

Summer 2019

Ward Fellowship



“One must act as if one can make a difference.”

— John William Ward

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Price Nicholas	U.S. Representative Joseph Kennedy III
Eddie Sanchez	U.S. Senator Edward Markey
Maggie Sullivan	U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch

Meet the 2019 Ward Fellows



Olamide Adeyeri '19
Williams College

State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz

"I shared the Senator's energy as she fiercely advocated for better opportunities for low-income communities."



Umang Bansal '19
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Attorney General Maura Healey

"I feel empowered by the fact that my work definitely had a tangible impact on the people I helped."



Lindsay Dieudonné '19
Suffolk University

Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell

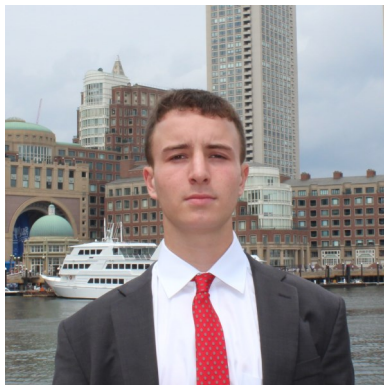
"After seeing so many people going above and beyond for the public good, my interest in public service has grown."



Kingston Herbert '20
Rising Senior

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh

"I now have a greater reverence for the efforts of public servants, and I hope to use my knowledge to help others."



Prescott Herbert '20
Rising Senior

State Representative Adrian Madaro

"It was amazing to learn from Rep. Madaro, who had been so positively influenced by the Fellowship himself."



Luceille Humphrey '20
Rising Senior

Inspector General Glenn Cunha

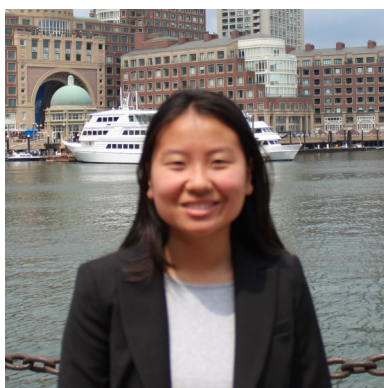
"I saw that government officials aren't as intimidating as they may seem, and that they genuinely want to do good."



Maymuna Rahman '20
Rising Senior

U.S. District Judge Patti Saris

"I took away insights from the courthouse that added to my resolve to become a public servant and advocate."



Elizabeth Spy '19
Mount Holyoke College

Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu

"I came to realize that democracy is truly a conversation between constituents and their government officials."

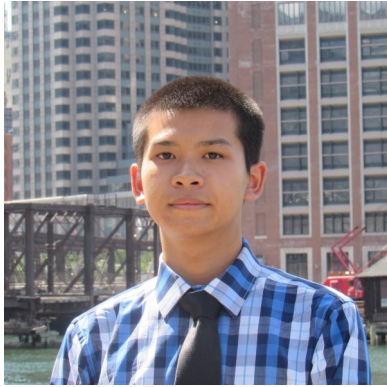


Owen Sullivan '19
Colby College

Boston City Councilor Matthew O'Malley

"The Fellowship has given me an immense head start in any career path within civil service and politics."

Meet the 2019 Ward Fellows



Yanxi Fang '19

Harvard College

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf

"I gained much insight into the federal court system, and my interest in the law has been refreshed."



Nikita Fils-Aimé '19

University of Massachusetts, Boston

Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins

"After working on a cold case this summer, I am now considering criminal justice as a potential career."



David Flagg '19

Harvard College

BPDA Director Brian Golden

"Having talked to Director Golden many times, I now have a changed outlook on the meaning of public service."



Sarah Knotts '20

Rising Senior

MSBA Director Jack McCarthy

"I'm inspired by the passionate leaders that we met this summer, and by their work to effect social progress."



Daniela Londono '20

Rising Senior

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins

"I met with many individuals working in law enforcement, providing me with new insights into the justice system."



Charles Ma '20

Rising Senior

House Speaker Robert DeLeo

"I saw the whole range of the public sector, allowing me to realize that politics is not the only path to service."



Charlotte Terrass '19

Harvard College

State Representative Jon Santiago

"After my Fellowship, I want to pay it forward and be in a place where I can help young adults in my position."



Isabella Tran '20

Rising Senior

Boston Globe Columnist Shirley Leung

"I now realize that public service and journalism are noble and crucially important professions."



Libby Wu '20

Rising Senior

Governor Charles Baker

"It was so invaluable to have heard directly from public officials about their unique trajectories through life."

By Sarah Knotts

The Places We Go...

With this trip being my first experience in DC, I didn't know what to expect beforehand. Once we arrived, however, I quickly realized how incredibly unique and interesting this opportunity would be. One thing I enjoyed was getting to take in DC's culture. While traveling from one location to another, I appreciated the aesthetically pleasing Metro stations and the efficiency of the trains. Although much of the trip felt faster paced, there were certainly spare moments that were well spent appreciating the smaller details like the music in the streets, the green spaces and the numerous places to get delicious food.

Much of what we saw while touring in DC was nothing short of magnificent. The friezes on the walls and ceiling of the Supreme Court were absolutely breathtaking. I was amazed by the detail and thought put into these designs, especially how influential figures of history were placed together to emphasize characteristics the court has valued since its establishment. The Library of Congress seemed to have every kind of book and artifact imaginable. I couldn't believe at first that many of their resources were so accessible for research and study use. I was in awe getting to see the wall of names in the House of Representatives beam with color as we saw officials putting in their votes for new bills. The historical significance of the National Mall hit me as I took in the countless visitors who had traveled across the world to see this site. It was incredible to witness the memorials designed to honor the sacrifice of U.S. soldiers as well as the social and political progress brought through the work of figures like Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was interesting to learn about the different moving parts of DC as well as how they collaborate with one another. Overall, it was surreal and inspiring to be immersed into a place that holds so much of our country's past, present, and future.



David Flagg and the Washington Monument



At the Lincoln Memorial



All Around Washington DC



The Supreme Court



The Library of Congress

By Elizabeth Spy

...And the People We Meet!

