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2017 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Sheriff's Statement



This issue is dedicated to the graduates of the 2017 Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Summer Enrichment Program.

Our Summer Enrichment Program (SEP), launched in the summer of 2014, was created with multiple intentions. Its primary purpose was to offer summer employment to a

group of twenty high school juniors and seniors from Suffolk County in order to give them a collective experience that would help them to build the skills that they would need to secure successful future employment in the fields of law enforcement and criminal justice. We also wanted to provide a safe and constructive place for these young people to go during the summer months between school years.

But, one of the key elements that we considered when designing the SEP was its ability to strengthen the lines of communication between youths and members of the law enforcement community because, oftentimes, the first interaction that young people have with a uniformed officer is when something negative has happened. We wanted to establish trust between SEP participants and members of law enforcement and show them that we're also here to help and provide mentorship, along with positive guidance.

Now, in its fourth year, we've begun to see more and more of the positive results of the program not only in the short-term within our current classes, but through some of the former participants who have remained in contact, with several former members even returning to participate in and assist us with special events.

I want thank the organizations that once again helped to make this year a special and exciting one for the members of the program, and I also want to give a special thanks to all of the committed, dedicated people at the Department who helped to mentor and guide this class through to its completion.

Finally, I want to congratulate the members of the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program for achieving their goal of completion, and I wish them Godspeed in their studies and in their dreams become active participants in the world of law enforcement and criminal justice.

-Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins

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DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Each summer for the past four years, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has assembled a new class of high school juniors and seniors from Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop to participate in the Department's Summer Enrichment Program (SEP).

At the completion of this seven-week internship, members of the Department proudly celebrate the accomplishments of the group before releasing them to enjoy the final weeks of summer and to allow them to prepare for the upcoming school year.

For the duration of the program, SEP participants worked at sites within the Suffolk County Jail, and Suffolk County House of Correction, and the Department's Correction Officer Training Academy in Chelsea and Civil Process Division. Program participants embarked on a variety of field trips to locations that included the Office of the US Marshals; the Boston Police Department; the Dorchester Courthouse; the University of Massachusetts at Boston; the Boston Fire Department; the Massachusetts State House; Boston City Hall; Mass Housing and

other sites, and they met with a who's who of officials from state and city government, law enforcement and the judicial system.

Among the people that members of the SEP visited with, including Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and representatives of the Department, were: Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker; Boston Mayor Marty Walsh; Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey; Boston Police Superintendent-In-Chief William Gross; Judges Jonathan Tynes and Serge Georges, Jr.; Mass Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Police Chief Kenneth Green; and many others.

On the final day of the program, SEP participants gathered at the Jail to reflect upon their experiences, and to receive certificates of completion and congratulations from members of the Department.

On behalf of Sheriff Tompkins and the entire Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, we offer congratulations and thanks to each of the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program interns.



Summer Enrichment Program Profiles: Meet Our Interns



Tell us who you are!

My name is **Katherine Gutierrez Orrego**. I am from Revere and go to Revere High School.

What was one of your biggest takeaways from the Summer Enrichment Program?

One of the biggest takeaways from the program was the number of opportunities that were presented to us. We were given the opportunity to go to places that the public usually could not go and meet people we usually would not be able to meet. We were able to visit different offices and were able to see and understand the different factors that work together to ensure the functionality of law enforcement. We were able to ask any questions we wanted to the officials. We were also able to get their cards to contact them if we had further questions or were looking for an internship.

What do you think is the hardest part about being in law enforcement?

It seems to be that the hardest part about being in law enforcement is going home after work. In this field, you will be exposed to things you never thought you would have seen. You may witness a family betrayal or someone who does not seem dangerous, but actually is. After seeing such things, I believe it would be hard to trust others easily. It

makes you more wary of people and your surroundings.

After visiting all of the field trip locations, which if any could you see yourself working at?

After visiting all of the field trip locations, I could see myself working at the District Attorney's Office or the Boston Police Department. Jacquelyn Lamont is a forensic interviewer at the DA's office. When she spoke to us about her job, it caught my attention. I really like psychology and helping people so it is a job I can see myself doing. At the BPD, we were given a tour. One of the places we went to was the lab. A forensics analyst told us about her job and demonstrated the different instruments they used. Forensics is a science that has always interested me. After hearing about her job, I could also envision myself working at the department.

