Hello folks, and welcome to Suffolk University.

My name is Dr. Jarvis Chen, my pronouns are he, him, and his, and I serve as the director to the McNair Scholars Program at Suffolk University.

The McNair Scholars Program assists first-generation, income-eligible, and/or underrepresented Suffolk undergrads with applying to and succeeding in graduate research programs, including master's and PHD programs.

We assist our students by providing them with research stipends, connecting them with a faculty mentor, helping them find external research opportunities and internships, flying them to conferences to present said research, and various other things, including GRE prep and assisting with getting waivers for graduate school applications.

The McNair Scholars Program is housed within the Center for Academic Access and Opportunity, or CAAO. CAAO is the home of three federal trio programs: McNair Scholars, of course, Upward Bound, and Veterans Upward Bound.

It serves as the administrative home of Suffolk University's First Gen Forward designation by the National Center for First-Generation Student Success. Our Center demonstrates Suffolk's commitment to helping prepare income-eligible, first-generation, and underrepresented high school students, veterans, and undergrads with their transition to either college or grad school.

With an all first-generation student staff, the Center's mission is to promote educational equity through advocacy, community, and scholarship to faculty, staff, students, parents, and the greater Boston community.

I highly encourage you to stop by our office in the Stahl Center, 73 Tremont Street on the 7th floor, CAAO, and I do hope that we will see you soon, and that you take advantage.