Before touching down in DC, I honestly was not looking forward to meeting with elected officials. I figured they would be self-interested, agenda pushing, and media trained bureaucrats who would be late to meetings, take phone calls throughout, and exit as soon as possible. However, after our first meeting with U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark's chief of staff, I realized that this was not the case. Representative Clark's office walls were lined with paintings of symbols of the towns she represents in Massachusetts, painted by a local artist — a display that indicated affection for and sense of connection with our state — definitely not the indifference I had expected. Following this, Senator Ed Markey literally ran into our meeting between votes in the Senate. Though he could only stay for about 10 minutes, his meeting with us was one of our most memorable. I will always remember his enthusiasm as he discussed potential renewable energy sources and his hopes for a better environmental future for America. In contrast, Congressman Jim McGovern was not as obviously energetic when we met with him. However, he answered our questions about everything from gun control to immigration with so much passion and knowledge that we could not help but feel inspired by him. His answers were thoughtful and backed up with his personal experiences interacting with constituents, and he continued talking with us until his assistant reminded him that he needed to leave. Even then he lingered in his office, talking about the posters on his wall with a group of us who remained.

These meetings showed me that legislators, at least Massachusetts legislators, are not the apathetic, plodding career politicians so often depicted in the media, but people completely committed to working for positive changes for our country. Far from the boring encounters that I had originally anticipated, these meetings with public officials were a significant revelation, and more importantly, were true highlights of our DC experience.



Andrew DeStefano — AFSCME



Congresswoman Clark's Chief of Staff



Senator Warren's Staff



Congressman McGovern



Congressman Kennedy

The 2019 Miller Fellows

The Miller Fellowship is a program that allows former Ward Fellows to pursue a summer internship in Washington, D.C. Here, the 2019 Miller Fellows share their experiences working on Capitol Hill.

Lilly Anderson is a rising junior at Barnard College of Columbia University studying History with a concentration in Race & Gender. As a Miller Fellow this summer, Lilly worked in the office of Massachusetts Congressman Jim McGovern. There, she researched and reported on nutrition policy, helped prepare testimony for hearings, wrote press releases, and ran the Congressman's YouTube page.

Lilly's love for Massachusetts politics began when she worked at the State House as a Ward Fellow, and grew last summer, working for Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell, where she led an initiative on Inclusive Practices for Immigrants. At Columbia, she is on the Debate Team, volunteers with the Housing Equity Project, and is a student journalist. She hopes to return to DC or Massachusetts to pursue a career in government after college.



Lilly Anderson
U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern



My name is Price Nicholas, and I am a rising sophomore at Carleton College. As a Miller Fellow this summer, I had the opportunity to intern in the office of Congressman Joe Kennedy III. I was tasked with handling constituent calls and requests, drafting letters, and writing meeting briefings. I also gave tours of the capitol to constituents visiting Washington DC, and did policy research for the Legislative Assistants in the office. Additionally, I had the chance to meet with a few representatives and their staff, as well as attend many interesting briefings on a variety of political topics. I greatly enjoyed seeing the human side of politics on Capitol Hill, and appreciated the chance to meet and learn from many people working in DC. In my free time, I took advantage of the free museums here in DC, and spent a few weekends touring through them all.



Price Nicholas
U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy III



My name is Eduardo Sanchez and I am currently a rising junior at Boston College. This summer I had the incredible opportunity and privilege to work at Senator Ed Markey's office in Washington. This Fellowship was an amazing opportunity because it truly gave an authentic and educational glimpse into how public service and policy-making are conducted on Capitol Hill. My main tasks as a summer intern included giving tours and answering phones for constituents, writing policy memos, attending congressional hearings and briefings on both the House and Senate sides, and aiding the Senator's policy staffers in countless projects. The Senator's staff were very attentive to be giving work that aligned with my policy interests which made

for an invaluable learning experience. I found it very exciting to be working in the halls of Congress and extremely fulfilling to be working in the Senator's office on behalf of the people of Massachusetts. There was never a dull day on the Hill.



Eddie Sanchez
U.S. Sen. Edward Markey



As a Miller Fellow, I had the honor of working in the office of Congressman Stephen Lynch. This summer, I had the opportunity to attend some amazing meetings and events with the Congressman and his staff. I was able to witness the Congressman in action while he attended his committee meetings. Being able to attend committee hearings and markups with the Congressman was fascinating. The Committee on Oversight and Reform was particularly eventful during my internship and I was able to learn and experience so much. During my internship I witnessed this committee do things like vote on holding Attorney General Barr in contempt, discuss Kellyanne Conway's violations of the Hatch Act, and hear testimony from people who had been held in detention centers at the Mexican border. Working on Capitol Hill this summer made me feel so much closer and connected to the government. It also confirmed for me that public service is the career I would like to pursue in my future. This Fellowship gave me a new perspective on the way our federal government works and an experience that was both rewarding and meaningful.



Maggie Sullivan
U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch

We asked the Ward Fellows about their experiences...



Charlotte Terrass

What was unique about being an intern for State Rep. Jon Santiago?

The working environment of a freshman representative, like Rep. Santiago, is very unique. Just as I was learning new things, the other members of his staff were, too, because we were all (relatively) new to the environment of the State House. Additionally, new representatives are only allotted a small staff, so I was given the opportunity to work on a wide spectrum of things throughout the summer.

What kinds of work were you able to do this summer?

On my first day, I was attending public hearings and writing various policy memoranda for the office. My level of involvement with the office's operations only increased throughout the summer — soon, I was helping out with constituent services and serving as a community liaison in reaching out to the Rep's district. I also interacted with various advocacy groups to listen to neighborhood concerns, and at one point, I coordinated with research fellows to advance a long-term research project about differences in legislation nationwide. Overall, I was actually pleasantly surprised by the amount of trust that my sponsor placed in me.



How was your summer at the Attorney General's Office?

My summer was great. Walking in to the office on the first day, I had absolutely no expectations about my day-to-day work, having communicated with my supervisor only about logistics. I was initially assigned a filing project, in which I alphabetized voluminous records from the pre-digital era. However, soon, I was given more substantial work, and was assigned to the Trades and Professional Services team, where I received training and remained for the rest of the summer.



Umang Bansal

What did your day-to-day responsibilities include?

My day-to-day work involved calling businesses and trying to convince them to reach a mutually agreeable resolution for consumers who had disputes, even though there was no legal obligation to do so. On my last case before leaving the office, I was actually able to reach a successful resolution, thus saving the consumer more than \$300 on an issue that they couldn't fix themselves.



Prescott Herbert

Were there any particularly memorable moments as an intern for State Rep. Adrian Madaro?