What are you planning to do after this program?

After this program, I am planning to apply for an internship at the Revere Police Department. I am also going to take courses related to law enforcement such as Criminal Investigations.

Tell us who you are!

My name is **Edward Doherty**. I'm from Brighton, Massachusetts and I go to Boston Latin Academy.

Who was your favorite speaker and why?

My favorite speaker was Lieutenant Ross who works with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Gang Intelligence Unit. He was my favorite because I learned a great amount of information from him about the gangs coming in and out of the Suffolk County Jail and Suffolk County House of Correction. I learned that there are over 160 gangs throughout Suffolk County and about some of the dynamics between groups.

What was one of your biggest takeaways from the program?

One of the biggest takeaways for me would have to be the newfound knowledge on how much each of the individual law enforcement groups do together. It was a great experience to do the Summer Enrichment Program and meet all the wonderful people who took the time out of their busy day to talk to a group of teenagers.

What are you planning to do after this program?

After this Program, I would like to finish my senior year spectacularly and then hopefully be accepted into Massachusetts Maritime Academy for college. From there, hopefully join the Navy or Coast Guard and do that for a few years before either joining the fire academy or the Massachusetts State Police academy.



Summer Enrichment Program Profiles: Meet Our Interns



Tell us who you are!

My name is **Tiffany Raymond** and I am 18 years old. I go to Boston Collegiate Charter School.

Who was your favorite speaker and why?

My favorite speaker was the head firefighter from Jamaica Plain because he represents me in a way. He went into the Marines and after he got out, he became a firefighter. The career that I want to pursue is in the Marines and then, I want to become a police officer in a K-9 Unit or become a firefighter. The path that the head firefighter we spoke to went down is similar to something I would like to do.

What was the hardest part of the program?

For me, the hardest part about this program was not getting to work the full 5 days. I really did enjoy the field trips we went on and the people who spoke to us. Another hard part of the Summer Enrichment Program was not being able to ask a question. Sometimes there were speakers and our group had a lot of questions to ask. Due to time constraints, not every question was able to be asked.

What are you planning to do after this program?

After this program I am planning to do an internship at a fire department for a week. It is required by my school, but I'm glad I'm getting a chance to see hands-on what firefighters do every day.

If I were to explain this program to anyone, all I would say is that it is the best exposure to law enforcement. This program can get you a lot of great connections and make you reconsider your career path. It's just a great program to go through if you really enjoy the idea of protecting and serving people.



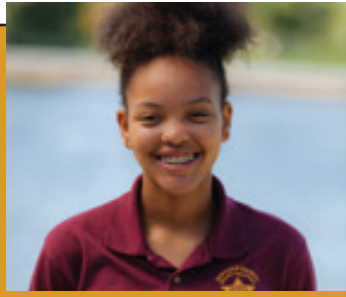
OUR SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM GRADUATING CLASS



Alexis Agostinelli

Boston Collegiate Charter School
West Roxbury

"I really liked all of the K-9 demonstrations we received including the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police, State Police, and Suffolk County Sheriff's Department K-9 Units."



Jeriya Atkins

Dearborn Stem Academy
Roxbury

"I'm glad I was part of a program that provided me with more experience with law enforcement and prepared me for when I enter college and apply to become a law enforcement officer."



Jair Ayalas

Excel High School
Roxbury

"It's honestly hard to recall all of the things that I've done over the past few weeks, but these are some of the most beneficial lessons I have ever learned. This program was amazing and unforgettable; it really has taught me more than I could have ever imagined."



Edward Doherty

Boston Latin Academy
Brighton

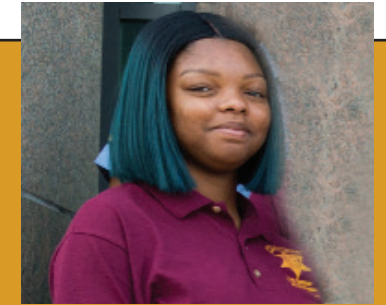
"The Summer Enrichment Program definitely put me on an even more direct path and helped me learn about various areas of law enforcement."



