- 00:00 Alrighty, welcome everyone,
- 00:02 to our Experience Boston panel this afternoon.
- 00:06 We're so happy that all of you could join us
- 00:08 for our current student panel to learn a little bit more
- 00:11 about what it's like to learn, live,
- 00:14 and work in the City of Boston.
- 00:17 And you're gonna hear all from right
- 00:19 from our current students,
- 00:21 say about all those aspects of what that's like
- 00:23 and what it's like to be at Suffolk University.
- 00:27 A little bit about myself,
- 00:28 my name is Stephanie,
- 00:30 I go by she, her pronouns,
- 00:32 and I am our Campus Visit Assistant Director
- 00:37 of Enrollment Visitor Services,
- 00:39 and I'm also a really proud of Suffolk alum.
- 00:42 I graduated in 2015 and just have really enjoyed being part
- 00:46 of the Suffolk community
- 00:47 both as an alum, a current student
- 00:49 and now as a professional staff member as well.
- 00:53 Today, we will be going through
- 00:55 a presentation of our current student panel,
- 00:58 but we want to encourage you to use our Q&A
- 01:01 function at the bottom of the screen
- 01:03 to really ask any questions you might have
- 01:05 throughout today's panel.
- 01:07 We'll have some time at the end of this presentation
- 01:09 to answer your questions
- 01:10 so feel free to use them.
- 01:12 Again the Q&A is right at the bottom of your screen.
- 01:16 If y'all are having any technical difficulties
- 01:18 please go ahead and use the chat.
- 01:20 I will be on the back end to help assist
- 01:22 but otherwise we're really looking forward
- 01:24 to hearing from our current students.
- 01:26 So with that again, welcome everyone
- 01:28 and now I'll hand it over to Clara to introduce herself.
- 01:33 Thanks Steph.
- 01:34 Hi everyone,
- 01:35 as Steph said, my name is Clara,
- 01:37 my pronouns are she, her, hers
- 01:39 I am originally from Medway Mass
- 01:41 which is about an hour away
- 01:44 depending on how fast you drive.
- 01:46 I'm also a psychology major
- 01:49 with a double minor in criminal justice and education.
- 01:54 What else am I involved in?
- 01:55 I am part of the honors program here at Suffolk.
- 01:58 I am actually the Resident Assistant for honors
- 02:02 living learning community over in Miller Hall as well.
- 02:05 I am part of our psychology club,
- 02:09 which is new this year, very exciting.

- 02:11 And I've also stayed abroad in Prague,
- 02:13 so very involved.
- 02:14 So throughout this thing
- 02:16 have you have any questions about that,
- 02:16 feel free to ask,
- 02:18 but I will hand it over to Hoaka.
- 02:21 Awesome, thank you so much Clara.
- 02:23 Hi everyone,
- 02:24 my name is Hoaka,
- 02:25 my pronouns are she, her, hers,
- 02:27 and I'm currently a junior majoring in economics
- 02:31 and I'm from Orlando, Florida.
- 02:33 Aside from being a tour guide for Suffolk.
- 02:35 I am also involved in our College of Arts
- 02:38 and Sciences Honors Program,
- 02:39 Pinky Swear Program Council
- 02:41 and our Journey Leadership Programs.
- 02:44 So I will go ahead and pass it off to Logan now.
- 02:47 Awesome.
- 02:48 Thank you so much Hoaka.
- 02:49 Hi everyone, my name's Logan,
- 02:51 I'm from Saco Maine originally,
- 02:53 I'm a junior here.
- 02:55 My major is political science
- 02:56 with a concentration in law and public policy.
- 02:58 And then I have minors in environmental studies
- 03:00 and in foundational arts studies as well too.
- 03:03 So I have been kind of a student that came in undeclared
- 03:07 and then kinda moved around in majors.
- 03:09 So that's how I collected,
- 03:10 you know, my Suffolk experience.
- 03:12 But some involvement around campus that I've had
- 03:15 is I've been a member
- 03:15 of the Rampage Show Choir group, which was super fun.
- 03:18 Did that my freshman year,
- 03:20 I've been part of the SGA now
- 03:21 or the Student Government for two years,
- 03:23 I serve as the Chairman of the Housing Facilities Committee
- 03:26 and we would do things relating to like
- 03:28 the residence halls in the physical campus.
- 03:30 I'm also in the Photography Club,
- 03:32 it's my third year.
- 03:33 I'm on the executive board as the secretary,
- 03:35 and we do a lot of fun events related to photography.
- 03:39 We just did the disposable camera unit
- 03:41 which was really fun
- 03:42 where we just gave people disposable cameras for free,
- 03:44 you know, it was fun.
- 03:47 But yeah that's a little bit about me and my involvement.
- 03:50 I'm just gonna pass it off to Maddy now.
- 03:54 Hi everyone,
- 03:54 my name is Maddy,
- 03:56 I use she, her, hers pronouns,
- 03:59 I'm originally from, excuse me, in Clarksburg, Maryland

- 04:03 kind of in the Washington DC area.
- 04:05 I am a senior, I'm a transfer student,
- 04:08 so I'm graduating in December,
- 04:10 I'm very excited.
- 04:11 I am a theater major,
- 04:13 with a double minor in psychology and arts administration.
- 04:17 I am also part of the College of Arts and Sciences
- 04:21 Honors Program,
- 04:22 and I'm newly involved in our program council here
- 04:25 as well on campus.
- 04:26 So I'm very excited about that.
- 04:29 And I've also done some work
- 04:30 with the Performing Arts Office, so.
- 04:33 And I will hand it to Michael.
- 04:36 Hello everyone,
- 04:37 my name is Michael,
- 04:38 I am a senior accounting major here at Suffolk university.
- 04:41 I'm originally from Monson Mass,
- 04:43 which is a small town about an hour and 45 minutes
- 04:46 outside of the city
- 04:47 all in the Western part of the state.
- 04:49 In terms of my involvement here on campus,
- 04:51 so I'm involved with this position here
- 04:53 and get to speak to all of you today,
- 04:55 but I'm also a member
- 04:56 of the Sawyer Business School's, Honors Program,
- 05:00 as well as the President of Beta Alpha Psi
- 05:01 which is an honor society for accounting finance
- 05:03 and information systems majors.
- 05:06 So as you can see,
- 05:07 we do have quite a broad wide variety of students
- 05:10 here all with different experiences to talk about.
- 05:13 And firstly, I'd really like to get started
- 05:15 with kind of our stories on Boston
- 05:18 and where Suffolk is located in Boston,
- 05:19 truly in the heart of the city.
- 05:23 So Logan, coming to Boston can be a very big change.
- 05:26 I know it was for me,
- 05:27 especially coming from a rural area.
- 05:30 Can you tell us a little bit
- 05:31 about where Suffolk is
- 05:33 and how it is to navigate campus?
- 05:35 Yeah, definitely of course.
- 05:37 So like you, I came from a very rural area too.
- 05:40 Saco Maine is outside of Portland,
- 05:43 which is the bigger city
- 05:44 but it is mostly just woods really. (laughs)
- 05:47 So when I was choosing my college,
- 05:50 I really wanted to experience
- 05:52 where I would be involved and really integrated
- 05:55 into a larger society.
- 05:57 I really like being around other people,
- 05:59 you know seeing people in the commons hanging out.
- 06:02 But Suffolk was really great for me