One moment that stands out most was the Rep's testimony in front of a panel of his fellow legislators about the negative impacts that ride-sharing apps, like Uber and Lyft, were having on his community. I distinctly remember the Rep stepping in and waving across the room to me (and Gloribel, a legislative aide), before delivering a passionate speech. Immediately afterwards, Mayor Walsh stepped in to testify. This moment reminded me of the privilege that I had as a Ward Fellow.

What did you learn from your summer internship experience?

My work consisted mostly of constituent services: writing letters to residents of the district, and organizing service requests as they came in. Through this work, I learned a lot about the people of East Boston, and their unique needs. I also learned about the crucial role of legislative aides — through Steven and Gloribel (both BLS alumni) — while they also enhanced my learning experience this summer.



What are some of the highlights of your experience at the Boston Globe?

My summer experience has been really impactful. Working with Globe columnist Shirley Leung, I've been able to meet, and talk to, many people, making connections with journalists, reporters, photographers, and editors at the Globe. I've also been able to interact with people outside the Globe in connection with some of the Shirley's stories, including the MBTA's General Manager and the CEO of Vertex.



Isabella Tran

Was there anything you did this summer that surprised you?

Yes! Throughout the summer, I've been surprised by the level of responsibility that Shirley and the Globe staff have allowed me to have. For example, I had a brief assignment helping the Spotlight Editor with an ongoing, confidential investigative project, which I had definitely not expected. Additionally, while I did do some clerical work, I had an incredibly welcoming experience overall, and the staff were focused on the goal of getting my name into a byline before the end of the summer, which, of course, is very substantial.

About Julius E. Babbitt '87

The Julius E. Babbitt '87 Memorial Fellowship was established in 2008 as a summer internship program designed to award a deserving Class II Boston Latin School student who has exhibited 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 first 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 bi-monthly magazine aimed at the international student community.

In 1998, the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research in Boston honored Babbitt with its Better Government Competition Award for the PeaceAmerica Foundation, which he founded to promote violence-prevention programs based in various communities.

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.



Ajani Boyd '20 2019 Babbitt Fellow

CPCS Chief Counsel Anthony Benedetti '83



"The greatest part of the Fellowship was the meetings: they really opened up government service for me."

Ajani has been a lifetime resident of the Uphams Corner area in Dorchester, and this summer, he is the 2019 Babbitt Fellow, working at the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), the public defenders' agency of Massachusetts.

Outside of the classroom, Ajani is actively involved in youth music programs run by the New England Conservatory, which has allowed him to play abroad on several occasions. He is also the Co-President of the BLS B.L.A.C.K. club, and participates in a Young Men of Color program at school.

Working at CPCS, Ajani quickly realized that the clients are overwhelmingly good people, and have simply found themselves in bad situations. He has also been inspired by the attorneys around him, who are giving up the wealth associated with private law firms for the fulfillment of defending those in need.

In the fall, Ajani will be a senior at Boston Latin School, and in the future, he looks forward to continuing his own public service.

Spotlight on the 2019 Babbitt Fellow, Ajani Boyd

This summer, I have had countless positive experiences through the Ward program, but while working at CPCS, one case in particular has been the most memorable. It was a youth offender case where a kid, only a little older than me, was being charged with armed robbery and illegal possession of a sawed off shotgun. During the trial, I sat with a law student who helped break down what was happening, and at various points in the trial I got to talk to his mom a bit here and there. After the closing statements, while the jury was deliberating, I remembered something Kristin Muñiz (one of my supervisors, and a public defender) told me: as a public defender, while you can be one hell of a lawyer and do all you can, at the end of the day, it comes down to the jury, and the only thing you have in your control is making your client and their family feel human, and listened to, and fought for. So, I went up to the kid's dad, introduced myself, I asked him how he was holding up and then we just had a conversation. I told him about my internship, and that I was from Dorchester — soon, I had found out where they lived, only a several minutes' drive away. We talked about how he took time off to be there for his son, about the criminal justice system as a whole, about the case, how good of a job the attorney was doing and more. Ultimately, the jury came back with a not-guilty verdict on both charges, and the mother started crying tears of joy. The kid turned around and was so happy and relieved, and I could see it all over his face. Then the dad turned around to me, and said thank you. There was so much joy in that moment, and while I wasn't the attorney, or the judge, or a juror, the feeling of contributing, even in such a small way, was something truly beautiful, that very few other things can compare to. That moment was the pinnacle of my Ward Fellowship experience and I'm grateful for it all.

Spotlight on...



Lindsay Dieudonné

One of my first constituent cases this summer was also one of the most rewarding. An elderly woman, who was living in public housing, had called the office, and explained that she was told she might be evicted if she didn't downsize her apartment. I became curious as to her living conditions, and after calling her, I found out that she has a daughter with cerebral palsy who benefits from the wheelchair-accessible unit. After hearing the story, I called the Boston Housing Authority and asked to speak to the director. I explained the situation, and although it took a few days, we were eventually able to help the woman keep the apartment for only \$10 more a month.

Sarah Knotts



As an intern at the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) this summer, I learned a great deal about how the agency helps public schools throughout the state finance renovations, repairs, and new construction. I was given the chance to work in multiple departments, including Human Resources and Finance, allowing me to get a much deeper understanding of multiple parts of the MSBA, which I thought was very unique. I also appreciated having Jack McCarthy, the Executive Director of the agency, as my sponsor. He was approachable and kind, and really wanted me to learn as much as I can from my summer experience, constantly checking in throughout the summer.



Maymuna Rahman

I was very fortunate to work for Chief U.S. District Judge Patti Saris this summer. When I first started, I had never imagined that I would be able to form such a close connection with her and have conversations with her beyond those during court proceedings. I felt blessed to sit with her at lunch, whenever she was available, because she was just so welcoming. Likewise, inside the courtroom, I learned a lot. Early on, there was a criminal case about a woman accused of a drug conspiracy, and I was instantly invested. I began to piece all the evidence together, and read many case opinions to learn more about the relevant laws. By the end of the summer, having attended court sessions almost daily, I had grown to be very passionate about the law.

David Flagg



Working in the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development this summer, I reviewed applications submitted to the city's Tuition Free Community College (TFCC) program. To apply, students are required to submit both an online application and a separate authorization form to access their academic records. However, most of the time, prospective students had only submitted only one or the other, so I had to contact the students to obtain the missing information. Although this work may sound trivial, it is extremely important, because students could not be approved without completing both forms. This became incredibly relevant when I recognized the names of some applicants, and I realized that I was directly able to help students that I knew personally.

Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu

By Ajani Boyd

City Councilor Michelle Wu is a well-known figure in Boston, especially now, so coming into the room we were all very excited to meet with her. She was very kind, and gentle from start to finish and greeted us with warm welcomes and a smile. To start the meeting off, we went around the table introducing ourselves, giving our name and where we were interning for the summer, and then Councilor Wu began to tell us her story. She talked about growing up in Chicago, being the child of immigrants, and trying to find her purpose and passion. She went to and graduated from Harvard College, but had to return to Chicago due to her mother's health. Her experience fighting with the government to care for her mother while also having to serve as a mother figure for her sisters and fight with the government on that front caused her to decide to work in government so that she could help provide those in need, like her family was then, with adequate assistance. She talked about returning to Boston, attending Harvard Law School, having Elizabeth Warren as a professor and mentor, and working with Mayor Menino's chief of staff. When Elizabeth Warren decided to run for senate, Michelle Wu volunteered, and she spoke to us about how that made her realize the importance of politics, and the importance of people having a seat at the table. She then told us about getting the opportunity to run for City Councilor, and with her mentors supporting her and encouraging her, she won and became the first Asian American to be a Boston City Councilor. She then opened the floor up to questions where we asked about and discussed the census, racial disparities, income inequalities, climate change and the updated UN report giving us until 2030 for it to be reversible. We also talked about Boston as a trailblazing city, planning & development, why she chose Boston as her home, the city's segregation, and of course, her popular plans for MBTA reform. As Boston high school students and recent graduates, all without cars, that part of the



meeting was highly anticipated and did not disappoint. She broke down her plans so in depth that of my 3.5 pages of notes on the meeting, 1.5 of them are all about the MBTA. Coming out of that and towards the end of the meeting, the questions shifted to city politics, expanding to state politics, and ending on national politics and the 2020 election. By the end of the meeting, she was on her way to the next thing in her busy schedule. She was an amazing inspiration to us all, and if next 3-10 years really will define the next 30-100, having someone like her in government fighting for change and moving others to do the same gives me hope.



Mayor Martin Walsh

By Libby Wu

In this day and age, many politicians seem to be untouchably outspoken people with an artificially mindful air about them. For this reason, average citizens tend to be distrusting of public officials and disillusioned with any possibility of good government. Mayor Marty Walsh, on the other hand, appears to have restored some faith in the residents of Boston. His humble roots from a normal family in Dorchester made it all the more inspiring to learn about the incredible trajectory of his career. Struggling with alcoholism as a young adult, Walsh recovered his ambitions through various treatments at rehabilitation centers and subsequently advocated for recognition of people as victims, not culprits, of addiction. From then on, he launched his political career around 20 years ago as he became a Massachusetts State Representative for the 13th Suffolk District. His amazing pursuit to "do something good" led him to finish a college degree at Boston College 15 years after his incomplete academic journey at Suffolk University, but there was a surprising factor to his motivation: People close to Mayor Walsh had told him that he would never get a degree, and that general disbelief fueled his desire for a fulfilling education.



When he was elected as the Mayor of Boston in 2014, his priorities became the priorities of an increasingly modernized Boston, with many innovative proposals that continue to put our city at the forefront of various movements. The Mayor's focus and dedication to this city is truly stunning, and we see that reflected in the changes he revealed to us, specifically pertaining to some of the more outdated and inaccessible systems that Boston has in place. For example, next year's 6th graders will have the chance to take the ISEE at their own school instead of at test centers, which tend to be at inconvenient locations that act as barriers to equitable access to Boston Exam Schools. This feature plays into a broader initiative of his administration, one that focuses on enhancing public education for all students and addressing the issues of diversity and appeal to all groups residing in Boston. Aside from his policy-minded persona, the Mayor also has an impressive reservoir of wisdom for us all to learn from during the meeting. He urged us to learn something different that can diversify our careers, since it may be a beneficial idea to avoid that straight path to our target career when deciding about college. Last but not least, his advice that "life's too short to be miserable" is definitely something to keep at the back of our minds, despite it being simple and somewhat cliché.

State Representative Jon Santiago

By Sarah Knotts

Getting to meet with State Representative Jon Santiago was both an interesting and encouraging experience. He was born in Puerto Rico but after moving to the United States, grew up in Roxbury. His family then left for Texas where he stayed until graduating from the University of Texas in Austin. He joined the Peace Corps for several years, serving and living with the poorest communities in the Dominican Republic. His experiences there greatly influenced his later work as a public servant. He learned and still believes in the importance of seeing things firsthand and being informed on a topic by talking to the people who are directly affected by an issue.

Rep. Santiago has been working as an emergency room doctor at Boston Medical Center and has had to balance that work with his role as a State Representative. He recognizes that his district is very diverse in terms of disparities of wealth and power, as it encompasses parts of Back Bay, Fenway, South End, and Roxbury. He told us that his work as a physician and his exposure as a local resident makes him much more aware and concerned about substance abuse issues affecting a growing population in Boston. He witnesses much of it up close since he sees many people being brought in to the hospital due to an overdose. He believes substance abuse treatments could be better tailored to assisting people where they're at and thinks services offered would be more effective spread out rather than concentrated in a smaller area. From discussing his grassroots campaign to his current work on public health, it is clear that Santiago cares about the people in his district and their quality of life.



Boston Globe Columnist Shirley Leung

By Owen Sullivan

During our meeting with Shirley Leung, a columnist for the Boston Globe's business section, we sat in on a meeting with many of the editors of each section of the Globe as they planned out which articles to promote, monitor, and print in the next day's paper. We were given a tour of the new Boston Globe offices, as well as participated in a panel with Boston Globe Editors and Staff—Shirley Leung, Managing Editor Jennifer Peter, and reporter James Pindell.

We discussed many topics related to news media and politics; many of our group's questions centered around the relationship between media and increased partisanship, as well as how best to address the issue of bias in reporting. We also delved into the decline of print media, and its ever-increasing importance in a world ruled by corporatized and biased television and social media news outlets. Grappling with how to handle and report on an increasingly radical and partisan political culture seems to be one of the most controversial topics today.

