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The Sawyer School Honors Programs

Responsibility for the Sawyer School Honors Program and Activities rests with Myra Lerman, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs. Faculty advisors or Faculty Committees are responsible for individual honors activities as noted and may also be contacted for more information. At off-campus locations honors options may be available, please see your local Suffolk office.

College success is measured in many ways. A meaningful experience for many students includes student involvement in activities that combine intellectual growth and advancement with social activities, networking, career opportunities, and community service. Membership in the School's honors programs is an excellent way to become part of a community of students, faculty and administrators who challenge you to explore new areas, network with your peers and executives, develop new friendships, and become leaders in your respective fields.

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Griffin Honor Society

The Griffin Honor Society is the flagship honors program at the Sawyer School of Management. Fall 2005 marks the 13th anniversary of the Griffin Honor Society. It is designed to provide a supportive and encouraging environment for students of intellectual curiosity and academic distinction – those who ask the extra question or are challenged by the difficult problem.

This distinctive program enriches students' understanding of business in a global environment. Griffin Scholars benefit from many exceptional opportunities to work closely with peers, with faculty and with members of the business and government communities. Benefits include:

- small class size
- an academically challenging curriculum
- development of leadership skills
- faculty mentoring and guidance
- active and collaborative learning
- enriching educational and social experiences
- supportive college environment
- strong alumni connections
- recognition, and graduation with Honors

Eligibility Each year, the Sawyer School offers Griffin Scholarships to the most motivated and academically promising full-time students in the freshman and transfer classes.

Griffin Scholars must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.3. To graduate as a Griffin Scholar, a student must have completed three honors courses, three credits of Challenge courses plus MGT H429, Honors in Strategic Management. A minimum of 14 honors courses and 20 Challenge courses are offered yearly.

Special Benefits and Privileges Griffin Scholars participate in honors seminars and courses which shape the learning experience to their own needs and interests. They plan and participate in unique academic and social events designed to promote leadership, offer intellectual stimulation and opportunities to network. Griffin Scholars have a strong and prestigious alumni network. Scholars may petition to accelerate their studies, and graduate in less than four years.

Honors internships are available in all fields of study.

Each Griffin Scholar receives a merit scholarship of \$500 per year. By accepting the stipend, students agree to complete all program requirements. Griffin Scholars are recognized at Commencement, and the honors program and courses are designated on their official transcripts.

Sawyer School of Management

Academic Opportunities The foundation of the Griffin Honor Society is a series of tuition-free Challenge courses on leadership and state-of-the-art management topics. Honors sections of required courses are offered each semester. Interactive Challenge courses have included:

- Leading for Team Effectiveness
- Technology Management
- Conflict and Negotiation
- Venture Capital in the U.S. and Abroad
- Can Bean Counters Tell the Truth?

Oversight Responsibility for the Griffin Honor Society rests with Myra Lerman, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs, in collaboration with the Griffin Oversight Committee: Professors Pierre DuJardin, Jafar Mana, Catherine McCabe, Gail Sergenian, student and alumni representatives.

Sawyer Ambassadors

Each year, ten talented full-time students are selected to be Sawyer Ambassadors. They each receive a \$4,000 scholarship that includes 10 hours per week of work study. The Sawyer Ambassadors serve on the Griffin Oversight Committee, and are a dynamic resource for undergraduate students. They build community and identify and address unmet student needs, creating new programs and activities to support a wide range of student activities. The Ambassadors publish the Sawyer School Student newsletter "The Suffolk Business Leader."

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

The Sawyer School is one of the original Educational Institution Partners of NABA's Boston Chapter. Sawyer School representation has been strong in this organization, which was founded in 1972 by a group of black accounting professionals from the area who began meeting to provide support and social/networking opportunities in the profession. The Chapter and its membership have steadily grown, with increased diversity in its corporate supporters and number of quality programs implemented over the past ten years. The organization, and accounting as a profession, have received increased recognition over the years. The Chapter continues to implement programs that are geared to assist diverse students and professionals to pursue careers in accounting, maximize their career potential, perform civic duties and promote NABA.

Sawyer School participation includes providing funding for travel for chapter members attending Regional Career Conferences. In 1998 NABA-Boston Chapter formally established a College and University Partnership, with Suffolk University as one of the original members. Sawyer School students are well represented on the NABA Board, and several have been President, Vice President or Treasurer.

Beta Alpha Psi National Honorary Society

Beta Alpha Psi is a national honor society and professional accounting fraternity which recognizes outstanding academic achievements in the field of accounting, promotes the study and practice of accounting, and provides leadership and social/networking opportunities for members and practicing accountants. The activities of this Chapter strongly emphasize the School's mission and role in developing student leaders who will succeed in the accounting profession.

Active leadership of the Sawyer School Accounting Faculty in Beta Alpha Psi has strengthened students' professional experience and reputation in the community. Student members of Beta Alpha Psi participate in professional meetings, career presentations and field trips to learn real-world, current accounting practices, and to prepare for on-campus recruiting and job interviews.

The School participates in the Volunteer Income Tax Program (VITA), which provides opportunities for students to actively engage in the practice of preparing tax returns. Sawyer students are active in community service, co-sponsoring Red Cross blood drives, and tutoring.

The Suffolk Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi has received national awards (Distinguished Chapter in 1999) and has been recognized as a Superior Chapter for the last four years. Students have participated in National Case Study Competitions since 1998. Ongoing participation by faculty and other interested parties has resulted in increased on-campus recruiting by all four major accounting firms, several large regional and local accounting firms as well as major consulting firms.