Emanuel Galvao

Lexington High School
Dorchester

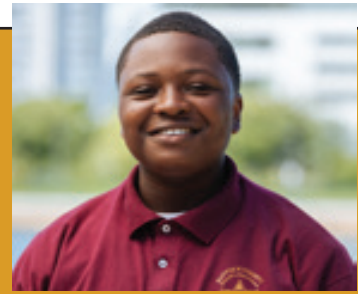
"One highlight of the summer was the tour given at the Boston Police Department because I was able to network with the Boston Police command staff. Being in this program ultimately confirmed my desires to work in law enforcement when I get old enough. Experiencing what I did this summer motivate me to continue my path towards law enforcement and the Boston Police Department."



Kayla Hall

The English High School
Mattapan

"I was interested in applying to the Summer Enrichment Program at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department because I wanted to learn more about helping my community. I also wanted to learn more about a career in law enforcement, and I knew that this program would be able to do that for me."



Amari Mathieu

Edward M. Kennedy Academy for
Health Careers

Hyde Park

"Previous to this program, I had a vested interest in law enforcement, but due to the visits in particular, there is now an interest forming in my mind for the armed services. Hearing from them created a desire to enlist to serve for the citizens of the United States."



Layla Mohseni

Advanced Math and Science Academy
Charter School

Roxbury

"This program was a great experience and I thought it was amazing to see all of the places we visited and learn all about law enforcement. The officers and civilians I met employed at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department made the program fun and exciting."



Taina Morales

Boston Preparatory Charter Public
School

Hyde Park

"The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has been great to us when it came to meeting great people in the law enforcement field. I really enjoyed our work sites at the Sheriff's Department because I learned about different positions and their roles in the corrections field."

OUR SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM GRADUATING CLASS



Ariana Lagos Napuri
Revere High School
Revere

"One of my favorite field trips we went on was to the Dorchester Court House. We were able to sit through cases and see how the community struggled but were allowed chances and advice from Judge Tynes. It was interesting to see the defense and prosecutors working together with the facts gathered from each case."



Derrick Obonor
Boston Prep
Charter School
Hyde Park

"I was interested in this program because ever since I was a child I wanted to be part of law enforcement. The Summer Enrichment Program helped make me more able to achieve that goal. After going through this program I definitely am interested in becoming a Police Officer of an agent with the FBI."



Katherine Gutierrez Orrego
Revere High School
Revere

"The South Bay House of Correction was one of the locations we were able to visit and tour. While there we experienced things that the inmates would see in their daily time there. After meeting people involved in the different areas of the field, my trust in law enforcement has increased and I have faith in the criminal justice system."



Kahlil Palmer
Swampscott High School
Roxbury

"Meeting all of the successful people in law enforcement made me more inspired and opened my eyes to the possibility of becoming a criminal psychologist, but it also opened my eyes to other paths. I would also like to become a correctional officer, State Police officer, or K-9 Unit Officer."



Peter Perdomo
Margarita Muñiz Academy
Roxbury, MA

"One of my favorite field trips during the program was that of the Statehouse. I really enjoyed getting to meet Governor Baker, learning about all of the portraits, and the function of our state government."



Tiffany Raymond
Boston Collegiate Charter School
Dorchester

"My favorite part of the Summer Enrichment Program was the days that we were assigned to work at our site locations. I was placed at the Suffolk County Jail and I really enjoyed my time there. I met officers and civilians that worked there and what really amazed me was viewing how they worked with inmates and detainees. All of them taught me a lot of valuable lessons and tricks for life and my career."



Adam Skogstrom
John D. O'Bryant School of
Mathematics and Science
East Boston

"Throughout the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Summer Enrichment Program I was exposed to a multitude of experiences that have taught me valuable life lessons."



Jon'a Washington
Tech Boston Academy
Dorchester

"The Summer Enrichment Program overall was a beautiful thing to participate in and I feel blessed that I had a chance to be a part of it. I achieved many of my dreams from this program and I'm proud to be closer to reaching my future goal of being an FBI agent."



Briyana Young
Tech Boston Academy
Mattapan

"Most internships are based off of paperwork and filing, but this program is something way different. With the information I learned this summer I am pretty sure I am going to put a lot of the information to good use when it comes to my career."



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