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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Sheriff's Statement



This issue is dedicated to the participants of our Fifth Annual Summer Enrichment Program.

When I initially set out to create our Summer Enrichment Program (or SEP) back in 2014, I wanted to be able to achieve two specific goals. The first and most obvious objective was to provide summer employment and future opportunities for young

people with an interest in law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The second purpose was to create an environment in which young people and members of the law enforcement community would have the chance to meet each other in a setting that was conducive to learning about one another so that the process of building positive relationships and mutual understanding could occur. Far too often, the first interaction between young people and the law enforcement/criminal justice community is when something negative has happened. Fostering an atmosphere of trust and respect between all parties not only helps to strengthen these immediate bonds but, by extension, it also serves to increase the safety and security of our communities into the future.

On behalf of the men and women at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, I want to congratulate the Summer Enrichment Program Class of 2018 for their service, and we wish them Godspeed on their upcoming studies and future careers.

-Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins

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Christopher Altamirano Ramirez, Nicholas McDonagh, Gabriella Veccio, Kiara Ainsley, and Jayvon Jackson.



Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Hosts First Mentoring Panel



The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department welcomed three formerly-incarcerated individuals and an attorney for its first Mentoring Panel, a new program spearheaded by Director of Reentry and Workforce Development, Karla Acevedo.

Part of the Department's Re-Entry Programming, the goal of the Mentoring Panel is to empower returning citizens to take control of their lives upon release by providing them with living examples of people who have previously "walked in their shoes" and who have been able to achieve success, post-incarceration. Designed to properly prepare inmates 90 days prior to their release, this panel - Moderated by Kara Hayes, Chief of Community Engagement for the Suffolk

County District Attorney's Office - featured Pauline Quirion, Director of the Greater Boston Legal Services C.O.R.I. & Re-entry Project; Abrigal Forrester, Director of Community Action at Madison Park Development Corporation; Miguel



Torres, Program Coordinator for the City of Somerville, Massachusetts' Parks and Recreation Department; and Michael Cain, Senior Community Navigator and Recovery Specialist at North Suffolk Mental Health Services who discussed such important topics as navigating C.O.R.I. upon returning to the community and the ways in which they've worked to achieve success, post-release.

Interns from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) were also in attendance for the event. Prior to the start of the event, the interns spoke with event organizer and Director of Workforce Development, Karla Acevedo. During the event, SEP members learned about the obstacles inmates face prior to release, as well as some of the ways in which to mitigate those barriers.





SCSD GRADUATES 2018 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INTERNS

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department recently celebrated the graduating participants of its annual group internship, the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). Twenty-two interns - selected from various neighborhoods across Suffolk County, including: Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere - successfully concluded service in the program on August 24, 2018. The Department recognized the accomplishments of the SEP interns following the seven-week run of the program, which has now completed its fifth year and served more than 100 participants.

Gathering at the Suffolk County Jail, participants and staff reflected on their shared summer journey in which

they learned about the intricacies of the criminal justice system, the structures of the different law enforcement agencies and other public agencies across Massachusetts.

Over the course of their seven weeks, SEP members took part in an ongoing speaker series, embarked on multiple field trips and engaged in community service while rotating through multiple worksites within the Department's different facilities. Included among the sites within which the interns worked were: the Suffolk County Jail, the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Department's Correction Officer Training Academy in Chelsea and the Civil Process Division.



This year's field trips for the SEP included the US Marshals' Office; the Boston Police Department; the Dorchester Courthouse; Northeastern University; the Massachusetts State House; Boston City Hall; Mass Housing and several other sites. Interns met with numerous officials from state and city government, law enforcement and the judicial system at various levels of their careers.

“As part of the Summer Enrichment Program, we at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department feel a great sense of responsibility in preparing the next generation of law enforcement and criminal justice system professionals,” said Nadia Lovinsky, Coordinator of the Summer Enrichment Program. “That is why we added community service visits to the Greater Boston Food Bank and the Boston Center for Youth and Families' Shelburne Community Center this year. We wanted our interns to get a sense of public service in all of its facets, in

addition to learning about the entire judicial process from the local, state and federal level. We also provided workshops on report writing and how to navigate the complex college application and financing process. We are doing all of this in an attempt to truly give our interns every tool we can to help them thrive in their future careers.”

The Summer Enrichment Program was created by Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins to be a vehicle through which the Department could provide those interested in a career in law enforcement the opportunity to learn about the many branches of law enforcement and criminal justice system through job shadowing, weekly presentations by members of law enforcement and the criminal justice community and roundtable discussions. On behalf of Sheriff Tompkins and the entire Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, we congratulate all of the participants of the 2018 Summer Enrichment Program.



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM PROFILES: MEET OUR INTERNS



For the fifth year in succession, a group of students from across Suffolk County signed on to become interns in the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Summer Enrichment Program. Carrying with them future aspirations of serving as members of law enforcement and the criminal justice system, a team of twenty-two young men and women learned about the multitude of potential careers that await them, and about what it takes to become judges, FBI agents, attorneys, law officers and more over the program's seven-week duration. Posted below are some of the thoughts and observations given by some of the members of the Summer Enrichment Program during their exit interviews.