Reporting is, in many ways, a valid form of public service, if done ethically, and Shirley Leung, and the Globe as a whole, exemplify this principle. Effective governance, and informing the electorate is impossible without strong, independent news outlets. The Globe, and other media, serve as an integral part of our democratic process.



Attorney General Maura Healey

By Daniela Londono



The meeting with Attorney General Maura Healey was interesting and engaging. Not only did we have the opportunity to talk to the AG, but we were also able to speak with employees from different units of the office. We were able to hear about each of their journeys on how they got to where they are as well as what they currently do. One amusing fact that we learned was that they have sued the Trump administration multiple times; a recent win was stopping the addition of the citizenship question onto the census which would have had negative effects. We learned about the AG's commitment in attempting to deal with the opioid crisis and teaching about prevention early on. They also told us about a lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies. We also learned about how Attorney General Healey created the Community Engagement Unit after she had learned that not many people actually knew what the AG's office did, showing her commitment to her constituents and wanting to hear our concerns. After hearing from the panel of employees, we were able

to ask the AG questions: how she chooses which cases to take on, what is being done for criminal justice reform and more. She answered all of our questions enthusiastically, leaving us with great knowledge and understanding about what the AG's office does.

Governor Charles Baker

By Elizabeth Spy

It is not every day that students have the opportunity to meet and talk with the governor of Massachusetts, so when the Ward Fellows walked into Governor Charlie Baker's office we were already prepared to be impressed. The office itself, furnished with an enormous wooden desk, many chairs, two substantial couches, with a silver chess set on a table between them, was one of the nicest we had seen out of the many offices we had visited. The seascape hanging behind the desk testified to our state's coastal location, and perhaps to the governor's oceanside home in Swampscott, while the portrait of former Governor John Volpe reminded us that Charlie Baker's position as a Republican governor in largely Democratic Massachusetts, though it may be

challenging at times, is not unique. When the Governor walked in, my first thought was honestly that he is very tall! But as he began our meeting asking each of us to introduce ourselves and the offices we worked in, I was struck by his engaging personality and attention to detail. Since some of us are about to begin college, he asked where we were going. After hearing that one of the Fellows would be attending Suffolk University, the



governor told a story about how, before there was WIFI in the State House, many State House workers tapped into the service from Suffolk. Governor Baker also told us how important the Ward Fellowship is to him, noting that he helped fund it when it was low on funds in the past. When the governor was called away to take a phone call from "the vice president," we thought our time with him was probably over—but he soon returned. "Just a quick phone call about trade agreements," he told us, and then posed for a group photo. Governor Baker has been rated the nation's most popular governor, and after meeting with him, it was clear that his personable and down to earth character is a factor in his popularity.

Inspector General Glenn Cunha

By Lindsay Diudonné

Inspector General Glenn Cunha was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick as the 5th person to hold the position in the history of the Commonwealth. IGs serve up to two 5-year terms, with IG Cunha in his seventh year, now serving his second, five-year term.

Originally, the office of the Inspector General was established in 1981 by the recommendation of the Ward Commission (named after John William Ward, its chair), which was focused on finding and fighting the corruption of state and local building projects. People would normally contact the IG's office if they suspected or witnessed criminal activity, especially fraud and corrupt practices in public procurement.

Glenn Cunha went to Boston College and interned at the State House. He went to law school after few years of college. He also sold hospital supplies for a good number of years before he realized that he wanted to be a lawyer. Stressing the importance of getting references, he told us that we need to always be on time for work and do our best, even mentioning his teenage children as examples.

Before being appointed as the Inspector General, Glenn Cunha was a prosecutor for 17 years and worked at many district courts in various parts of Massachusetts. For example, he worked for the Suffolk County District Court for 6 years, then for the Massachusetts Attorney General's office for 9 years as managing attorney of criminal bureau and with the Human Trafficking Unit.

IG Cunha's first significant and memorable case was the Woodward case, where a nanny from England was being charged for manslaughter of an infant. Throughout his career of being an IG, he's worked on several child abuse cases and sex trafficking cases. Because of his notable work in the AG's office, Governor Patrick wanted someone who could work with rather than against the people, and Glenn Cunha did exactly that.

His passion for working for the good of the commonwealth has brought him to heights in his career, but he has also seen some lows. During our meeting, IG Cunha gave a very passionate speech about how the Red Sox are scamming the commonwealth at no cost to themselves. According to him, the revenue that Red Sox are getting from Fenway should be going to the children of Boston in terms of textbooks and school funding.

IG Glenn Cunha left us with this parting advice: "Do what you really love to do, but also get references."



Boston Private Industry Council (PIC) Executive Director Neil Sullivan

By Olamide Adeyeri

Born and raised in Michigan, Neil Sullivan was convinced to study in Massachusetts at Amherst College because of a lie his father told him when he was leaving for Amherst, that it was a different college, Notre Dame. Upon arriving, he would soon realize that he was *not* in Indiana and that his father hadn't been honest. Stuck in Massachusetts, Neil Sullivan decided to make the best of it and gave the college a chance.

Giving the college a chance would prove to be a good decision. While there, inspired by the boldness of his professor, John William Ward, Neil Sullivan would begin the path towards where he is today. First, with Ward, he would fight to make Amherst a co-ed institution. Later, he would graduate from Northwestern University with a Master's in Education, work as a high school history teacher for three years, and serve as both a Community Organizer and Campaign/Research Director for Massachusetts Fair Share for five years where he would work to ensure that Massachusetts would remain a leader in education. Although a nascent leader in education policy, he had yet to find his true calling.

In 1992, he did when he took another chance and left for something new. First working with Mayor Raymond Flynn and later Mayor Thomas Menino, he began his role as Executive Director of the then fledgling Boston Private Industry Council (PIC). In the 26 years and 7 months since he began this role, Neil Sullivan has transformed the city of Boston, connecting the youth with local employers, he has changed lives, bolstered at-risk youth into rewarding careers, and strengthened every community within the city. Five decades ago, Sullivan felt the evil of a failing education system upon arriving in Massachusetts. A warrior armed with degrees and a leader commanding both courage and energy, Neil Sullivan remains on the vanguard of education policy in America. Unafraid to take chances, he continues to seek the cure to our education system and to inspire youth like myself to do the same.