- 06:05 because I really liked the city campus style
- 06:08 that we have here.
- 06:09 We're not like a traditional campus
- 06:11 where you're gonna have like a huge courtyard
- 06:13 that's owned by the school,
- 06:15 and then there's a bunch of buildings
- 06:16 like right next to each other.
- 06:18 We're kind of spread out through the downtown Boston area,
- 06:21 we're in a 15 minute walking radius,
- 06:24 pretty much of all of our buildings,
- 06:26 but the average walk time
- 06:27 is about seven minutes between buildings.
- 06:29 If you live up in like
- 06:31 our cluster of buildings up on the hill,
- 06:33 which is like Miller Hall, Sawyer, Samia
- 06:36 and 73 Tremont
- 06:38 those are all within like two minutes
- 06:39 a minute and a half walk of each other.
- 06:42 So on the map, it does look pretty spread out
- 06:44 but it is very close together
- 06:46 when you are down in the city
- 06:48 and just being in that area too,
- 06:50 just being around all the access to the T stops
- 06:54 we have all the color lines available
- 06:57 having the Boston Commons and the gardens available too.
- 07:01 We don't get to have, you know,
- 07:03 our own traditional greens but I mean,
- 07:05 we call the Boston Commons, you know
- 07:07 our greens really. (laughs)
- 07:09 So it's a great little area to be around.
- 07:12 The residence halls are located either by Government Center,
- 07:15 One Court Street,
- 07:17 Miller Hall up on the hill
- 07:18 and then in the downtown crossing
- 07:21 and then Boston Commons area
- 07:23 is gonna be a Modern 10 West and Smith Hall.
- 07:26 But yeah, that's a little bit about downtown.
- 07:31 So Boston does seem like a very big city.
- 07:34 Our campus is very walkable,
- 07:36 but I guess getting around the city
- 07:38 seems a little bit daunting
- 07:39 but it's in fact a lot easier than you may think.
- 07:42 So Maddie, what's it like to get around the City of Boston
- 07:45 and how easy is it?
- 07:47 Yeah, so that's one of the things
- 07:50 I love most about living here actually,
- 07:52 I grew up in a really suburban area
- 07:54 where everyone had to drive everywhere
- 07:56 and like major attractions
- 07:59 and things were probably like 20 or 30 minutes
- 08:01 out from where I live.
- 08:02 Here living downtown,
- 08:04 everything is probably a 10 to 20 minute T ride away
- 08:07 or it's walkable.

- 08:10 The T is our subway system here in Boston,
- 08:12 it's actually the oldest subway system in the country.
- 08:15 Fun fact,
- 08:16 I found that out the first time I visited here,
- 08:18 so I thought that was really cool.
- 08:20 And Suffolk provides you with a discounted T pass
- 08:24 for the whole semester that you can use
- 08:26 to get back and forth to and from campus
- 08:29 or anywhere else in the city.
- 08:31 I personally love hopping on the train
- 08:34 and going over to the Museum of Fine Arts,
- 08:36 it's my favorite spot in the city and it is open again.
- 08:38 So I'm very excited to go again.
- 08:40 And it's really also accessible
- 08:43 for students who might not want to live right downtown
- 08:47 or around the city,
- 08:48 or might be commuting from home as well.
- 08:51 We have the commuter rail
- 08:52 that runs back and forth to different towns in the area
- 08:55 and also all of the T lines around here.
- 09:01 Yeah, I think it's very daunting
- 09:03 kind of coming to the city
- 09:04 and trying to figure out how to get around
- 09:06 which train to take on,
- 09:08 I know I can remember even growing up in Massachusetts
- 09:10 coming to Boston
- 09:11 and getting lost on the T my first week,
- 09:14 I ended up in Newton.
- 09:16 If anyone knows where Newton is unrelated to Boston
- 09:18 its only 45 minutes on the T
- 09:19 so I really messed up there.
- 09:22 But Hoaka,
- 09:23 so there are definitely some things
- 09:25 that you need to adjust to when you come to the city.
- 09:27 What was one thing you were very nervous
- 09:29 about before coming to Boston,
- 09:31 and how did you adjust or learn how to do that?
- 09:35 So that's a great question.
- 09:36 Just going off a little bit more
- 09:38 of what Maddie talked about,
- 09:40 I have to say I was definitely nervous
- 09:42 about getting around Boston.
- 09:45 So within like the first couple of days
- 09:47 that I hadn't moved into Suffolk,
- 09:49 a couple of friends that I had made, and I,
- 09:51 we decided to first walk around our campus
- 09:54 and then get bearings of exactly
- 09:56 where academic buildings were.
- 09:58 We had our class schedules
- 10:00 so we went around and walked our various schedules.
- 10:02 And then after that,
- 10:04 we decided to expand out a little bit
- 10:07 and we picked a direction
- 10:08 and we just started walking,

- 10:09 and we went until we felt like we had gone far enough,
- 10:13 and then at that point we turned on Google maps
- 10:16 to figure out exactly where we were and then walked back.
- 10:18 So we were really able to trace where we were going
- 10:21 and see some cool things.
- 10:23 Like we went down to the harbor,
- 10:25 we walked to a couple museums, restaurants.
- 10:29 So if you are concerned about navigating Boston
- 10:33 and finding out where things are,
- 10:35 just know, again, like Maddie said
- 10:37 that it's super walkable,
- 10:38 there's easy access to the T.
- 10:41 So once you get there
- 10:42 and once you're in the city of Boston,
- 10:44 it's really actually quite easy to navigate
- 10:46 and you'll be able to get your bearings quickly.
- 10:52 So I think what everyone thinks about Boston
- 10:54 the first thing you think about is the weather
- 10:57 besides being an amazing city.
- 10:59 So I guess we're gonna open it up here
- 11:01 to some participation from everyone in the panel
- 11:04 or in the presentation today.
- 11:07 So if you were to pack for Boston,
- 11:09 what is the number one item you would pack?
- 11:12 A poll question should have just open on your screen
- 11:15 so please feel free to vote on that.
- 11:18 For me, I think a heavy winter coat
- 11:21 is going to be my like number one must have for Boston.
- 11:25 In fact, I would say that layering
- 11:26 is kind of the most important
- 11:28 because you're running around, outside in the snow all day
- 11:31 and then you kind of go into class
- 11:32 and you're very warm.
- 11:35 So let's see,
- 11:36 what is the general consensus of the room today?
- 11:49 Heavy winter coat always wins it.
- 11:52 Sneakers shoes, very important.
- 11:55 Some nice comfortable shoes for walking around the city
- 11:58 is absolutely a must.
- 12:00 And I really suggest maybe get some waterproof shoes
- 12:03 for probably half the year.
- 12:04 It does get a little bit wet.
- 12:07 So I know we've talked a lot about the City of Boston
- 12:10 but I'm sure you're all curious to know.
- 12:12 What's it like to really live
- 12:13 learn and work in the City of Boston?
- 12:16 So Clara, could you share with us
- 12:19 what your typical day looks like?
- 12:22 Yeah, of course.
- 12:22 So I like to keep myself pretty busy.
- 12:26 So probably the easiest day to explain is Thursdays.
- 12:29 So on Thursdays I give tours
- 12:31 'cause I'm a Trustee Ambassador in the morning.
- 12:33 I give the 9:00 AM tour if anyone wants to like

