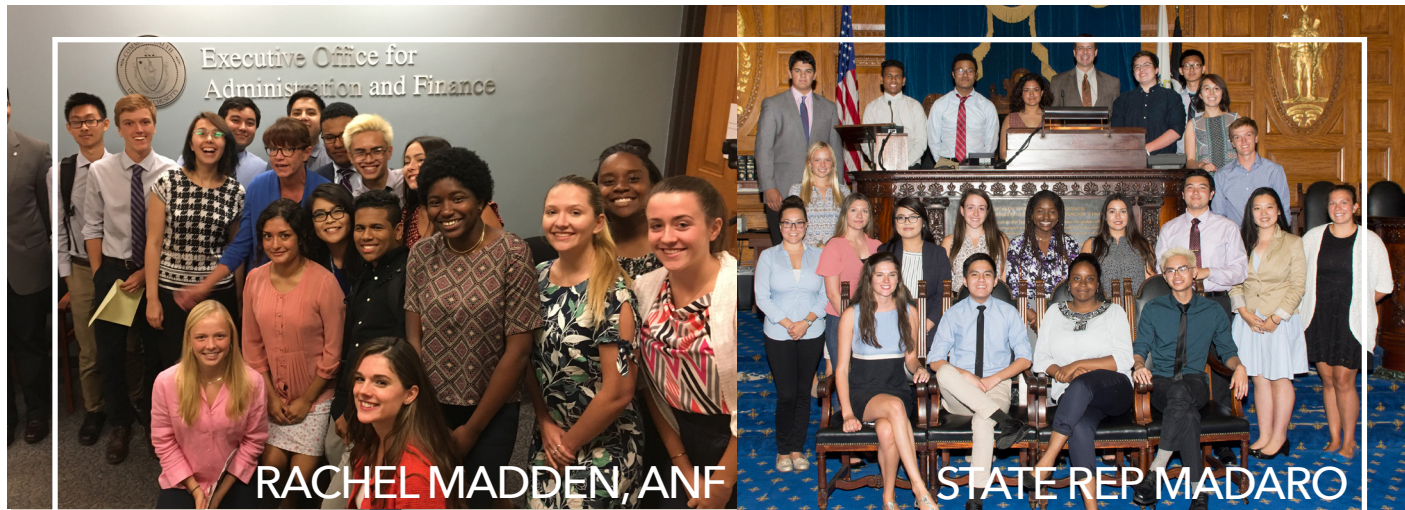
the supreme court building includes a basketball court that is the floor above the courtroom? We visited several of the parlors in the building which included portraits of former judges since the first appointments to the bench. Just being in the building where so many important decisions have been argued and finalized made the essence of the building come alive.

At night, some of the fellows walked along the National Mall and through Foggy Bottom. It was beautiful to see the reflecting pool, WWII memorial, and the Lincoln memorial against the sunset. The only problem was all the bugs! Washington D.C. is a beautiful place and the 2017 Ward fellows capitalized on the opportunity to experience it.

// BY GISELLE HALLIDAY, II

Ward Fellows Outside the Supreme Court





RACHEL MADDEN, ANF

STATE REP MADARO



SPONSOR MEETINGS



PIC DIRECTOR NEIL SULLIVAN



DA DAN CONLEY



MA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

MSBA DIRECTOR JACK MCCARTHY

Throughout our meeting with MSBA director Jack McCarthy, I was able to learn so much about an agency I was originally so unfamiliar with. Education has always been something very important to me, and meeting with someone who strives to make the educational experience better for students throughout the state was a very intriguing experience.

One thing I found interesting was that the MSBA gives "incentive points" to buildings promising new eco-friendly production. At the time of the meeting, I was in the process of doing policy research into Net Zero carbon energy. Within the research I was doing, one of the aspects of the strategic plans cities across the country used similar incentive points to buildings constructed under eco-friendly guidelines.