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Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Deer Island Sewage Treatment Plant

By Prescott Herbert

It is not a stretch to say that the Deer Island trip was one of the most immersive and interesting meetings that we have had all summer. We visited the waste treatment plant on the 29th of July and were given a guided tour by the Deputy Director, Ethan Wenger. Mr. Wenger told us that he became fascinated with waste management when he was in college studying environmental science. He said that clean water was almost "too simple", and that he liked waste management more because of the fascinating technology that he gets to work with every day. As he walked us around the island, Mr. Wenger explained that the plant uses a complex system of pumps, filters and drains to separate the liquids from the solids. After the waste has been isolated from the water, the two go in different directions. The water goes to a separate facility where it is treated with chlorine to kill the rest of the germs and is then sent through a pipe into the ocean. The waste goes to a separate part of the treatment facility, and eventually makes its way to the iconic white egg-looking structures, where bacteria slowly break it down. Mr. Wenger allowed us to go to the top of one of these machines and the view of the harbor was incredible. We also visited the control room, where a group of Deer Island employees were carefully watching tv monitors that show the status of each pump. Our tour guide explained that the pump is the most important part of the facility and that without it, the waste would be sent right into the harbor without being treated. The tour concluded with our return back to the small museum near the entrance. The Deer Island sewage treatment plant is crucial to the proper function of not only the harbor and its surrounding area, but to the 3.1 million people that it serves. It was an amazing experience to learn the details about how such an important public facility operates, and Deer Island is clearly an example of government at work.

Special thanks to Rachel Madden (Ward Fellow '88) and the MWRA staff at Deer Island for making this trip possible!



Lawrence S. DiCara '67

The meeting with Mr. Lawrence DiCara was one of the most exciting and entertaining of the entire summer. It began with the usual pleasantries, yet was immediately more personal than any of our previous meetings. With a simple “I’m Larry,” Mr. DiCara chose to begin our meeting by focusing on us, asking us each for our names, sponsors, and neighborhoods. We were amazed as he rattled off personal anecdotes concerning every one of our sponsors, and by the fact that he seemed to know every street in Boston.

After introductions, Mr. DiCara turned to his own life. Growing up in Dorchester as a son of Italian immigrants, he went on to attend Latin School as a member of the illustrious class of 1967 (or as he put it, “the best class Boston Latin has ever seen.”). There, he had a successful career, winning the gold medal in



declamation and serving as class president. He remarked that both former House Speaker Thomas Finneran and current Speaker Robert DeLeo voted for him on the first ballots that they cast.

From there, Mr. DiCara went on to Harvard College where he studied government. It was while at Harvard that he began to analyze voting blocks within the city and came to an important realization. He discovered that there were groups of people around the city that would vote for either: a Dorchester boy, someone with an Italian name, or a Harvard grad. Realizing that he could appeal to all three, he announced his candidacy

By David Flagg

for Boston City Councilor at-large three days before he graduated from college. He won, and became the youngest person to be elected.

From here, Mr. DiCara offered anecdotes from his time on the council. Perhaps the most interesting came from his time as acting mayor during the Blizzard of '78. Greeting card companies were worried that people would not be able to make purchases for Valentine’s Day. To remedy this, he signed a proclamation saying that February would now be Valentine’s Month. When his authority was questioned, and knowing that the Catholic Church was going to celebrate Ash Wednesday on a Sunday that year, he remarked, “Cardinal Madeiros moved his day. I’m gonna move mine.”

Overall, the meeting with Mr. DiCara was one that was not soon to be forgotten.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo '67

When we walked into Speaker of the House DeLeo’s office, the first thing I noticed was the sign honoring the fallen from Massachusetts during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom since June 2016. I hadn’t met Robert DeLeo yet, but I knew I was going to like him. I then saw the pictures of all the past Speakers, which only further proved to me that this man was someone who I respected. DeLeo went to BLS, something he is very proud of, graduating in 1967. He told us all about how BLS is going to change our lives, and genuinely believes it. Throughout the meeting it was obvious that DeLeo enjoyed talking to us, and wanted to answer

all of our questions to the best of his ability. We asked about his life, about his job, about his political beliefs. He played baseball, he visited a farm to talk to talk about milk prices, he rides the train with his granddaughter. But more seriously, DeLeo is eager for change. He wants to fight



By Luceille Humphrey

climate change, he wants a better MBTA system, he wants to fight for LGBTQ+ rights, he wants to change gun laws. He unwaveringly believes in the importance of Massachusetts. We have been on the forefront of social change for most of America’s history, and he wants to continue to do so. We have the strongest gun laws in the country, we were the first to legalize gay marriage. While the current administration in DC makes his job a little harder, he is a consensus builder, so he tries to put people’s differences aside and get things done. Robert DeLeo believes in democracy, in Massachusetts, in the power of youth, and it showed in our meeting with him.

Chief United States District Judge Patti Saris '69

By Umang Bansal

Our meeting with Chief Judge Patti Saris wasn't even close to what I was expecting. Instead of an austere judge's chamber, we met in a conference room with great acoustics. We ate lunch around the conference table while holding an hour long informal discussion about Judge Saris's rise to the federal court. As a federal judge responsible for sentencing those convicted in criminal cases, she spoke of the importance of changing our sentencing laws to lower mandatory minimums and reforming our prisons to rehabilitate prisoners.

We started off with a brief history of her life. Before Boston Latin School became co-ed, Judge Saris attended Girls Latin School in Dorchester. Despite then going on to Harvard's Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School, Judge Saris still believes that Girl's Latin is the hardest thing she has ever endured. After college, Judge Saris clerked at the Supreme Judicial Court and then decided to go into private practice. Within just a few years, however, she decided that she was more interested in public service, and headed to



Capitol Hill to work for Senator Edward Kennedy, where she was first introduced to sentencing laws and guidelines.

Throughout the rest of her career as a magistrate judge, then a state judge, then a federal judge, Judge Saris saw more and more the impact of sentencing laws on the criminal justice system. When, as a federal judge, Judge Saris was asked by President Obama, first to chair the Sentencing Committee in DC, then to chair the Commission, she agreed to head back. She spearheaded efforts to reform sentencing laws, resulting in the Criminal Justice Bill, which lowered federal mandatory minimums and allowed for greater judicial discretion in sentencing.

Judge Saris has a significant history in the judicial and legislative spheres, with a particular focus on sentencing reform. Having watched her in trial, it is easy to see the care with which she listens to and reviews each case. It was amazing to be afforded an hour of the very busy Judge Saris's time to understand how she has worked to change the faults of the criminal justice system.