- 12:36 hop on and get a tour, just let me know,
- 12:38 like I'll give it to you on Thursday mornings.
- 12:41 And then after tours,
- 12:42 I go to class and that's in-person, which is great.
- 12:46 So I have that from 11:30 to 12:45,
- 12:49 and once I'm done with that class,
- 12:50 I'm also a dog-walker off campus.
- 12:53 So whoever said sneakers
- 12:55 I'm definitely wearing those on Thursdays,
- 12:57 'cause I run over to North Station
- 12:59 'cause that's where my dog currently lives,
- 13:01 so I do that.
- 13:03 And then I go to my psychology club that's currently online,
- 13:07 so I'm able to do that as I'm dog-walking
- 13:09 'cause I'm obviously a multitasker, I guess.
- 13:12 And then I'll run back to 73 to grab a salad.
- 13:15 I love 73, the women there who work there
- 13:18 know my order by heart now I walk in
- 13:20 and they're like already ready preparing it for me.
- 13:24 And then after that,
- 13:25 I have my lab for forensic science
- 13:28 and that's about two and a half hours.
- 13:31 So once I'm done with that,
- 13:32 I usually just need a little bit of a break
- 13:34 so we'll go and grab dinner over at Samea.
- 13:38 My favorite is probably their noodles with orange chicken.
- 13:41 They'll have those ready, prepared for you.
- 13:43 I'll grab some soy sauce for that,
- 13:45 and then I'll eat that real quick.
- 13:47 And usually I'll sit outside on these Samea steps
- 13:51 just 'cause I think that's a great way
- 13:52 for me to get a little bit of sunshine
- 13:54 and get some fresh air.
- 13:55 And then since I am a resident assistant,
- 13:58 on Thursday nights, I'm on call.
- 14:00 So then I come back in and I talk to residents
- 14:03 do some rounds,
- 14:04 and that is what pretty normal Thursday looks like for me.
- 14:09 Yeah I think that many students
- 14:11 have a very similar experience.
- 14:13 I'm gonna kind of button here
- 14:15 and share what my typical day looks like.
- 14:17 So my day typically starts in the morning
- 14:19 with some meetings, logging into my internship.
- 14:22 I'm very fortunate to have an internship right now
- 14:25 while also kind of balancing classes.
- 14:27 And you'll see that that's very common
- 14:28 amongst Suffolk students.
- 14:30 So I'll have my internship in the morning,
- 14:32 I'll sign off there,
- 14:34 I'll sign into my classes
- 14:35 and I'll take all my classes, you know
- 14:37 write all my notes, do all my homework.
- 14:39 And then we'll probably have a meeting with a professor

- 14:42 in the evening,
- 14:42 talk about maybe some upcoming projects,
- 14:45 some kind of career goals,
- 14:46 the professors have already helpful with
- 14:48 kind of helping you along your career.
- 14:51 And then I finished out the evening with some homework.
- 14:54 So I think that a lot of us have very similar schedules
- 14:56 and yet ours are vastly different.
- 15:00 So we have over 70 academic programs here at Suffolk
- 15:03 and many of the courses actually do take advantage
- 15:06 of the city of Boston.
- 15:08 So Logan, can you tell us some examples
- 15:10 of how your professors have taken advantage
- 15:12 of resources around the city?
- 15:14 Yeah, I mean, when (laughs)
- 15:16 when you say takes advantage of the city
- 15:20 I like to think of my freshman year.
- 15:22 There's like a freshman experience course
- 15:24 usually take and I did Benjamin Franklin (laughs)
- 15:30 like a class completely about him.
- 15:32 It was run by the Professor Bob Alison,
- 15:35 and if you come here you should definitely
- 15:37 take either that course,
- 15:39 or the City of Boston with Bob Alison as well too,
- 15:42 because he teaches first,
- 15:45 obviously in the classroom.
- 15:47 We in my Benjamin Franklin class,
- 15:49 we did a lot of readings of different biographies,
- 15:52 yeah, biographies, not autobiographies (laughs)
- 15:56 and like his journals.
- 15:58 And then as well too, like we also went out into the city
- 16:01 because there's so much history around us,
- 16:05 there's so much to show off.
- 16:07 I was able to go to like the graveyard
- 16:10 that's like right next to 70 View Tremont
- 16:13 and like Bob explained all of the graves to us,
- 16:16 it was so cool. (laughs)
- 16:18 We also went over to like
- 16:19 the old town hall as well too.
- 16:23 That's now like Ruth steakhouse, I think.
- 16:27 But like we were able to like go view that
- 16:30 and just see the history.
- 16:31 And Bob's like,
- 16:32 besides being a professor at Suffolk
- 16:35 he is also like a huge historian in the Boston area.
- 16:39 So he knows so much
- 16:41 and he's just like such a great person to be around.
- 16:44 The last thing I'll say about Bob
- 16:46 is I actually was able to be part
- 16:49 of a revolutionary war reenactment because of him. (laughs)
- 16:54 So like after his class, my first semester here,
- 16:57 he actually emailed me and he was like,
- 17:00 "Hey, we're gonna do this like 250 year anniversary
- 17:03 of like the Red Coats, like marching on Boston

- 17:07 and we need like volunteers to help
- 17:09 like guide them through the streets."
- 17:11 So I got to like participate in like this really cool
- 17:14 like reenactment with like a real ship
- 17:17 like everybody full suits,
- 17:19 like all the guns, everything.
- 17:21 It was so cool.
- 17:22 But like I got that experience
- 17:23 through my professor and that was like so cool
- 17:26 for me because I'm kind of a history nerd.
- 17:29 And while like my major is like political science and stuff,
- 17:31 like I still really, really enjoy those experiences,
- 17:36 honestly, like it really deepened my connection in Boston.
- 17:39 I would highly recommend those courses
- 17:44 but yeah, I mean,
- 17:45 for me that's how my experience has been in Boston area,
- 17:48 but yeah.
- 17:51 I had a very similar experience.
- 17:53 I'll never really forget my History of Boston course
- 17:56 that I took my first year.
- 17:58 That was really a great way to learn more
- 18:00 about the history of Boston,
- 18:02 and I really never felt more like a tourist in my own city.
- 18:05 So that was very interesting.
- 18:07 But as you have seen from I guess Logan's stories,
- 18:10 our location in the city is very unique
- 18:13 for our academic experiences,
- 18:15 but our location also provides a lot of opportunity
- 18:19 for professional development
- 18:20 especially through internships.
- 18:22 So Clara, can you tell us kind of what resources
- 18:25 are available to students
- 18:26 looking for professional development?
- 18:29 Yeah, so I'm actually going through this process right now
- 18:32 and it was a little scary at first
- 18:34 because like professional development,
- 18:36 that's thinking about after college and like,
- 18:38 I don't really know what I'm doing.
- 18:40 I feel like I'm still like 12 years old,
- 18:42 so it's really helpful to have people
- 18:44 who've helped me throughout the way.
- 18:46 So there's a couple of different things
- 18:48 that have helped me so far in the search.
- 18:51 The first is internships.
- 18:52 So about 70% of undergraduate students here
- 18:56 are gonna get an internship
- 18:57 by the time they graduate.
- 18:59 For myself in psychology,
- 19:01 an internship is required for me to graduate
- 19:04 based on the coursework.
- 19:05 But depending on your major,
- 19:06 it might not be required
- 19:08 but a lot of students will still do it
- 19:10 because it's kind of like dipping your toe in the water,