Tell us who you are!

My name is **Gabriella Veccio**, I'm from Winthrop and I am a rising senior at Essex Technical High School.

Why did you apply to this program?

I applied to the Summer Enrichment Program because I was interested in the many areas of law enforcement and about becoming an attorney or working with a federal law enforcement agency such as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I wanted to get experience in the field at a young age and be able to have the opportunity to work in a real-life setting.

When did you know that you wanted to work in law enforcement?

I've always been interested to see how crimes are investigated, especially the psychological aspect, and why people commit crime. I think what has always interested me about working in law enforcement is the ability to help people in the community and also have the opportunity to investigate. I think that the whole process of gathering information and problem-solving is cool.

Who inspired you along your summer journey as an intern?

Someone who really inspired me this summer was Christina Ruccio, the Director of Women's Programming for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. We had the opportunity to hear her speak about what she does and hearing about her trying to make a change for incarcerated women was really awesome. I think it's beyond cool how she just advocates for people who have different experiences in the criminal justice system.



What's something you learned this summer and are taking away with you into the future?

It was really shocking to see just how much goes into running a jail or house of correction as well as how many different jobs there are. This summer I got to see all the things that you have to do and there is a lot that goes into it. I had never realized. Beforehand, I wouldn't have understood it all, but now I understand – it's way more complex than it looks.

What are you planning to do after this program?

After this program I'm planning on finishing high school and going to college to major in criminal justice and minoring in psychology. From there, my dream career would be to work as a Behavior Analyst for the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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Tell us who you are!

I'm **Kiara Ansley**, I'm a Mattapan resident and a rising junior at Cathedral High School.

Why did you apply for the Summer Enrichment Program?

One of my coaches from basketball had recommended it to me and, after doing some research, I thought it would be a great opportunity for me to get exposure in the law enforcement profession. When I applied, I wasn't entirely sure of what the different areas of law enforcement were, but I do know that I am very interested in solving cases and detective work.

When did you know you wanted to work in law enforcement?

I can't say there was a specific date or time, but I've always known I wouldn't want to be sitting around in an office job. Law enforcement has always interested me because they do the work, but also go out into the community. Members of law enforcement not only go out and make a change, but they make change in what happens where I personally live.



Who inspired you along your journey this summer?

Someone who really inspired me as a Summer Enrichment Program intern was State Trooper Guerrera from the Massachusetts State Police because it was so powerful to hear her story and about her background. She was energetic and had a passion for what she does. Hearing from her about how law enforcement risks their lives and are still at their job was just amazing. She puts her life on the line and every day is a new one, so you never know how that might impact you going back to your family, but she comes in everyday, regardless.

What was your favorite part of the Summer Enrichment Program?

In general, I would say being able to network with people who have been in these jobs and who know just about everything. Since I really want to be in law enforcement, I now have knowledge about all of the avenues possible.

What would you tell other young people who are interested in law enforcement?

I would tell them to apply for this program! I recommend it because it's a great program educationally, but also anyone could benefit from the lessons taught here.

What are your plans for after the summer ends?

After this program I plan to finish up high school, go to college, and major in criminal justice. I'm not sure what I will have as a minor, but I definitely know now that I want to go into criminal justice. My dream career would be to serve as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) or another law enforcement agency.

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Tell us who you are!

My name is **Javon Jackson**, I go to Walpole High School and I'm from Mattapan.

Why did you apply for the Summer Enrichment Program?

I am very interested in law enforcement and, one day, working for an agency. I applied because the program was a way to learn more in-depth about the field, which is an opportunity that comes very seldom. The Summer Enrichment Program overall is great for young adults who want to pursue law enforcement in the future. It's a unique opportunity to get to know different people and definitely to meet young people who you may have never known before who are interested in the same field.



How did you hear about the Summer Enrichment Program?

The person who told me about this program is Boston Police Department Captain Haseeb Hosein. He's in law enforcement and he comes to work every day energetic and wanting to make a difference. It's really obvious to me that he is not there working for a paycheck and he is there to make my community safer.

Why do you want to work in law enforcement?

I really want to work in law enforcement because I see the negative stereotypes that people have about law enforcement. I've personally seen the good officers and I want to change that stereotype. I really also just feel like I'm made for this kind of job. My overall goal in life is just to positively affect people. It doesn't matter to me if it's one person or hundreds, as long as in some possible way I'm getting them motivated.

If you didn't attain your first choice of becoming a member of law enforcement, what other profession would you be interested in?

The worst thing you can do is have a plan B and that only happens when you aren't really sure of what you really want. I know what I want and I'm going to go for it.

What are your plans for the future?

In the future I hope to be serve as the Secretary of Defense, or who knows, maybe even the President of the United States of America.



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Tell us who you are!

My name is **Christopher Altamirano Ramirez**, I'm from Revere and I'm a rising senior at Revere High School.

Why did you apply for the Summer Enrichment Program?

I applied because I thought the program would allow me to get a jumpstart on what I expect to be pursuing in law enforcement. I thought it would allow me to learn new ways of helping others out if in need of assistance, as well as learning new life skills. At the beginning of the program, I was interested in working for an agency like the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) because they required hands-on work and teamwork to work with others to reach a common goal.



