

WARD FELLOWSHIP 2013

Alumni Newsletter



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

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**MARCELLA
CARUSO**



"But the part that makes the Ward Fellowship as unique as it is, is its ability to bring together 17 or so teenagers and tell them that what they do and think matters."

RAYMOND CEN



"From Marty Walsh's reminder to never forget your dreams to Corporation Counsel William Sinnott's advice to stay true to yourself, each meeting inspires us to improve ourselves and our community."

Meeting with the Inspector General

By Cindy Lee

On July 3, 2013, the Ward Fellows were fortunate enough to have met with Inspector General Cunha to learn about his history with public services and his role as Inspector General.

We would like to thank him and his office for their time.

The Office of the Inspector General was established by John William Ward and the mission that continues today is to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse of government funds. Initially the office of the Inspector General oversaw construction contracts for the University of Massachusetts Boston and they worked to end the bribes and corruption that occurred with the building. Now the office oversees more building cases like funding school buildings based on financial and educational needs. The office also helps municipalities in its division of training courses where classes are taught for the purposes of teaching public officials to follow the law and to maximize their use of state money to help save funds for the Commonwealth. In addition, the office performs investigations on public corruption cases. They work to gather and analyze data, interviews, bank statements and other relevant information and afterwards refer it to prosecutors such as those in the Attorney General's office.

Glenn A. Cunha is the current Inspector General of Massachusetts but before him were three Inspector Generals that served for ten years each. It is interesting to note that he is the first lawyer and a former prosecutor of eighteen years to be the Inspector General. His interest in public service grew when he interned with a state senator during college. At Suffolk University Law School, he considered being a defense attorney but later decided on being a prosecutor where he could help victimized people and not just find the best possible result for the person he was defending. After law school, he volunteered six months before becoming the Assistant District Attorney in Norfolk County for three years. He dealt with cases such as drunk driving, drug use, domestic violence and sexual assault. He later worked as the Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney for six years and managed cases related to drug trafficking, homicide and child abuse. He also served the Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse Unit during that time in 2003-2004. He later left the District Attorney office because he felt that the dark cases he worked with had a psychological effect on him.

Next Cunha worked in the Attorney General's Office where he faced cases that were related to white collar crime such as insurance fraud and high position abuse for six years and spent the following two years in the criminal bureau where he worked on cases related to drugs, public corruption and cybercrimes. He feels that his cases as a prosecutor lawyer were very rewarding because he was able to help and empower people that lacked a voice in their government. An example of one of his cases was when the head of the Chelsea Housing Authority claimed to be paid less than his annual income and neglected the needs of the tenants that included the poor and elderly.

On August 6, 2012, Inspector General Cunha began his first year of five years as IG of Massachusetts. He believes that his past jobs and experiences have influenced and helped his current position. While the Office of the Inspector General does not prosecute, they are able to subpoena documents and investigate cases that they later refer to the Attorney General. It should be noted that many people in the office including the Inspector General himself worked in the Attorney General's Office before and this explains their good relationship when they work together to clean up public corruption. One case that Inspector General Cunha and his team reviewed was the Hinton Drug Laboratory's operations in which former state drug lab chemist, Annie Dookhan, falsified and tampered test results and evidences that impacted many drug conviction cases.

Meeting with Councilor Matt O'Malley

By Alexandra Kennelly

Last Thursday, The Boston Latin Ward Fellows headed on down to City Hall to meet with BLS grad and alumna to the Ward Fellowship, City Councilor Matt O'Malley. A younger O'Malley and Roslindale resident, at the time, participated in the Ward Fellowship as a junior at Boston Latin. "Everyone says that my campaign colors should be red and blue or green and yellow, but they don't understand the important connection that comes with donning the Boston Latin purple and white," he reminded us during the meeting.