- 19:12 see if you actually like it.
- 19:14 Which also means that you can do an internship
- 19:16 at any point in your Suffolk career.
- 19:18 So if you are not really sure about something,
- 19:20 and you decide to get an internship your freshman year
- 19:23 and you're like, "Ooh, I don't like real estate,
- 19:25 I can't do this."
- 19:26 You know, that's cool,
- 19:27 you'll have time to switch, that's a great.
- 19:29 For myself,
- 19:30 I'm just doing it a little bit later
- 19:32 'cause I know what I wanna do.
- 19:34 So the way that I'm looking for internships
- 19:36 is one through my professors,
- 19:38 I've done a lot of networking with my professors,
- 19:40 reached out to them and said,
- 19:41 these are the things I'm interested in,
- 19:43 do you know anyone in the Boston area
- 19:45 that is looking for people
- 19:47 that you could connect me to?
- 19:48 So always get those connections with your professors
- 19:50 'cause they can help you in a lot of ways.
- 19:52 But we also have more formal ways,
- 19:54 like our career development center,
- 19:56 they can help you search for internships
- 19:58 and the Critter Roman Center
- 20:01 also there's a lot of things to help you get prepared
- 20:05 for applying to internships.
- 20:07 They have looked over my resume before
- 20:09 and very nicely told me that I needed to throw it
- 20:11 out and make a new one because it wasn't going to work.
- 20:13 And I was like well, that's good
- 20:14 that's good to know,
- 20:15 thank you, I appreciate that.
- 20:17 They also were able to do a mock interview with me
- 20:20 and be like, "Oh, never say that in an interview."
- 20:22 And I was like, "Oh, okay, good, good."
- 20:23 So they're really good at helping you make mistakes
- 20:26 in a low risk environment so that
- 20:29 when you get to your internship resume or interview
- 20:34 that you're really nailing those responses instead.
- 20:38 So I do see that we have a question in the Q&A
- 20:41 about if you arrange your own.
- 20:44 So you do arrange your own,
- 20:45 But Suffolk is really there to help you the process.
- 20:48 And we also have different options
- 20:50 for students to get involved with professional development
- 20:53 outside of internship opportunities.
- 20:55 We have RAMP which is a mentor program
- 20:58 where you get paired up
- 21:02 with someone who is an alumni
- 21:04 who is in a field like your own.
- 21:05 So they can help you say that
- 21:07 try to figure out the graduation,

- 21:09 not the graduation, the graduate school process
- 21:12 or where they work to work their way
- 21:14 up to where they are now.
- 21:16 And we also have Handshake,
- 21:17 which is kind of like LinkedIn
- 21:19 but just for college students.
- 21:21 And a lot of companies around the Boston area
- 21:24 will reach out to Suffolk students on Handshake
- 21:26 because Suffolk luckily does have a pretty good reputation
- 21:29 in the Boston area,
- 21:31 for having some really great students
- 21:34 with great work drives.
- 21:36 So that was a lot of information that I just gave you,
- 21:38 but my main point here is that Suffolk
- 21:40 really does give you a lot of different resources
- 21:42 whether it's through formal or informal support.
- 21:49 I really can't recommend
- 21:51 the Career Development Center enough.
- 21:53 At one point I essentially had
- 21:54 a standing weekly appointment with them.
- 21:56 They again did help me go through my entire resume
- 21:59 mock interview skills,
- 22:01 finding positions to apply for.
- 22:04 They're so fantastic,
- 22:05 I always get this example
- 22:07 that this upcoming summer I had nine offers
- 22:10 for an internship,
- 22:11 and so that was kind of like their work with me
- 22:15 really did help me get to that point.
- 22:17 But I've been lucky enough
- 22:18 to have actually three internships,
- 22:20 my time here at Suffolk.
- 22:22 And I think it's a great way to really show
- 22:23 what an internship can do for you at Suffolk.
- 22:26 So my first internship was with,
- 22:28 it was actually on campus.
- 22:30 We opened a tax clinic,
- 22:32 it was a free tax clinic for people
- 22:35 around the City of Boston.
- 22:36 And typically to come Suffolk Campus
- 22:40 and we would actually help them prepare their taxes.
- 22:42 So that was my first kind of internship experience,
- 22:45 and it was very low pressure
- 22:46 because I knew I had the support system of the professor
- 22:49 right on Suffolk's Campus.
- 22:51 My second internship was actually with a biotech company
- 22:54 over in Cambridge
- 22:56 in their kind of their corporate accounting department.
- 22:59 So I got to see a lot of interesting things
- 23:01 during that time
- 23:02 and I even got to work with Johnson & Johnson,
- 23:04 so that's pretty cool.
- 23:06 And then I currently have an internship
- 23:08 with another tax firm in Boston

- 23:10 over in the financial district.
- 23:12 And really none of that would have happened
- 23:14 without Suffolk's help.
- 23:16 I actually even found all of those job postings
- 23:18 through the Handshake website that Claire mentioned.
- 23:21 That's just a great resource
- 23:22 for all of our students to be able to find
- 23:24 those professional development opportunities.
- 23:26 I always say that Handshake and professors
- 23:29 and alumni are really your best connections.
- 23:32 So there are many locations around
- 23:34 the City of Boston that our students
- 23:36 do find internships at.
- 23:38 As I mentioned that I just found them
- 23:40 in three different places around Boston.
- 23:42 So we're gonna open up a poll question.
- 23:44 Where in Boston do you see yourself working in the future?
- 23:48 So each one of these places
- 23:50 on the poll question is actually a very popular spot
- 23:53 for student internships.
- 23:55 The John Hancock Tower is very popular
- 23:58 for like business internships
- 23:59 especially accounting and finance.
- 24:02 The State House, Logan,
- 24:05 I don't know if you've had any experiences
- 24:06 with classmates that have had internships there
- 24:08 but that's very popular for political science majors.
- 24:12 And then I always like to see become an influence
- 24:15 like Jenna Marbles,
- 24:17 Jenna Marbles, I think we all grew up
- 24:19 with Jenna Marbles on YouTube.
- 24:21 She did graduate from Suffolk University
- 24:23 and that is kind of a great connection to have.
- 24:26 All right, let's see.
- 24:34 So while these answers come up, okay.
- 24:38 Massachusetts State House very popular.
- 24:41 Google Theater District.
- 24:44 I think Maddy celebrating that one a little bit.
- 24:47 So let's move on,
- 24:49 Hoaka, can you tell us a little bit adish
- 24:51 about the places that students can find those internships?
- 24:54 I know I talked about it a little bit,
- 24:55 but can you maybe go a little bit more in depth?
- 24:58 Yeah, absolutely.
- 24:59 So there are so many places around the City of Boston
- 25:03 that as Suffolk students,
- 25:04 we really do have an advantage of
- 25:07 in terms of location especially because
- 25:09 we are located in Downtown Boston.
- 25:11 So I see some of you are interested
- 25:12 in the Massachusetts State House,
- 25:14 like Michael said,
- 25:16 great if you're interested in government.
- 25:18 We like to joke that the Massachusetts State House