Why are you interested in a career in law enforcement?

Growing up in Revere, there were a lot of gangs and related crimes. I wanted to change that because there was this one story where a kid was murdered with a baseball bat. That really changed the whole perspective of what I thought of my community and made me want to create lines with people to be friends and end violence.

What was the most shocking thing you learned this summer?

Honestly, when we went to the District Attorney's Office I was really shocked to hear about just how dangerous the Internet is. We heard from Jackie Lamont, a Forensic Interviewer and the Director of Youth Safety there. It was shocking to hear about the volume of cases and children that are impacted from the Internet. Typically, you'd think that kind of danger is far away, but you don't know, it could be your neighbor right next to you.

What did you think of your fellow interns?

I'd say, overall, I got to see people from all backgrounds. Not everyone was from the city or the suburbs, or the same neighborhood. Everyone in the program had a different background and upbringing. I would say I got pretty close with mostly everybody in the program and I definitely want to stay in contact with them.



Who inspired you along your journey this summer?

There were two people who really inspired this summer. The first was Lieutenant Sean Ross from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Gang Intelligence Unit. He came to speak to us and taught us about his work, and listening to him talk about his job, I could really see myself doing that. After hearing from him, my dream career is definitely to be a Lieutenant of a Gang Unit somewhere in California. The second was a man we met when we visited the Boston Public Health Commission. It was really touching to hear from him and other people in recovery while we were there and it really showed me a different perspective on drugs and addiction.

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Tell us who you are!

My name is **Nicholas McDonagh**, I live in Hyde Park and will be a junior this year.

Why are you interested in a career in law enforcement?

I've wanted to be in law enforcement since I was younger and living in Virginia. In my time there, I met deputies that were driving around and I talked to them about their experiences. It really influenced me to be a cop because their job seemed cool and seemed like something they enjoyed. When I was in the sixth grade, I came across this Aristotle quote that said, "we are what we repeatedly do, excellence is not an act, but a habit." I applied to this program because I thought it would be a way for me to start doing the work I know I will do in the future and also to help me to become excellent at it.

How would you explain the Summer Enrichment Program to your friends and family?

The Summer Enrichment Program is an internship Sheriff Steve Tompkins created to get young adults connected with officers in all fields of law enforcement. It's a great way for you to see if working for law enforcement or in criminal justice is for you.

What was your favorite part of the Summer Enrichment Program?

In general, I would have to say meeting Boston Police Commissioner William Gross. On television he seems like a guy who you can't really get up close to and speak with and he seems like he might be mean. As soon as he was in front of the group of us, he called us the future of law enforcement and it was obvious that he's down to Earth and more chill than you'd expect for a Police Commissioner.

Who has inspired you along your journey this summer?

I would say Lieutenant Joe Smoot and Deputy Paul Green from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Field Supervision Unit. [The Field Supervision Unit at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department oversees the Community Supervision Program, which consists of inmates in departmental custody who reside at home and in halfway houses.] When they came to talk with us they seemed like they come to work excited and seem energetic when they are doing their job. Just hearing them talk about it, I could tell they don't want to just do their jobs for the money. They do it to help and really want to see people leaving the Suffolk County House of Correction succeed in life, not to come back to the jail setting.

What are your plans for after this program?

I'm going to work towards being a Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police for sure!

AROUND SUFFOLK COUNTY

Department Celebrates National Night Out Across Suffolk County

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and members of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department custody and non-custody staff joined with law enforcement and community members in observance of National Night Out (NNO).

Travelling across the neighborhoods of Suffolk County, Sheriff Tompkins and members of the Department visited Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Revere, Chelsea, Chinatown, Brighton, Hyde Park, the South End, the North End and other locations speaking about the importance of community participation and collaboration with law enforcement for safe neighborhoods.

"I was honored to once again be able to join my colleagues in the law enforcement community in celebration of National Night Out," said Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins. "Over the last few nights, members of law enforcement powerfully demonstrated our mandate to maintain the safety and security of our communities for the residents of our neighborhoods."



Sheriff's Department Superintendent Honored During National Night Out

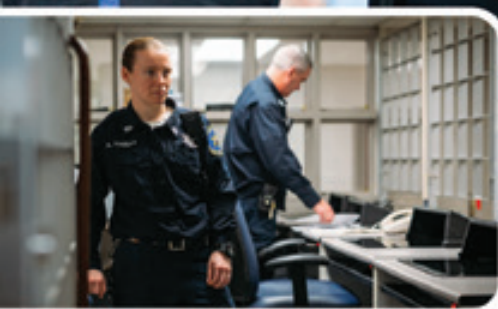
Suffolk County House of Correction Superintendent Yolanda Smith received the Mary Longley Community GameChangers Award from the Tenant's Development Corporation in a ceremony held during National Night Out.



Sheriff Tompkins Featured on NowThis

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was recently featured in a video produced by NowThis, a digital news media agency that "creates news content for the social, mobile generation by informing its audience about what's happening and important in the world right now." To view the video, visit the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/scsdma.





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