Councilor O'Malley represents Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, and parts of Roslindale, Mission Hill, and Back of the Hill. He was elected in 2010 in a special election and has been reelected once since then in 2011. He is currently running for reelection. When I asked Councilor O'Malley if the fear of an election every two years kept him from accomplishing a lot of his goals, he admitted that a looming election not only keeps him from making bold decisions, but also takes some time away from his job as City Councilor. However, he also noted that as City Councilor he is not often in a position to make many bold decisions, as most of his job involves making sure all the pot holes are filled and fallen trees are removed.

During the meeting, Councilor O'Malley took the Ward Fellows into the Council chambers where we each had the opportunity to sit in one of the thirteen councilor's chairs and participate in a mock city council vote. The issue at hand was: who should vote on whether or not a casino is built in East Boston, the residents of East Boston or the residents of the entire City of Boston? Councilor O'Malley explained to us that in the upcoming month the thirteen councilors will vote on this very issue. While most of the councilors feel that this is an issue solely for the people of East Boston, Councilor O'Malley believes that it will greatly affect the entire city and so the entire city should vote. After discussing the issue and hearing the opinions of the fellows, we ended up voting not on the original issue, but on an amendment made by fellow Kevin Mayer. The Mayer amended, which passed unanimously, declared that the entire City of Boston would vote on the issue at the same time, but the votes of the East Boston residents would be counted separately. If they vetoed the casino, the rest of the city's votes would not be counted. However, if the residents of East Boston voted in favor of a casino, it would be the rest of the city's vote that determines whether or not a casino is built.

Councilor O'Malley is currently a resident of Jamaica Plain, my hometown and one of the neighborhoods he represents. Recently, he has been doing a lot of outreach to the heavily Latino parts of JP, by meeting with new businesses in the Hyde Square area and hosting a "Hot Dog Night" every Thursday near the South Street projects. He told us that Jamaica Plain's diversity was its biggest strength, as JP is the only neighborhood in Boston that accurately displays the diverse make up of the entire city. As a resident of Jamaica Plain, this was my first time ever meeting Councilor O'Malley, however it gives me great solace to know that the man who most directly represents my town, believes in the importance of celebrating its unique qualities and the incredible people who live there.

**ANTHONY
CHERRY**



"It may not seem too big, but no effort is too small when it comes to teaching children and teenagers about voting and being an informed citizen and I am, almost paradoxically, both proud and humbled to be a part of the effort."

ALICJA GANCARZ



"We believe that it is extremely important for others to know about [public corruption] so that we may never experience any kind of corruption again, so that our lives may be made better in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Washington D.C. Trip By Kevin Mayer



I had never been to Washington D.C. before my trip with the 2013 Ward Fellows. I had been to New York and Orlando, but nothing was quite like this fantastic city or the experiences I was fortunate enough to have there. On our first day we left Boston on an 11:00 flight and landed in D.C. at 12:30. Our day from then on was filled with fantastic feats of architecture. We walked from our hotel to the back of the White House, though it was so grand we initially thought it was the front, and then continued on to the Washington Monument. The Washington Monument, in one word, is astounding. Although currently it is undergoing construction the scaffolding provides a very interesting contrast, retaining a still empowering view. From the Washington Monument we continued to the Lincoln Memorial. Though the destinations on this outing were magnificent, I was also very intrigued by the

sheer beauty of everything on the walk from monument to monument. All the buildings are fantastically crafted, each with their own style. One cannot turn in a circle and see a building that isn't breathtakingly beautiful. The clear effort that goes into creating and maintaining these divine pieces of architectural art is enough to make one proud of our nation's capital.