I also learned about the process of determining which schools get repairs through the MSBA. They go through a process of describing the problems associated with the school, some of which including: an unsafe building, overcrowding, and the loss of accreditation. I was shocked about the number of projects the agency had already finished (a whopping over 400).

However, the most interesting part of the meeting was when Jack McCarthy handed us all a copy of the Ward commission report. He then began to speak to how the report tied into his work, as the shoddy construction of the UMASS Boston parking lot was one of the factors leading to the report. I found it interesting that he compared a lot of his work in the MSBA as reconstructing and replacing some of the unsafe construction associated with Boston in the 1970's.



BY MADISON TOOMEY, II

by Bladimir Cuevas, II

"I'll be the people's lawyer," were the words that Attorney General of Massachusetts, Maura Healey, said that summed up the beginning of her path in her new position. Before she sat down with us Ward fellows, she had recently been playing basketball with the youth at a rec center, so she was donned in jeans and a sweatshirt while cracking down her her life and the choices she made that lead her to the IG's office. Before that was settled, we went around the room and said our favorite T.V show, and I was so baffled by nobody saying The Walking Dead that it took weeks for me to get over it before I could write this up. Her staff members were unlike any staff members that I'd met in the past before, as there wasn't a minute where a smile wasn't on their faces, or they spoke monotonously. Then the AG came in, and from there it was all business. That was the best part. She explained The whole idea of her "law firm" and the mission of the AG's office: to bring resources to the people of the Commonwealth. As for her career as whole, however, she has provided significant work for the city of Boston that goes unnoticed to the residents, such as being on the front lines of the Boston Harbor cleanup. The most interesting portion of the meeting was discussing her fight against the Trump administration's Travel Ban. Not only did it show me how much government at the federal level can impact it at the state level, but it also showed me how much more elected officials at the state level have to work to combat the errors of the federal government to do right by their constituents. That's when I saw Maura's strength, as she showed that being a president isn't the only elected position that can impact a mass. After that meeting I was astounded to the point that I decided to ask to play basketball with her, to which she responded, "as long as you email me." When the day comes when I

want to lose in a game of 21, that's when I'll email her.



Attorney General Maura Healey

BY DANNY XU, II

Glenn Cunha started the meeting by offering us donuts to eat since it was still early in the morning and wanted us to have the energy to listen to him speak. Due to this, he caught the attention of all the Ward Fellows and we began to listen to his entire story. He talked about how he has worked in many sectors of society and the part of the story that absolutely captured me was when he talked about his previous job as a defense attorney. He told us all that ever since he was little he always wanted to be an attorney and wanted to represent people, but something changed his mind about being a defense attorney. He explained how he once had a client of whom he knew absolutely that he was guilty but since he was a defense attorney he had no choice but to represent him. This ultimately changed his life and made him want to be a prosecuting attorney instead. He talked about all the different jobs and position that he

had throughout his life and it was interesting. He was very happy when he asked him about various questions ranging from his early life to his position now as Inspector General and how different they are as well as what he enjoyed most about each job. We spent about 45 minutes asking him about questions and at the ending of the meeting we took a group picture and had a great experience.



Inspector General Glenn Cunha

Spotlight on Ben Tayag

This summer, Ben worked for Inspector General Glenn Cunha. Below, he lists three interesting things he has learned from his experience. This fall, Ben will be attending the College of the Holy Cross.

- 1 The importance of a self-checking mechanism within government itself, the IG's independence allows the office to pursue cases and issues that politicians might not want to. Without this aspect, corruption like the kind seen in Massachusetts during the era of the Ward Commission can seep back into our institutions of government
- 2 The importance of transition: Each Inspector General is allowed to serve a maximum of 2 five year terms, after talking to some people who have been in the office it seemed to me whenever a new IG came into the office he (as it's only been men so far) has built upon the progress of the last while at the same time bringing in a fresh perspective and new ideas and direction.
- 3 I've also learned the anti-corruption policy doesn't stop simply at detection and prosecution, but also at prevention. The IG's office offers an educational program to government procurement officers so that they know the laws regarding procurement, and techniques to ensure that taxpayer money is not wasted or fraudulently taken.