- 25:21 is right in our backyard,
- 25:22 because it's like literally neighboring
- 25:24 all of our academic buildings, which is really cool.
- 25:27 Google Theater District,
- 25:29 you know short walks away from campus.
- 25:32 We also have the financial district,
- 25:34 which is great, If you're interested in
- 25:36 like business, or finance or accounting,
- 25:38 entrepreneurship that's only about a five to 10 minute walk
- 25:42 away from campus.
- 25:44 We have so many hospitals in the area as well,
- 25:46 if you're interested in majoring
- 25:48 in any of the sciences we have to offer.
- 25:50 So of course we have the Massachusetts General Hospital,
- 25:54 we have the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,
- 25:56 we have Boston Children's which aren't too far away
- 25:58 from campus at all,
- 25:59 only about like a 10 to 20 minute T ride.
- 26:03 And then we also have the Channel 7 News,
- 26:05 so if you're interested in like broadcast journalism
- 26:07 or something like that,
- 26:08 that'd be a great option for you
- 26:10 only five minutes away from campus.
- 26:12 My best friend actually got an internship
- 26:14 at the Suffolk Superior Courthouse,
- 26:17 which is a neighboring building
- 26:19 to all of our academic buildings.
- 26:22 So she would literally go to class,
- 26:24 and then right after that
- 26:25 she would walk right across the street to her internship.
- 26:28 So that really just shows that
- 26:30 our central location gives us the opportunity
- 26:33 to really balance like school and work and internships
- 26:36 just based off of our location.
- 26:43 Thank you so much Hoaka.
- 26:45 We spent a lot of time
- 26:45 talking about professional development opportunities
- 26:48 around the city of Boston.
- 26:49 But there are many ways to get involved off campus
- 26:51 and on campus, through our clubs and organizations.
- 26:55 So Maddy, how has been getting involved
- 26:57 with clubs and organizations on campus,
- 26:59 affected your experience in Boston?
- 27:02 That's a really awesome question.
- 27:04 Student involvement is my favorite thing
- 27:07 to talk about on tour
- 27:08 because getting involved here on campus
- 27:12 absolutely changed my university experience.
- 27:17 As I mentioned,
- 27:18 I was a transfer student.
- 27:20 So as soon as I got here,
- 27:21 I was like I have to get involved in something,
- 27:23 I have to make friends
- 27:24 like so that I can really make this a home for myself.

- 27:28 That's how I found Trustee Ambassadors,
- 27:30 and it's just like been the best opportunity for me.
- 27:33 And in terms of opportunities off campus,
- 27:36 there are so many things that our clubs
- 27:39 and organizations provide particularly
- 27:40 with student leadership opportunities
- 27:43 and service opportunities.
- 27:45 Like through Trustee Ambassadors,
- 27:47 I was able to attend a leadership conference in January
- 27:51 with tour guides from just all over the country
- 27:55 and got to your presentations
- 27:57 and give my own presentation at our training,
- 27:59 and that's just such invaluable leadership experience
- 28:03 that you will never,
- 28:05 you will never find anywhere else if you don't get involved.
- 28:08 So it was just a wonderful opportunity.
- 28:13 And also it's just way more fun
- 28:16 to be a college student when you're involved on campus.
- 28:21 We have a lot of opportunities to do
- 28:23 like recreational activities,
- 28:25 like ice skating on the common,
- 28:28 we have concerts on campus,
- 28:32 we have opportunities to buy discounted tickets
- 28:34 to shows down in the Theater District
- 28:37 as well as like hockey games and Celtics games around here.
- 28:41 So there's just so much to do in this city
- 28:43 and the university really helps you take advantage
- 28:45 of all those opportunities.
- 28:48 Absolutely.
- 28:50 I always say that academics
- 28:51 is the reason you go to college
- 28:53 and involvement is the reason you stay.
- 28:56 So Clara, along with clubs,
- 28:58 serving us many opportunities to gain fun
- 29:01 and beneficial hands-on experience in the city.
- 29:04 What are some ways that Suffolk supports student involvement
- 29:07 around the Boston community?
- 29:10 Yeah, so I think there's a couple of main ways
- 29:13 that we do that.
- 29:15 We are as you know,
- 29:16 right in the center of Bostons,
- 29:18 we wanna make sure that
- 29:19 we are helping the community that we're in.
- 29:21 So the way that we do that is often
- 29:23 through our center for community engagement.
- 29:26 I think it was two weeks ago
- 29:28 was actually our weekly,
- 29:29 not weekly annual service day.
- 29:32 And since it is COVID,
- 29:34 we wanted to spread it out over the week
- 29:36 so that we could have code safe procedures
- 29:38 but I was able to participate in that,
- 29:42 and I worked with a three different communities
- 29:46 around Boston,

- 29:47 such as a program to work with veterans,
- 29:51 a program that worked with families
- 29:53 who were coming to get treatment at our hospitals,
- 29:56 as well as a program that works with women in the area
- 30:00 women identifying people who currently don't have a home.
- 30:04 So we were able to do different gift bags for them,
- 30:06 we were able to,
- 30:07 for the kids that come to get treatment
- 30:10 we made them little cardboard llamas
- 30:12 so that they could, you know, decorate them.
- 30:14 So just little things that are really able
- 30:17 to make a bigger impact on the community.
- 30:19 It might not seem
- 30:20 like those small things that you might be doing
- 30:21 during service day are making a huge impact,
- 30:24 but in reality, they are.
- 30:26 Small things of kindness can really make a huge impact.
- 30:30 So even though we have the large service day every year
- 30:33 we also do have weekly opportunities
- 30:34 that you can volunteer with them
- 30:36 or they can help you find other volunteer work as well.
- 30:40 And then we have our own Suffolk CARES Pantry
- 30:43 but we also work with the Boston Food Pantry
- 30:45 to help the greater community outside of Suffolk as well.
- 30:49 And outside of that,
- 30:50 the community engagement also works with
- 30:52 our service learning classes.
- 30:54 So if you take a service learning class,
- 30:56 I'm in one right now,
- 30:57 you are able to part of your coursework
- 31:00 is working with someone in the Boston community.
- 31:03 So I'm taking one of those right now
- 31:05 to help students work on college access,
- 31:08 which is really exciting.
- 31:09 So that is like a very substantial way
- 31:12 that we are helping the Boston community.
- 31:14 But then students can also just get involved
- 31:16 with things around Boston too.
- 31:19 Like Maddy said,
- 31:21 there's usually something going on due to a club
- 31:23 or like getting involved there.
- 31:25 But if you wanna get a little bit more out into the city
- 31:28 my favorite way to do that
- 31:29 is by getting the discounted sports tickets
- 31:31 that she was talking about.
- 31:33 I was able to go see,
- 31:34 I think a Boston Red Sox game for like \$20,
- 31:37 with pretty good seats,
- 31:38 which is pretty unheard of.
- 31:40 And then my freshman year,
- 31:42 I actually was able to go and see the Boston Ballet
- 31:45 Nutcracker for about \$20 as well.
- 31:47 Which that was really exciting
- 31:48 'cause I've never gone before.