Competitions

B-School Beanpot Case Analysis Competition

Boston University's School of Management hosts the B-School Beanpot Case Analysis Competition. This event was developed to provide a competitive arena similar to that of the Hockey Beanpot, but on an academic level. The competition boasts the best business school students in the Boston area.

Each of six schools sends two teams of five students. Cases focus on general management and management strategy, and student teams are well-rounded and/or complement each other with expertise in one of the facets of management. A faculty member from each school serves as advisor to the teams, preparing them for the event and acting as liaison between the BSBO and the schools.

National Association of Black Accountants Case Analysis Competition

NABA Inc. – Boston sponsors a student case analysis competition each Fall. Since 2001, Suffolk student teams have won first place in both undergraduate and graduate divisions.

Global Business Plan Competition

Organized by the Singapore Management University, the competition is open to undergraduates from universities around the world. It provides students the opportunity to compete in a business plan competition, and a chance to have their business plans accepted by venture capital firms.

SIFE Competition

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international organization for philanthropy and community development. Student teams compete at regional, national and international levels to present the best programs to help alleviate problems associated with living standards for the betterment of communities.

Academic Honors

Each year the University recognizes students for outstanding scholarship, leadership and service to the Suffolk Community.

Outstanding Leadership Award

This award is presented at Recognition Day to the senior student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the Sawyer School of Management while maintaining exceptional academic achievement.

Highest Class Honors

In the spring of each year, the Sawyer School presents an Outstanding Student Award to the individuals with the highest cumulative grade point average in their Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class. To be eligible for consideration, a student must have accrued the following minimum credit hours while in attendance at Suffolk University. A fifth award is presented to the Senior transfer student with the highest cumulative grade point average who has earned not less than 39 credit hours while in attendance at Suffolk University. A grade of "D," "F," or "I" disqualifies a student, regardless of average.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Minimum Earned Credit Hours at Suffolk University</i>
Freshman	15
Sophomore	42
Junior	70
Senior	106
Senior/Transfer	39

Dean's Honors List

The Dean's Honors List is composed of students deemed worthy of recognition on the basis of high scholastic achievement. Dean's List honors are awarded on a semester basis and are announced as soon as possible after the close of the semester.

- **Full-Time Dean's Honors List** A student who achieves Dean's List Honors must be in regular attendance during the appropriate semester, and must have completed a minimum of four courses (excluding Pass/Fail courses), as a full-time student with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the semester. A grade of "D," "F," or "I" disqualifies a student for the Dean's List, regardless of average.
- **Part-Time Dean's Honors List** The Sawyer School of Management Dean's Honor List recognizes BSBA students who have achieved high scholastic achievement. In some cases, full-time students will see their name on the Part-Time Dean's List. This may happen if the student is part of a 2+2 program. While we understand that the student is full-time, we are honoring them for the *excellence in the Suffolk courses* they have completed in a given semester. To be considered for the Part-Time Dean's List, a student must be in regular attendance during the appropriate semester, and shall have completed a minimum of two Suffolk courses with an average of 3.2 or better for the semester. A grade of "D," "F," or "I" disqualifies a student for the Dean's List, regardless of average.

Graduation Honors

Each year, at commencement, students are recognized for high academic achievement. The three categories of achievement are:

- **summa cum laude**, for students who have completed at least 60 semester hours at Suffolk University, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.8 and 4.0, and have no grades of “F” or “I.”
- **magna cum laude**, for students who have completed at least 60 semester hours at Suffolk University, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 and 3.79 and have no grades of “F” or “I.”
- **cum laude**, for students who have completed at least 60 semester hours at Suffolk University, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.2 and 3.49 and have no more than one grade of “F” or “I.”

Graduation Honors, Transfer Students Each year, at commencement, transfer students with less than 60 semester hours at Suffolk University are recognized for high academic achievement. The three categories of achievement are:

- **Highest Distinction**, for transfer students who have completed 39-59 semester hours of Suffolk University courses, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.8 and 4.0, and have no grades of “F” or “I.”
- **High Distinction**, for transfer students who have completed 39-59 semester hours of Suffolk University courses, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 and 3.79, and have no grades of “F” or “I.”
- **Distinction**, for transfer students who have completed 39-59 semester hours of Suffolk University courses, have a cumulative grade point average between 3.2 and 3.49 and have no more than one grade of “F” or “I” to be eligible.

Honor Societies

Beta Gamma Sigma

This national honor society recognizes business and management undergraduate and graduate students in the top 5 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, or upper 20 percent of the master’s class. Beta Gamma Sigma is the national honor society for business and management, and this recognition is only given to students who attend AACSB International-accredited schools.

The purpose of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and reward scholarship, to promote the advancement of high quality education in business, and to foster integrity in the conduct of business operations.

Financial Management Association National Honor Society

The Financial Management Association rewards scholarship and achievement by undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Finance through its National Honor Society. Undergraduate Finance majors must have earned 61 credit hours and achieved an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and completed at least three designated finance courses. Selection for this Honor Society is during the first month of the fall and spring semesters each year.

Professional Marketing Association

This association is an essential resource for future professionals that will benefit from marketing knowledge. The PMA is affiliated with *Delta Epsilon Chi*, an international organization for college students. The PMA provides students with an opportunity to interact with marketing students, faculty and professionals. We offer informative events as well as career and networking opportunities. The PMA is open to undergraduate and graduate students of all majors.