Born and raised in the neighborhood of Dorchester, Mayor Walsh strives to make Boston a place where inclusion and growth are principles of each of its inhabitants. It was clear that as we sat around a table in the Mayor's side of City Hall that Mayor Walsh, a man of Irish-Catholic, Bostonian roots was extremely proud of his city. He started by speaking to us about the value of constituents. His understanding of the Ward Fellowship was that it was a tool to allow us as young people to help as many people as possible in a city that we were lucky enough to grow up and be educated in - in saying that he was absolutely correct. His words praising the value of constituents in and around Boston resonated with many of those like myself who had spent the last few weeks doing constituent services in our respective offices. When asked about the highlights and lowlights of his career, our Mayor, a man of Irish-Catholic background who knows well the old guard of our city cited his vote to preserve marriage equality in the city and state. He was called by a fellow representative, a member of the LGBTQ+ community who needed the vote of an "Irish-Catholic, straight guy" and he was happy to oblige. It speaks volumes that Mayor Walsh, a man of a traditionally conservative background, fights for progressive, inclusive, and societally productive values. He also recounted a lowlight - promising a mother whose son had been murdered that he would vote for the death penalty to be enacted in Massachusetts knowing that he had his doubts, and then having to tell her he

was changing his vote. A State Representative at the time, it taught him to think before he spoke, but to always value the words and opinions of those around him. After taking questions on the opioid crisis, Sanctuary cities, and the role of his 24 Hour Hotline, Mayor Walsh gave us some personal insight. He touched on his 22 years in recovery and warned against the effects of drugs and alcohol on younger generations. It showed the Mayor's incredible ability to take his personal experiences and use them to impart pivotal advice on others, this time specifically a class of bright, young politically involved people. In closing, Mayor Walsh asked us all to get politically involved at a local level, especially if we had begun to be disenchanted with federal government. He spoke about the incredible city we all live in, a city that unlike Haiti, a country he visited in 2009, is fortunate to have resources like running water. Recalling his ability to simply go wash his hands in an airport restroom while leaving Haiti was a striking moment for him - he was so lucky to live in a place that provides him, us, and all those who live in this city with basic, and beyond basic, public resources. In our meeting Mayor Walsh made sure to impart one thing if anything - he is so proud to be from, and to be leading the City of Boston, and we should be too.

MAYOR WALSH

by Will Burnett, I



Strolling in with a baby carriage and a bag full of diapers, Michelle Wu greets all of us with a huge smile. If you thought it was hard enough being President of Boston City Council, think again. Imagine being a mother to a new born baby and a toddler, going back to overseeing the entire city council after just a few days of giving birth, and then presenting an amazing meeting to twenty fellows while changing a diaper. Well you just imagined the incredible Michelle Wu.

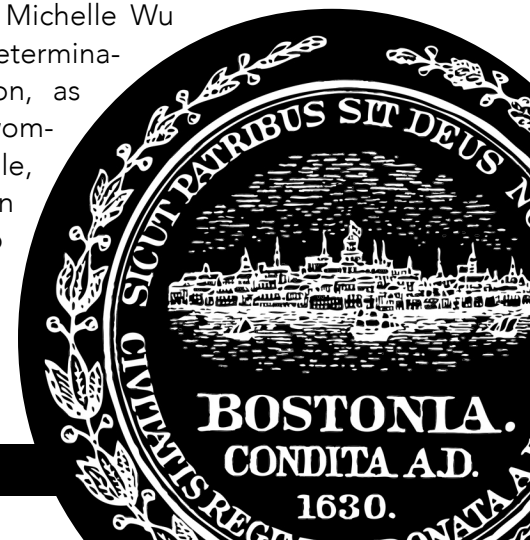
She starts off the meeting saying, "When I was seventeen or around your age I never thought of working as President City Council. If you would have asked me what I wanted to be, I would have said to be stay at home mom". Councilor Wu later tells us her life growing up in an immigrant family, who emphasized on earning good grades and receiving a great education. Therefore, she was never really exposed to politics or to the government until later on her life when her mother was suffering through mental health problems. After attending to Harvard University and working in business, Michelle placed her career to a halt to handle issues growing in her family. As her mother's mental health deteriorated, she took the role of raising her younger and siblings and the care taker of her mother. Through constantly going to government offices for her mother, she realized that she wanted to change and improve the flaws of the system herself. That is when Michelle Wu