- 31:50 So a lot of different ways to help the community of Boston
- 31:54 while also getting yourself kind of out to the city
- 31:56 and explore it while you're here.
- 32:00 Absolutely.
- 32:01 I, you know, I'm gonna need someone
- 32:03 to get me those \$15 Bruins tickets
- 32:04 when I graduate.
- 32:06 I love that we were able to go see a Bruins playoff game
- 32:10 for \$15 and that might be the highlight
- 32:12 of my entire Suffolk experience.
- 32:15 But Suffolk oh sorry,
- 32:16 the city of Boston does have
- 32:17 a lot of fun places
- 32:18 to just kind of hang out, relax, have some adventures.
- 32:22 So Logan, what would you say are your top three places
- 32:25 to hang out around the city?
- 32:28 Okay. (laughs)
- 32:30 I think first off,
- 32:31 I think like I'm gonna group the Boston Commons,
- 32:35 the garden and the Esplanade altogether,
- 32:38 because they're all so close.
- 32:40 Where I lived my first two years on campus in Smith Hall,
- 32:43 and now I live in East Boston,
- 32:46 but those parks are so great.
- 32:50 The Esplanade on the Charles River is so beautiful. (laughs)
- 32:53 I, when I lived in the dorms,
- 32:56 I would spend as much time outside
- 32:58 in those green areas as much as possible,
- 33:01 just because like you're in the middle of the city
- 33:04 but you have like this wide expansive area
- 33:07 just to like hang out with your friends, do work.
- 33:10 I mean, I remember like the times me and Clara
- 33:12 we would go outside and just, you know
- 33:13 put a blanket down,
- 33:14 do a little bit of homework in the commons.
- 33:17 That like, for me (laughs)
- 33:18 that is like it right there.
- 33:21 But another one would be definitely like the MFA.
- 33:25 I've had a lot of experiences
- 33:27 going with a lot of my friends and stuff
- 33:29 also by myself and something that's great
- 33:31 about Suffolk is that Suffolk
- 33:33 pays the MFA like a subscription,
- 33:36 so all of our students can go completely for free.
- 33:40 So you can just go up to the counter,
- 33:41 say, I wanna go in (laughs)
- 33:42 they give you a free ticket and you're done.
- 33:44 And that also works at the ICA as well too,
- 33:48 and as well as the Isabella Gardner Museum.
- 33:54 Oh wait, that one's just discounted
- 33:56 that one's not free, but it's discounted.
- 33:57 But like all of those museums are like so great
- 34:01 and I mean, personally for me,
- 34:02 I did a year of interior design when I was looking around,

- 34:06 and during that year of like art
- 34:09 I really spent a lot of time at the MFA
- 34:12 either doing like charcoal drawings
- 34:13 or just like statues or like paintings
- 34:18 and stuff like that.
- 34:19 Or just to like view art and get inspiration for it.
- 34:22 The museums in Boston are so great,
- 34:25 and because we're connected on the T as well, too
- 34:28 they're so easy to get to, which is great.
- 34:32 And then I think the last one
- 34:34 is gonna be the North End for me. (laughs)
- 34:36 I live in East Boston,
- 34:37 but the North End, I love going to a lot of people
- 34:42 at Suffolk live in the North End, too.
- 34:44 I just can't afford it. (laughs)
- 34:46 But I mean, right now
- 34:47 I'm actually doing this project with the film club
- 34:50 in collaboration with the photography club.
- 34:53 We're working on this student film called 6 and Gigs,
- 34:56 and it's like a four-part series.
- 34:58 And we've been recording throughout the North End
- 35:01 for the last couple of weeks,
- 35:02 that's actually where I was last night. (laughs)
- 35:04 we were in like an alleyway in the middle of the night
- 35:06 recording, like a fight scene,
- 35:07 it was really cool,
- 35:09 but like the North End is like such a cool experience
- 35:12 because all of the windy streets,
- 35:13 it's all, it feels very old
- 35:16 all the Italian restaurants too.
- 35:19 I can't afford it,
- 35:20 but when my grandparents come to visit
- 35:22 that's what I'm eating. (laughs)
- 35:24 But also to Bovas,
- 35:26 I can't highly recommend it enough
- 35:28 open 24/7, seven days a week,
- 35:31 all roads lead to Bovas and the North End, (laughs)
- 35:34 you just gotta keep walking around.
- 35:37 But like, they do like pastries,
- 35:39 as well as like chicken parms and stuff like that.
- 35:44 That is like one of my favorite spots
- 35:46 to hit up in the middle of the night,
- 35:48 because nothing else is open
- 35:50 but yeah,
- 35:51 that's definitely just like the top three
- 35:53 of my lists right now.
- 35:54 But it definitely fluctuates, you know?
- 35:58 All right, well,
- 35:59 you have transitioned us perfectly,
- 36:01 and before I open up the most debated question
- 36:04 of the afternoon,
- 36:06 I'm actually gonna open up a poll for our guests today.
- 36:09 So what is your favorite type of food?
- 36:14 We know that Boston is a very foodie city

- 36:16 and we'll try to sway your opinion yet
- 36:19 but this is like our number one most contented question.
- 36:26 Let's see.
- 36:41 All right, let's see the answers.
- 36:46 Italian and Asian or Asian fusion is split,
- 36:49 Latin-America and something else.
- 36:51 I'm curious what that something else would be, all right.
- 36:54 But now we're gonna open this question
- 36:55 to actually all of our panelists.
- 36:58 What is your favorite place to eat off campus and why?
- 37:04 And we'll start with Clara.
- 37:06 This is always such a hard question.
- 37:08 I'm a big coffee person.
- 37:11 I'm not really like a big restaurant person,
- 37:13 I'm a big coffee person.
- 37:15 So my two favorite cafes around the area
- 37:19 are probably Bittersweet.
- 37:21 Oh my gosh, I can't speak right now.
- 37:24 Bittersweet Shop on Newbury.
- 37:27 They have really good coffee,
- 37:28 and also 10 for 10 would recommend
- 37:30 their grilled cheese sandwich
- 37:31 with their tomato soup.
- 37:33 It just like is so delicious.
- 37:34 But then if you wanna go a little bit farther away
- 37:37 my favorite coffee shop ever is 1369 Coffee House
- 37:41 over in Cambridge.
- 37:42 I'm a big coffee person,
- 37:44 so even though I can't quite pick a favorite restaurant,
- 37:47 those are definitely my two favorite like cafe spots to go.
- 37:51 But I feel like Hoaka has better
- 37:53 restaurant recommendations than I would.
- 37:57 So I have got a great recommendation
- 37:59 for those of you that are particularly interested
- 38:02 in Asian or Asian fusion.
- 38:04 This is definitely like my number one go-to restaurant,
- 38:07 when anyone asks the best place to eat in Boston.
- 38:12 It's my Thai Vegan Cafe,
- 38:14 even though it's vegan,
- 38:15 like you don't have to be vegan to go there.
- 38:18 All of my friends who are vegan,
- 38:20 absolutely love that place
- 38:22 and they have such great food,
- 38:25 like your taste buds will not be disappointed,
- 38:28 I promise you.
- 38:28 It's only about like max a 10 minute walk away from campus.
- 38:33 So it's super accessible, their prices
- 38:36 are definitely college budget friendly
- 38:38 which is always a huge plus.
- 38:41 So definitely take down My Thai Vegan Cafe.
- 38:45 But Logan, what's your like recommendations for restaurants?
- 38:51 Well, I just said Boyas earlier,
- 38:53 but like you,
- 38:54 I am definitely college friendly budget restaurant choices.