School Building Authority Director Jack McCarthy '76

By Prescott Herbert

The Massachusetts School Building Authority, or MSBA, is responsible for nearly everything related to the renovation or building of schools in the Commonwealth, and Mr. McCarthy, a graduate of the Latin School, has been at the helm since 2012. He talked about how he became involved with the authority, discussing his experience working with the inspector general and how he discovered a passion for public service. He also walked us through the process of how the MSBA decides which schools receive renovations and which ones do not. The schools that pose a present, physical danger to their students are first in line, followed by schools that may become dangerous in the near future, which is then followed by schools that do not have enough space for their students. Mr. McCarthy says that the hardest day each



year is when he has to say no to 90% of the requests that he receives. However, he says that he finds his job incredibly rewarding and recognizes the importance of students having a safe, productive place to learn. He also talked to us about frustrations that come with his job.

In one instance, a town that he was working with was in desperate need for a new school. The people in that town, however, voted no when a request for a meager amount of funding was put on the ballot. Mr. McCarthy says that in certain places in Massachusetts, education is not given the priority that it is here in Boston. Overall, it was such an amazing learning experience listening to Jack McCarthy, and every single one of us now has a much better understanding of what the MSBA does and why their job is so important.

Meetings with Latin School Alumni

By Charles Ma

Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)

Director Brian Golden '83

The Boston Planning and Development Agency as an entity doesn't seem to receive much attention and recognition from the public even though its work has been instrumental in shaping Boston into the city it is today, quite literally. It seemed that this was one of the meetings that we knew less about going into, but BPDA director Brian Golden, who is a BLS alum and a reserve US Army officer, engaged us in his informative PowerPoint presentation, detailed his own journey in public service, and left us with a greater understanding of the BPDA's role in Boston's development.

Before our meeting, we were lucky enough to get a fascinating tour of the BPDA's model of the city. Constructed by a team of full time model builders over the last few decades and adapted to reflect the present geography of the city, the model took up an entire conference room and was a near copy of the city itself. Many of us flocked around the dedicated model of Longwood, where we were able to pinpoint Latin School!

After the tour, we entered the BPDA's meeting room and awaited Mr. Golden. However, Director Golden wasn't the only Latin graduate in the room. We were fortunate to start off the meeting by hearing from another alum and member of the BPDA's team, Aisling, who is in charge of reviewing and making permits for construction applications. Director Golden quickly took over and presented his personalized keynote presentation. Mr. Golden was delightful to hear from, and whether he was describing the agency's mishap of bulldozing entire neighborhoods in the 1960s, presenting graphs and charts emphasizing Boston's unprecedented population growth and demand for housing, or tossing in jokes at a certain Mayor that served behind bars, his enthusiasm for his job always shined through.

Thankfully, the BPDA has shifted its strategy away from razing poor neighborhoods in recent years and Director Golden outlined some of the key ways that they were helping to accommodate Boston's population boom while keeping housing affordable for all. He provided interesting and knowledgeable perspectives when he was asked about anything from private sector infrastructure, rent control, federal public housing, and even his time serving abroad.

Director Golden and the BPDA are unsung heroes who do difficult and integral work daily to move Boston towards an ever brighter future. We learned how, as Director Golden put it, "a great city isn't born, it's made." The Ward Fellows left the meeting with a more fully developed understanding of the forces that helped shape the city that we know and love into, more importantly, what all of us now call home.



By Maymuna Rahman

Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS)

Chief Counsel Anthony Benedetti '83



In 2010, Anthony Benedetti, a member of the Latin School's Class of 1983, took on the role of Chief Counsel of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) in Massachusetts, a decision that would transform the way in which he would contribute to society. Previously, as a Public Defender in Plymouth and Bristol Counties, he helped those wrongfully convicted by fighting in court to get them a reduced sentence, and offered himself as a lawyer for those unable to afford one in court. Aside from his responsibilities, he advocated for criminal justice reform, particularly for raising the age of eligibility for juvenile detention. His involvement in other things beyond public defense further demonstrated his passion in the public sector. Benedetti's work highlights what it means to be a public servant: fighting for those who are unable to. In our meeting, he shared cases with the group and gave insight into how meaningful the job was to him. In

addition to what made the job worth it, Benedetti was quick to acknowledge the consequences, including having no choice in defending a person who most believe to be guilty and consequently facing personal acceptance. He was very open to talk about cases he worked on that challenged him morally, but made clear that no matter the circumstance, the client depended on him to help them and that their request becomes his obligation. It was apparent to me that his enthusiasm for his work was incredible and inspiring. From this meeting, I learned to value the work of public defenders, and realized their endless dedication to those who cannot afford help.

Meetings with Latin School Alumni

Vice President and General Counsel, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Ernani DeAraujo '99, Ward Fellow '98

By Kingston Herbert

I think I speak for all the Ward Fellows when I say that the meeting we had with Ernani DeAraujo was one of the most unique of the summer. The experience meeting with someone working at a non-profit was a first for many of us, myself included. Ernani was incredibly passionate about the work that he (and his workplace) was doing to provide health care to those who could not afford it, and it was obvious everyone else working at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center shared that passion.

Through our meeting, we were able to see a different side of public service, a side which is just as committed to advancing the public good as the elected officials we have met with, but which goes about doing so in a different way. Besides being able to talk with someone involved in a non-profit, Ernani also offered a lot of valuable lessons and information to us that made the meeting even more special. He emphasized the importance of a "zig-zagging career" as a way to ensure one is doing meaningful work while remaining financially stable. It was a perspective that I found very valuable, because it is easy to think, especially at a younger age, that a career must be a single, linear path. One can either work as a banker or a civil servant, but not both. Ernani and his experiences, as well as those of his colleagues who stopped by to talk to us, though, showed me that this is not the case, and that one can still lead a career devoted to public service without making significant monetary sacrifices.

Another unique aspect to the meeting with Ernani was the depth of the connection he has to the Ward Fellowship and BLS as a whole. Having not only been a Ward Fellow but also one of the very first Miller Fellows, it was inspiring to hear how much his experiences in these programs shaped his career, and how much time he still puts into both of them today to ensure that each new batch of Fellows have the same great experience he did. Of all the people we have talked with, I have not met someone as simultaneously committed to both their current work and the experiences that got them there as Ernani is with EBNHC and Boston Latin School. When we met with State Representative Adrian Madaro earlier this summer, he mentioned that Ernani's role as his mentor was the main reason why he is where he is today. I was a little skeptical that one person could have such an influence over another person's success, and was sure that Representative Madaro was exaggerating the impact that his friend Ernani had on his life. But having now met with Ernani himself, I am left with no doubt that Adrian Madaro was telling the truth, and that there are probably many more people who would say the same thing.