began to involve herself more into the sphere of politics where she eventually earned her position as President of Boston City Council.

Councilor Wu goes more into depth about her career and how difficult it was for her in the beginning due to her being greatly younger than her colleagues. She tells us, "There was a lot pressure for me being that young and earning that respect. I had to work twice as hard to show people that I was capable enough". She goes on to speak about her proudest moments while being President of City Council, such as the paid parental leave policy, which she can relate to very deeply being a mother to two young children herself.

Michelle Wu's importance on family has not just helped her own family, but numbers of families in the entire city of Boston. She somehow manages her hectic work life, while still being able to spend quality time with her husband and kids. Michelle Wu truly embodies determination and dedication, as she inspires many women, young people, mothers, and even people of color to reach for things they would have never imagine doing.

by Vivian Tran, II





Formerly known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Boston Planning and Development Agency was renamed on its 60th anniversary last year in an effort to rebrand itself. It was no longer the authoritarian entity that plowed through the West End, Sculley Square, or Barry's Corner - it's an agency that aims to work with the city, putting an emphasis on a new word added to their title - planning. Echoing the sentiments of former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, BPDA Director and BLS graduate Brian Golden spoke proudly of Boston when he said, "Great cities aren't born, they're made." The BPDA now aims to redevelop and plan the city in a way that feels productive and gives more to the city than it takes - it aims to truly make the city what it needs to be. Director Golden, in an informative and personalized powerpoint, spoke proudly of the work the BPDA did on the Ray Flynn Marine Park. It has created over 3 million square feet of commercial-industrial space in both new and rehabilitated buildings that now support over 250 businesses, employing approximately 3,500 people. Director Golden also spoke of the redevelopment surrounding the Big Dig that created the Rose Kennedy Greenway and gave Boston back its skyline, unmarred by highways and cars. Perhaps the most striking portion of the conversation focused around a development made by the former BRA - the flattening and destruction of Boston's West End neighborhood in

the 1950s. The before and after photos of the West End elicited sad and surprised reactions around the room - so many homes and families seemed to have disappeared from one powerpoint slide to another. And yet, Director Golden next showed us photos from a talk he gave at the West End Museum - a museum dedicated to the history of Boston's West End. He spoke of the reparations he made in speaking at the museum while also getting to speak to people who used to live there. He marked it as a historically important and heartwarming event. In closing, Director Golden also imparted to us some wisdom - always write a note. While deployed and in active service, Director Golden made it a point to write thank you notes to constituents in his Allston/Brighton based district when he was a State Representative - allowing him to be re-elected even after a term overseas. Overall our experience at the BPDA was informative, intriguing, and eye-opening. Many fellows came forward with questions on gentrification and displacement, which albeit being hard questions were answered thoughtfully - the BPDA is committed to living up to its new name. It's fully recognized that planning is an essential part of building and restoring a city and that planning involves not only those who are doing redevelopment work - but members of the public.

BY WILL BURNETT, I

SPOTLIGHT: GISELLE HALLIDAY

This summer, Giselle worked in the Office of Housing Compliance at the Boston Public Development Agency (BPDA), the former Boston Redevelopment Agency. Since development and housing are both significant issues facing Boston today, Giselle was asked to describe some of the projects that she has been working on this summer.