- 38:58 I mean, I just mentioned Bovas,
- 39:00 but I will say the McDonald's
- 39:01 that is right next to Smith Hall.
- 39:04 I visit that one too many times, (laughs)
- 39:07 but yeah like that one's open to like 11:00 PM,
- 39:10 you know, it's worth it,
- 39:12 but yeah, my two years in Smith Hall,
- 39:16 I visited that maybe like once a week, you know
- 39:18 maybe sometimes more,
- 39:20 baked chicken was really it for me.
- 39:24 So my roommate and I are really huge fans
- 39:27 of chicken wings (laughs)
- 39:29 so we order chicken wings, and fries
- 39:33 from Wings Over quite a lot.
- 39:34 It's not like,
- 39:36 I don't know if there's one
- 39:38 like definitely not near where I live,
- 39:41 but we order it in
- 39:42 and I don't have Wings Over where I'm from
- 39:44 so it's kind of like a treat when we get it,
- 39:46 and also JP Licks for milkshakes.
- 39:49 We love them, they're very good.
- 39:50 And you can like go in
- 39:51 and customize like what you want in them.
- 39:53 We like, like the cake batter with peanut butter
- 39:57 and like Oreos, mhh just gets amazing.
- 40:00 JP Licks red eye, the milkshake
- 40:02 with the espresso shot is amazing.
- 40:04 But for everyone who mentioned Italian,
- 40:08 I know it's not like true Italian,
- 40:09 but I'm gonna go with pizza here.
- 40:11 So in the North End,
- 40:12 there's this little place called Ernesto's
- 40:15 and Ernesto's is like buy the slice pizza
- 40:17 it's best at lunchtime,
- 40:18 it's like three or \$4 for a slice last time I was there,
- 40:22 and a slice of pizza is a third of like a whole pizza.
- 40:25 So it's definitely a place if you're into pizza
- 40:27 I would definitely recommend checking it out.
- 40:30 It's it's fantastic.
- 40:32 But I guess we should probably move
- 40:35 on before we take up all the time here.
- 40:36 I just wanna let you know that
- 40:38 Boston really is a foodie city.
- 40:41 A lot of my go to's and a lot of student experiences
- 40:44 I think are really centered around food
- 40:46 in the city of Boston,
- 40:47 but beyond our local restaurants
- 40:51 what is one thing that makes Boston a unique city
- 40:54 to study and live in?
- 40:56 and we're gonna actually open this up to all our panelists
- 40:58 here and let's start with Maddy.
- 41:01 Yeah, so I will touch on the accessibility factor,
- 41:07 so I had kind of mentioned earlier,

- 41:10 you know, I came from a suburban area and living here,
- 41:12 like I can just hop on the train
- 41:14 and go wherever and access all of these really cool things
- 41:17 like the museum of fine arts
- 41:18 and things like that.
- 41:20 I just, something I really value about our campus
- 41:23 and our school is that
- 41:24 we're right at the heart of everything,
- 41:26 and it's really easy and accessible
- 41:28 to kind of step out of your comfort zone
- 41:32 and experience new things here,
- 41:33 which is something that I was really looking for
- 41:35 in my college campus.
- 41:38 Yeah, I definitely agree with you Maddy.
- 41:40 I think that like for myself,
- 41:41 it's the accessibility of all the different
- 41:43 opportunities that we have.
- 41:45 So like for myself,
- 41:46 whether that's the internships
- 41:48 or the service learning classes, I've taken
- 41:50 where I'm able to work with the Boston community.
- 41:53 I think that our professors really work
- 41:57 with our students and they want you to succeed,
- 41:59 and so they are there to really help you take advantage
- 42:03 of everything in the city,
- 42:05 whether it's like Logan said
- 42:06 going for, you know, Benjamin Franklin stuff,
- 42:09 to Michael being able to find different internships around.
- 42:13 So I think that is the biggest thing for me
- 42:14 that I've seen throughout my three years at Suffolk,
- 42:17 is that they want you to take advantage
- 42:19 of all the different opportunities in the city,
- 42:21 and they make it really easy for you to do that.
- 42:25 Yeah, I was gonna say the,
- 42:27 just the diversity of the city
- 42:29 and just the diversity that you get at the university.
- 42:32 Boston is riddled with history. (laughs)
- 42:36 Every part of Boston is different than the rest of it.
- 42:38 It's so cool, just to be able to walk around the city
- 42:42 and just be so in link
- 42:46 you know, and it all because there's so much going on
- 42:49 but also just like at our school level as well too,
- 42:52 we have over 120 different clubs and organizations.
- 42:57 There's so much to do at our school and around the area
- 43:02 and the opportunities afforded to you by,
- 43:05 you know just talking to professors,
- 43:07 getting to know them,
- 43:09 the internships that you can get off of them,
- 43:11 the random emails that you'll get of a professor saying,
- 43:15 "Hey, do you wanna try out this?
- 43:17 I just thought you were good at this in my class,
- 43:19 and I think you might be interested in this."
- 43:22 Like just the diversity of all,
- 43:25 the amount of different things

- 43:26 that I've been able to experience at my time here
- 43:28 has been insane compared to like the rest of my life.
- 43:31 My three years in Boston has been really great.
- 43:35 I mean, it's mostly because of how diverse Boston is.
- 43:41 Yeah, definitely going off of that,
- 43:42 I feel like Suffolk in general
- 43:45 just has a really great,
- 43:47 and I feel like unique sense of community.
- 43:49 We have professors that are lovely
- 43:52 and they're always more than willing
- 43:54 to set aside a time to meet with us,
- 43:57 just have a chat.
- 43:58 They even remember our faces and our names
- 44:01 after a couple years.
- 44:02 So when I was a first year here,
- 44:03 I took a class and then with one of my professors,
- 44:05 and then a couple years later
- 44:07 I took his class again and he was like,
- 44:08 "Hey Hoaka, how's it going?
- 44:10 How are you doing with this and that?"
- 44:11 So it's nice to know that our professors
- 44:14 still remember our names and our faces.
- 44:15 And then also we have fabulous students
- 44:19 as you can see here,
- 44:20 many clubs and organizations that can really just
- 44:23 make Suffolk feel homey and really harbor
- 44:27 that sense of community that we absolutely love
- 44:30 and thrive of of
- 44:31 and for me personally,
- 44:32 that was super important when I chose to come to Suffolk
- 44:36 for college, because like I said,
- 44:37 I am from Florida,
- 44:39 so finding that place that felt like home
- 44:42 and that really wanted me to be here was super important.
- 44:46 And that was Suffolk for me,
- 44:48 because we have such a great community
- 44:49 where I definitely felt like I could fit in and thrive.
- 44:58 All right,
- 44:59 so thank you so much everyone.
- 45:00 Now we want to hear from all of you.
- 45:02 I know that we do have some questions
- 45:04 coming through the Q&A
- 45:06 but if you do have any questions,
- 45:07 please feel free to drop it in there
- 45:08 and then we could help you.
- 45:11 All right.
- 45:12 Hi, Michael, and hi everyone again.
- 45:15 I have some questions here from our audience
- 45:18 and our first one is,
- 45:20 how safe is campus and especially for women
- 45:23 or identifying as women on campus?
- 45:28 Clara, would you like to answer this question
- 45:30 about security on campus for the whole student population?
- 45:33 Sure, yeah.