The next morning we started our day with a tour of the Capitol. The architecture, once again, was awe-inspiring. The massive columns and sheer size of the building, and the importance of the people within, were very humbling and intimidating while still remaining beautiful. The Supreme Court, our next stop, was similarly daunting and majestic. The portraits of previous Chief Justices were beautifully rendered, and the chairs of the justices hold an imposing grip on the room's occupants. It is impossible to sit in the room and not imagine what it must be like to look up at those formidable figures as one makes their case. After viewing these exquisite buildings we had our first meeting of the trip with Hilary Krieger, Washington Bureau Chief of the Jerusalem Post. Hilary, former Ward alum, had a lot of pressure on her, being our first meeting and following such grandiose sights. She did not disappoint. Ms. Krieger engaged all of us Ward Fellows with the tale of her journey from the BLS Argo all the way to the Washington Post. This story alone would have sufficiently impressed us, but it was Ms. Krieger's account of her most moving memories as a journalist that truly moved me. Ms. Krieger gave a detailed depiction of a Holocaust survivor in Siberia. The man, now elderly, was liberated from a concentration camp at the age of 15 by U.S. troops. The soldiers offered to bring him to America, but with the valiant hope that his family may still be alive, he declined. The man's family had not survived and he became very ill and was sent to Siberia, where Ms. Krieger later found him. When Ms. Krieger asked the man if he regretted not allowing the soldiers to bring him to America he broke down crying. He said it was the biggest mistake of his life. Ms. Krieger, moved by his story, struggled with deciding whether or not she should write about this man.

His journey was so emotional, and made her so emotional, that she didn't know if she could or should provide words to justly describe it. Ms. Krieger did end up writing about this man's journey, and shortly thereafter she received a phone call from a group of people who had been so moved by her article that they raised the money to bring the man to America. This story, and Ms. Krieger's clear emotional attachment to it, moved us all. Ms. Krieger went on to detail her experiences writing for the Jerusalem Post. She explained how different it was to physically be there, writing about the conflict between Israel and Palestine and witnessing it firsthand. Ms. Krieger was a highlight of the trip. We met with several members of Congress while in D.C., and while they were all fascinating and inspirational, no one quite struck us to our core like Ms. Krieger.





Our third day in D.C. was filled with meetings, starting with Elizabeth Warren. Senator Warren entered the room with an infectious energy and leapt right into answering our questions. Senator Warren described how her time in office has been so far, what she is currently working on in Congress, and what her goals are in the future. She told us of her work with minimum wage and student loans legislation, two topics that really affect us. It is wonderful to see a politician stand up for legislation that affects groups of constituents that have the

lowest voting percentage. This demonstrated to us how much she cared about standing up for what she believed in. Her inspirational words, “We’ve got to have some people who work for us all.” about how important public service is, made us all appreciate what a fantastic program we have in the Ward Fellowship. After meeting Senator Warren we met with Representative McGovern. Representative McGovern told us about his pursuit for international human rights. He then went on to tell us how important it was to stay true to our ideals and fight for what we believe in. After this meeting we had the pleasure of talking with Representative Capuano’s Chief of Staff, Robert Primus. Mr. Primus told us about his journey in public service. He started from the very bottom, working in the mail room, and progressed all the way up to being Representative Capuano’s Chief of Staff. He did this by working extremely hard, making himself stand out, and never giving up. Mr. Primus had absolutely nothing handed to him, he worked very hard and gradually that work equated to just rewards. Next we met Representative Kennedy, who explained what being a junior Congressman was like. No swirlies just yet. He was very encouraging and uplifting.

Our final day was spent packing and traveling to the airport for our flight back to Boston. It certainly was an adjustment, going back to work after such an astounding expedition to our nation’s capital. The trip tied into our Ward Fellowship experience by emphasizing the importance of public service and intensifying our belief that we can make a difference. The trip was unforgettable for so many scintillating

reasons. It is impossible to determine what the most enticing part of our trip was. The conversation and the sights both left us confounded. I eagerly anticipate my next visit to D.C. and continue to reflect upon my increased desire to pursue public service.



NYA GAVIN



“Before this summer I thought I was crazy to think I’d even have a chance of joining the FBI, but State Representative, Marty Walsh told us that it is okay to dream big.”

**HANNAH
GIVERTZ**