My most significant project over the summer was organizing and reviewing the files of the affordable units that the BPDA monitors. I was responsible for making sure all the files were accounted for, that the information in them was correct, and that the tenants still qualified for their unit. When a new residential unit is built within Boston, under certain circumstances it must include affordable units, also called Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) units. Right now the requirement is 13% [of the units must be IDP], but many would like to double it to 26%. When the BPDA and the developer finalize their agreement and decide which units will be the affordable ones, most commonly a lottery is held to pick the tenants. The BPDA calculates the annual Area Median Income (AMI) and this is used as a measuring stick to limit income and rent qualifications for the IDP units. If an individual is picked in the lottery and they qualify under the AMI restriction of the unit (numbers vary from 50%-120% of the AMI), then legal restrictions exist so that who need them and there is residents who may face dis-here, the mayor released cluded in. It showed the housing units under his will expand along the

they can reside in the unit. So many the units are fairly offered to those even a preference to Boston placement. During my time an IDP report that I was in-progress of the affordable administration and how it lines of Imagine 2030.



I was lucky enough to be able to attend two BPDA board meetings over my time in the office. This experience truly showed me how much influence the agency has over the city. When a developer wants to begin a new project within Boston's zoning parameters, they must be approved by the BPDA board. However, this isn't the only step. When a new development is being planned, they must hold community outreach meetings to see if support exists or not. If the neighborhood approves, then the project can be taken to the board. When presenting their idea, the developer must take into consideration many factors, including parking, environmental consequences, green space, and accessibility. For me, this also highlighted how valuable real estate in Boston currently is and how urban development has evolved.

On several occasions, I was able to sit in on a training sessions between the BPDA housing compliance staff and developers. When a development takes on our IDP units, it is their responsibility to recertify their tenants each year. This is a complicated process, as there are many steps that need to be taken with caution. Once an individual is initially approved to obtain a unit, he or she must be recertified after one year. This requires that the developers calculate the tenants' annual income using their pay stubs and assets. Several formulas are involved and there are also some exceptions that must be taken into account sometimes. Observing all of the details of tracking the units made me realize how strict the requirements are because they are intended to assure that affordable units are going to those who really need them.



boston planning & development agency

BY THERESA NELSON, II

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris is one of the well known pioneers for women in the corporate world. When she was coming up she was apart of a profession that was only 15%

women. Now, it is 50%. Growing up, Judge Saris was in the most affluent schools, such as Girls' Latin, Radcliffe College, and Harvard Law School. Using all the knowledge gained from these experiences she continued her career in public service, stating that she "loved the

way lawyers think". As a judge, it is her job to be brutally honest and give the right judgement, which she displayed in the meeting with the Ward Fellows. She felt our struggle as Boston Latin School students, but assured us that it would only get better. She said, "I struggled

at Girls' Latin, I can't imagine what you all go through today". As chief of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Judge Saris took the Ward Fellows through an experience as an acting jury, forcing them to realize how hard it is to decide the

fate of someone. This experiment made it clear that most of the time, a judge's hands are tied when it comes to sentencing someone who committed a crime, or took part in

goals of sentencing are rehabilitation, retribution, deterrence and public safety. Breaking down all the aspects of sentencing proved to the Fellows that it is not as easy as it seems.

US DISTRICT JUDGE PATTI SARIS

Q&A WITH PRICE NICHOLAS, II

Price was a fellow in the office of State Senator Chang-Diaz this summer, where he was able to do extensive policy research and participate in the political processes of state government. Find out more below!

What was your favorite part about interning with Senator Chang-Diaz?

One of the things I really enjoyed about the internship was meeting so many interesting and impressive people in the Senator's office. With all that we hear about how dysfunctional government is in our country, it was great to see that there are people working in politics who are smart, competent and actually care about the constituents they serve.



What areas of legislation were you focused on during the summer, what did you learn about these areas?

I was assigned a summer-long project to examine public education, so I definitely focused on that. It was a lot of looking at data about stuff like funding, performance, and attrition rates in Massachusetts's schools. One piece of education policy that interested me was the LOOK bill, a bill regarding bilingual education in Massachusetts.



What kind of impact do you think you've made through your work this summer?