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Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell '00

By Isabella Tran

After navigating through a life of twists, turns, and obstacles, Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell arrived at the conclusion that her life's purpose was serving others. In our meeting with her, Councilor Campbell spoke with passion and enthusiasm when describing her unique path to becoming the first African American woman to serve as Boston City Council President.

A self-described product of Boston Public Schools. Councilor Campbell attended 5 BPS schools before her time at BLS. After high school, she attended Princeton University and her credentials go on, but her path has been anything but expected.

Many of the politicians we spoke with before Councilor Campbell had emphasized the importance of setting an example by continuing Boston's legacy as "the best" or "the first" in a multitude of categories. Sure, that's great and all, but Councilor Campbell explained that you can name all the stats showing how great Boston is, but when you pull this data apart, considering gender, racial, and socioeconomic disparities, our numbers are much more bleak.

Councilor Campbell has dedicated her efforts to connecting with her District 4 constituents so that every story in the city of Boston gets represented. Her hope is to change the narratives of communities like Mattapan and Dorchester which often face prejudice by talking about all the great work that her staff is doing. She enthusiastically shared plans for a jazz festival and other projects highlighting positive community opportunities, often obscured by predominantly negative coverage of the area.

Her own connections with the criminal justice system through her father and brothers' incarceration motivate her to work on re-entry of former inmates. The tragedy of her twin brother's death in custody inspired her to share his story, one that would otherwise never have been heard.

When asked about her future goals and ambitions, Councilor Campbell says, "I take it one day at a time. There's a lot to do from where I sit right now." And in a very Oprah like manner, Councilor Campbell advised us Ward Fellows to "find something that keeps you grounded because that's where the joy is."



Boston City Councilor Matthew O'Malley, Ward Fellow '96

By Lindsay Dieudonné

Councilor Matt O'Malley is the City of Boston's District 6 representative, which consists of West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, some parts of Roslindale and Roxbury, and the Back of the Hill. He is well-known by many throughout his district. But before being elected onto the City Council, Matt O'Malley was working towards being Boston's game changer.

Like many respected people in government, Matt O'Malley graduated from Boston Latin School in 1997. During his time at Latin School, he was a Ward Fellow with Treasurer and Receiver-General of Massachusetts, Joe Malone, but also interned with city councilor at-large Peggy Davis-Mullen before participating in the Ward program. After those two opportunities, he found himself falling in love with local government as well as environmental policy. He moved on to George Washington University to study Political Science and English, with local government still in his heart.

At the age of 23, Matt O'Malley ran for city councilor at-large in 2003 but lost. He helped campaign for Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral in 2004, and she was the first female in the history of the Commonwealth to become Suffolk County Sheriff. After helping Sheriff Cabral, he decided to run again for city council in 2005 and to his dismay, he lost again. He was then



the Political Director for MassEquality, and a Political Consultant for Steven Grossman and Stephen Pagliuca. Finally, O'Malley took the stage again and ran in 2010 for city council. This time was victory. At our meeting he described it as, "it's either three strikes you're out, or the third time's a charm." His quote was perfect in encapsulating how hard-working and determined he is when he is out to accomplish all the goals he has set.

In 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017, Councilor O'Malley re-campaigned and is now running unopposed this year. When asked what is the biggest issue our city faces, he responded without hesitation: "the displacement of minority groups," which happens to be a huge issue when it comes to gentrification and urban development in areas where mostly low-income families are located. Another issue he states is pushing Boston towards a negative direction is the quality of the MBTA and the lack of dedicated bus lanes, which we all 100% agree with.

Before we left, we asked for some life advice as most of us are moving on to senior year or college. His parting words were "find your passion, no matter what it is, follow it," and to take as semesters abroad. With his work, advice, and his story of his sunscreen dispensaries that made a special appearance on *The Simpsons*, I have no doubt in my mind that Councilor O'Malley is one of the contributing members to the hope and visions that keeps Boston alive.

State Representative Adrian Madaro, Ward Fellow '06

By Charlotte Terrass

Throughout our 5 hour meeting, Adrian Madaro, the State Representative for East Boston, proved again and again why he is the perfect embodiment of the Ward Fellowship. After seemingly falling into this Fellowship program quite cluelessly, Madaro was able to utilize it to its fullest extent — and even participated in the Miller Fellowship program while he was in college. He embraced his opportunities to represent his community and fight for the justice that East Boston, his neighborhood, deserved. At the same time, he was learning how to network and find mentors, as he stressed to the newest class of Fellows. In particular, he noted the importance of forming relationships and finding mentors, such as his very own mentor, Ernani DeAraujo. From the minute the meeting started, he focused on making sure that we understood the privilege that was presented to us as Ward Fellows.



“We walked away with a renewed sense of possibility and a greater appreciation for the opportunity that we’ve been given.”

His story and career path emphasized that people need not take traditional or straightforward paths to success. Representative Madaro proudly told us about how he first juggled completing his undergraduate degree with his work as a legislative aide (going to night school), and later how he managed to attend law school while representing the people of East Boston (also going to night classes). Whether through a funny anecdote about a constituent or the more serious moments where he discussed pressing matters affecting East Boston, Madaro knew how to get through to a group of 20 young people. He showed us all what it means to not only successfully represent a community, but also how to effectively use government to create change. For Madaro and his office, there is no constituent complaint or request that is too small or inconsequential. He frequently receives phone calls and messages on his personal phone because he is not afraid to give away his number. This is just one way he makes himself fully available to the residents of his district. Overall, this meeting gave us a small, yet inspiring, glimpse into the Representative’s world. We walked away with a renewed sense of possibility and a greater appreciation for the opportunity that we have been given.

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf



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 thirty-four 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 1970s, "corruption was a way of life." As this newsletter reflects, many fine public officials have provided the Fellows with exceptional opportunities and wonderful role models. As the Fellows' comments demonstrate, they have been inspired to participate in the public life of our Commonwealth, and, through the Washington D.C. Stanley Miller Fellowship for former Ward Fellows, of our country. Hundreds of them are now energetically engaged citizens. 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 to making the Fellowships possible.