I wish I could say that I had saved someone's life this summer, or even just helped someone get a job, but it turns out that the impact one has through public service is a lot less flashy than that. That isn't to say that I don't feel like I made a difference at all though. The first example that comes to mind is a constituent case that I worked on. A woman called because she couldn't pay her rent, and was going to be evicted. I called and gave her resources for paying the rent, as well as programs that would help her if she became homeless. I also called a few of these programs and gave them her information so that they would reach out to her themselves and give her enough time and attention. It was situations like that where I felt like I had truly done something that impacted someone's life for the better.



Anyone who doubts, as I did, the prominence of the BLS alumni network needs only to spend an hour with House Speaker Robert DeLeo to discover the truth. For me, the "BLS connection" was just some myth carried on by Latin School teachers and administrators to make their students feel special, and I imagined that it really carried no weight in the real world. Then I met Speaker DeLeo, a BLS alumni himself. He spent the first part of the meeting with the Ward Fellows just talking about how much he loved Boston Latin, and how his respect for

someone goes up exponentially when he learns that they too are alums. Hearing one of the most influential people in Massachusetts speak so highly of the BLS network was eye opening for me; it made me realize that maybe this whole thing I had heard about for six years was legitimate, maybe it would help to be a Latin grad later on in life. After all, as Speaker DeLeo jokingly observed, it does seem like BLS alums do rise through the ranks of the House a little faster than other State Reps. Although the Speaker spent quite a lot of time expressing the love

he felt for his old high school, it was certainly not the only thing he addressed. He talked to us about how important he felt it was for young people to get involved, and how much he hates it when he hears that young people feel like they can't make a difference, and that it isn't even worth trying. He also spoke to us about some of the highlights of his political career, such as when he met Obama or won the Legislator of the Year award for his work on LGBTQ rights. DeLeo even opened up about how difficult it can be to handle the press, and how often he feels misrepresented and given a bad name in many media circles. Throughout the meeting, one of the things he stressed the most was the importance of compromise in politics. He praised Governor Baker for working hard to unite both sides of the aisle, and he explained how he felt that compromise was the only effective way to pass meaningful, long lasting policies. Looking back at the time with him, it is hard not to feel lucky to have had the chance to meet with someone like the Speaker, and to have been able to truly talk to him and learn from him.

SPEAKER ROBERT DELEO



BY PRICE NICHOLAS, II

COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY



City Councilor Matt O'Malley is the first Ward fellow to be elected; he says, "there's nothing like your first run for office." After spending the summer of 1996 in former State Treasurer Joe Malone's office, he realized that public service was the perfect career path for him. Like all Ward fellows, Matt did struggle during his time at Boston Latin. It wasn't until halfway through his junior year that he had an epiphany and a sense of gratitude for the opportunities and education that this school offered him. Before the Ward fellowship, he spent a summer interning for the former At-Large City Councilor Peggy Davis-Mullen. This experience fueled his affinity for politics and government, which resulted in him applying for the Ward fellowship the following year. After graduating BLS, Matt attended George Washington University. In Washington, Matt was able to work in D.C.'s municipal government under Councilor Jim Graham. Under Graham, Matt was able to truly see the effectiveness of local government and the immense impact that it can

have on the constituents' daily lives. He then returned to Boston and worked on some campaigns, most prominently Andrea Cabral's campaign for Suffolk County Sheriff in 2004. Matt was later elected to Boston City Council in 2010 to represent District 6 and has held the seat ever since. His district includes Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, and sections of Mission Hill and Roslindale, which is the largest district by population, totaling around 75,000 constituents. O'Malley sits on several commissions and he is the Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Commission. He is a strong advocate for Boston's parks and is credited in leading the installation of free sunscreen dispensers around the city. He sees taking action about environmental policies to be an urgent matter, especially given the ideologies of our current president and EPA chair. This absence of leadership calls for state and local governments to pick up the slack

and fill the voids that have been left by the federal government. Although the city of Boston has been progressive in sustainability and has won awards for this, he still believes that there is so much more to be accomplished. O'Malley's role entails working with constituents to solve their issues as well as public safety issues. The Councilor cares deeply about the Ward fellowship and the Latin alumni network, which he feels indebted to. He urg-

es the 2017 fellows to take advantage of this opportunity, and even encouraged them all to run for office one day. He wants to inspire today's generation to get involved and become advocates for the issues that are important to them in order to cope with one of the toughest times in politics.

BY GISELLE HALLIDAY, II

REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MADARO

For State Representative Adrian Madaro, life never stops taking him by surprise. When he was a junior in high school, Adrian didn't think much of applying for the Ward Fellowship. "I just needed a resume padder," he kids. When he started working for an environmentalist from East Boston, however, he became fascinated with public policy and constituent services. "As a seventeen year old, I felt like I was getting justice for my community," he explains. It was only the beginning.

Now in the State House, opposed to roaming the streets

of East Boston with campaign flyers in the dead of winter, Madaro faces a new challenge: serving his diverse constituency. He groups his constituents into three categories: the old guard, the young professionals, and the immigrant population. He believes that each brings something indispensable to the community, while also posing unique challenges. Although Madaro deals with a multitude of constituents and issues, he never compromises his beliefs. He gives the example of the transgender bill that passed through the house, which many Representatives voted against under constituent pressure. Although he faced similar pressure from the Old Guard population in East Boston, he did not abandon his principles. "I will vote for equality every time I have the opportunity". After voting in support of the bill, Madaro personally called every person that had complained about his vote, and ex-

plained his stance. "I lost a lot of supporters, but I probably would've lost them anyways," he reflects.

By the end of the meeting with the Ward Fellows, Madaro's booming personality and passion has captivated each of us. When a fellow asks him whether he has a life outside of his job, we all laugh, expecting him to take the question as a joke. But, a note changes in the room. "No, I don't," he says. He tells us about how he is no longer able to go out to eat with his fiance in his own neighborhood, because constituents will approach him with questions, how the phone doesn't stop ringing until 1 AM some nights. "And I love being on the receiving end on those phone calls," he says, but, he understands why some people quit after years of people calling you nonstop. "It's a thankless business," he says, "you could do a million favors for someone, but they'll be the first to out you." Nevertheless, Madaro never stops giving back.

BY LILLY ANDERSON, I

WARD FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI SPONSORS

When Rachel Madden was asked in an interview why she wanted a job at the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, she replied, "It has been my dream to work at ANF since I was 17 years old." This was a bit of a surprise to her interviewer. Most 17-year-olds do not know what ANF is. However, as a former Ward Fellow working for the lieutenant governor Evelyn Murphy in 1988, Madden had the opportunity to learn about the Of-

fice of Administration and Finance at a young age. She saw that ANF had all the real power in government because it is the office that controls the budget. The Ward Fellowship solidified Madden's interest and future career in public service. Madden gave us a piece of advice: do not underestimate government. Although the budget can sometimes appear tedious and boring, it is important. Rachel Madden is impactful in her own way. For example, she told us the story of Pinto the Cat. Governor Baker began a regulatory reform initiative and chose Madden to run it. While in the midst of working on this initiative, Madden met with her friend, Mary Nee, who immediately

suggested an animal shelter reform. There was a system in place that required domesticated animals that came in with unknown open wounds to be quarantined for six months. During this time of isolation, many animals begin to self-harm. Madden met Pinto when he was quarantined. She saw the self-inflicted gashes in his arms and as an avid cat lover, she knew she had to do something. After Madden advocated for the reform for a month and a half, they passed the animal shelter reform and the quarantine period was decreased to four months. This is just one example of the great things government can do that you would not necessarily think of.

BY JULIA PRIOR, II

ANF UNDERSECRETARY RACHEL MADDEN

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ALLIE KENNELLY, TULANE



CONGRESSMAN CAPUANO

The ten weeks I spent interning for Congressman Mike Capuano were some of the best of my life. I have known for a while that I was interested in pursuing a career in government and politics, and have participated in many related internships as a result. But, after completing this experience I am more sure than ever that I want to dedicate my life to this field. As an intern in Congressman Capuano's office I was given the unique opportunity to not just answer phones and give tours of the capitol building, but to attend hearings and briefings on behalf of staff, write memorandums, and respond to letters from constituents. I left this office with a greater understanding and appreciation for how our government functions. And, furthermore, I have great admiration for the dedicated public servants--such as Chief-of-staff Robert Primus, pictured here--who work in the Congressman's office. It is because of their diligence that the City of Boston can count on Congressman Capuano to represent their best interests.

Working as an intern in Senator Elizabeth Warren's office was always bound to be interesting. This particular summer, especially with the attempted repeal of the Affordable Care Act, ensured this from the beginning. As a tireless progressive politician serving in the Senate in this political moment, Senator Warren knows there is endless work to be done and that knowledge permeated the office, energizing the staff and interns alike. This greatly enhanced my own dedication to the tasks that were given to me. Every interaction with a constituent, whether that happened while leading a tour of the Capitol or speaking to someone on the phone or reading a piece of mail, had the capacity to engage and encourage civic engagement and her office ensured that her team of interns took this very seriously. Through these interactions and the opportunities I had to attend briefings on topics like student loans and unethical banking practices, I gained a deeper understanding of the frustrations people all across the United States and in Massachusetts are feeling. Working in an office filled with brilliant and passionate people who are inspired everyday by their boss, Senator Warren, was infectious. Together, this staff works to counter and address the underlying causes of the frustrations and challenges constituents described. I walk away from this experience committed to finding my own avenue through which to effect change and address the inequities and moments of progress that I bore witness to everyday this summer.

SENATOR WARREN



ROSE SILVERMAN, SMITH

CONGRESSMAN KENNEDY

I had the honor of working for Congressman Joe Kennedy III's office for nine weeks as part of the Miller Fellowship. It was an incredible opportunity to be part of such a deeply engaging political environment. Because my primary responsibilities included fielding calls from constituents, drafting legislative and congratulatory letters, and finding and referring casework to the Congressman's district office, I believe that working on behalf of the Congressman's constituents was the crux of my internship. Although I pursued important policy-related projects such as researching the lack of affordable housing for low-income families (housing is one of the issues I'm most passionate about), I felt, and feel, that the positive impact I made on constituents far outstrips anything else I did during my nine weeks on the Hill. I am beyond grateful to have worked in Congressman Kennedy's office; not only did his staff encourage me to take initiative and ask for the kind of work I wanted to do, but the Congressman's impassioned organizing and advocacy regarding issues such as defending the Affordable Care Act and protecting transgender rights stand out to me as being truly admirable.

CHENGFENG SHAO, SCIENCES PO



The past ten weeks I had the huge privilege of interning for Congressman Jim McGovern as the first Eamon Fennessy '49 Fellow in the Miller Fellowship, and I'd like to start by thanking the Fennessy family for funding my position and giving me the opportunity to learn everything I learned this summer. In Congressman McGovern's office, I answered phones, wrote letters to constituents, attended briefings and staff meetings, and gave tours. In the latter part of the summer, I also worked in the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which Congressman McGovern is the co-chair of. There, I helped organize briefings to educate members of Congress about human rights problems abroad and to encourage them to enact legislation to help remedy those issues, which honestly felt like one of the most important things I've ever done. It's not worth shying away from the fact that 2017 is a very politically volatile time, and both while in McGovern's personal office and at the Commission, I witnessed some of the most dedicated and progressive people in all of Congress work tirelessly to defend people's rights and dignity, and it is nothing short of inspiring to have been a part of it.

ANTHONY CHERRY, BROWN



CONGRESSMAN MCGOVERN// Fennessy Fellow



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.

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 refreshed 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.

REMARKS FROM JUDGE WOLF