- 45:34 So I have lived on campus for all of my three years
- 45:37 here at Suffolk.
- 45:38 So I'm pretty experienced on safety here.
- 45:43 So the way that it works is we have our security guards
- 45:47 who are in all of our academic buildings
- 45:49 and residence halls.
- 45:51 In academic buildings,
- 45:52 you have your ID card, your Suffolk ID
- 45:54 that you're able to tap at the front desk
- 45:56 to show that you are a Suffolk student,
- 45:58 but in residence halls
- 45:59 we even take it a step further
- 46:00 by having a two tap system,
- 46:03 so you have to tap your ID card
- 46:05 to even get into the building,
- 46:07 and then once you're in the building
- 46:08 you tap that card again by the security desk.
- 46:10 And that is where they're gonna make sure
- 46:12 that the person tapping the card
- 46:14 is the person who is the card holder.
- 46:17 So as we see,
- 46:18 you know, we are in the middle of Boston,
- 46:20 things happen, maybe you drop your ID card
- 46:22 in the middle of the Boston Common.
- 46:24 This makes sure that at that second tap
- 46:26 when they're checking that the ID card is you
- 46:30 that like if I drop my card,
- 46:31 Maddy couldn't pick it up
- 46:32 and just get into my residence hall.
- 46:35 So that's one way that we keep our students safe
- 46:37 but we also have something called Leavers Safe.
- 46:40 And in here you're able to have people track
- 46:44 where you're going.
- 46:44 So say that you are going from Modern Theater
- 46:48 after catching one of our theater shows
- 46:50 and then you wanna go over and work out in the gym.
- 46:54 And that is probably gonna be the longest walk on campus
- 46:56 maybe about 12 minutes depending on how fast you're walking,
- 46:59 if it's raining, all that different stuff.
- 47:01 If you, you know, get into a tour group,
- 47:03 that's looking at the freedom trail
- 47:04 and you have to walk around them.
- 47:06 So just a lot of different things,
- 47:07 but about 12 minutes and say that
- 47:08 you just not quite feeling it
- 47:10 and you want a little bit extra security
- 47:13 you can have your location sent to someone through the app
- 47:15 and they can watch you walk.
- 47:17 And if you stop for too long
- 47:18 or you take a really large detour
- 47:21 they can actually through the app
- 47:23 contact our Suffolk University Police Department
- 47:26 and they will come to your location
- 47:27 to make sure everything is okay.

- 47:29 I think that's a really great option for people.
- 47:30 I personally don't use it just
- 47:33 because I will stop too many times to pet dogs,
- 47:36 and then people think that I'm in danger,
- 47:37 but in reality I just wanna pet the puppies.
- 47:39 But it is a really great option for people
- 47:40 and we also have in person walking escorts,
- 47:45 so again,
- 47:46 if you feel like you would want
- 47:47 a little bit extra security
- 47:48 you can have one of our Suffolk University
- 47:50 Police Department officers
- 47:52 come and walk you from one location to the next.
- 47:55 I had a friend who I lived with my sophomore year,
- 47:58 her name was Paige,
- 47:59 and she did that a couple of times
- 48:01 when she would have really really late night rehearsals
- 48:05 over in our Sawyer building
- 48:07 and she would want to walk back
- 48:08 with one of our police officers to 10 West.
- 48:12 That just gave her a little bit of extra security
- 48:14 but that's in general about security that we have here.
- 48:18 And just from my own personal experience,
- 48:21 I do identify as a woman,
- 48:23 and I would say that I have felt very safe on campus
- 48:26 through those procedures,
- 48:28 and also I think that it's just a lot more safe
- 48:32 than you might expect at first.
- 48:34 So that's just my personal experience.
- 48:37 Yeah.
- 48:39 Wonderful, thank you so much for sharing Clara,
- 48:41 I think you really hit the nail on the head
- 48:43 with all aspects of safety on campus
- 48:45 and also for myself as an alum
- 48:48 and now as a professional,
- 48:49 and having been in Boston for quite some time, you know
- 48:52 I think we are in a really safe area.
- 48:53 I myself had very late night classes
- 48:56 and would oftentimes just walk with my friends
- 48:58 back to our residence halls
- 48:59 since we lived together which was really great,
- 49:01 but certainly you can take advantage
- 49:03 of all of our security measures.
- 49:05 And we also have assistance
- 49:07 through Suffolk where both students and parents
- 49:10 can be notified of any emergency situations
- 49:14 that may be happening on campus too.
- 49:16 So that way you're still as a student
- 49:18 and even as a parent if you so choose to stay informed
- 49:21 about what's going on on campus.
- 49:23 So thank you again for sharing Claire,
- 49:25 that was great.
- 49:26 And then for a second question,
- 49:28 it looks like we had an additional question

- 49:30 about more professional work opportunities
- 49:33 that has students that you've been able to access.
- 49:38 And how about Logan and Michael
- 49:40 why don't you both touch upon a little bit
- 49:41 about your experiences
- 49:43 and what you've been able to access as a Suffolk student
- 49:46 for professional development?
- 49:48 Yeah, well,
- 49:50 right now I'm in my search for an internship at the moment.
- 49:54 So I used, well
- 49:56 I had my resume built when I was,
- 49:58 when I was a freshmen,
- 49:59 I took, I was in the business school in my freshman year.
- 50:02 I took a course where we worked on our resumes and stuff,
- 50:07 and I kinda started building up my resume
- 50:08 from my freshman year.
- 50:11 But since I was going into internships this year,
- 50:13 I kinda wanted to get it checked over
- 50:14 because I'm sure I was gonna change,
- 50:18 and I don't know if all my updates were gonna look right.
- 50:21 So I used the career development center
- 50:22 just to check over my resume.
- 50:24 I also use my friend, Gretchen, (laughs)
- 50:26 who as actually in some of the freshmen classes
- 50:29 with those resumes,
- 50:30 she's a really great resume builder.
- 50:32 She's available to freshmen as a tutor
- 50:34 but since she's my roommate, I just use her sometimes.
- 50:38 But I mean, I have built my resume through that
- 50:40 as well as the cover letter.
- 50:42 And then I've been looking for my internships currently,
- 50:45 like through Handshake.
- 50:46 The most interesting ones that I've applied to already.
- 50:50 I really wanna go into the Department of Transportation.
- 50:53 There's the rail and transportation internship.
- 50:57 I am really interested in trains and just transit
- 51:00 and it's been something I wanted to do
- 51:03 and I found that opportunity through Handshake initially.
- 51:06 And then I had people from Suffolk.
- 51:09 One of, I was an RA in my second year
- 51:11 I had my Residence Director who was my old boss
- 51:14 write me a letter of recommendation
- 51:16 as well as my current boss,
- 51:17 the Assistant Director
- 51:19 the Residents like Department
- 51:20 Danielle Remigio,
- 51:22 they both wrote me a professional recommendation letters
- 51:25 for this job and you know,
- 51:27 their contacts as well too. (laughs)
- 51:29 So they've been really helpful
- 51:31 in getting together this application,
- 51:33 and you know, I feel really prepared
- 51:35 if they do contact me and they say
- 51:37 they wanna interview me.

- 51:39 But I've been working through my internships
- 51:41 mainly through handshake.
- 51:43 I will say too,
- 51:44 I'm currently in a class called
- 51:47 data analysis and politics with Elena Ladet,
- 51:49 and she works as Suffolk as a instructor
- 51:54 but also at Harvard as an instructor,
- 51:56 and she teaches art coding.
- 51:58 I haven't had an opportunity through her yet,
- 52:01 but my roommate Nina who's also a Trustee Ambassador
- 52:04 actually got an internship at MIT,
- 52:06 working with graduate students on their thesis papers
- 52:09 completely through Elena.
- 52:12 Elena had this opportunity to reach her,
- 52:15 and then because I'm Elena knew
- 52:18 that Nina did so well in her coding class,
- 52:20 and knew that Nina was like up to it and capable of it,
- 52:23 she recommended that.
- 52:25 That was a really cool opportunity that Nina got,
- 52:26 and she's actually still doing that,
- 52:28 and she's doing some things at Harvard too now.
- 52:31 So, you know the opportunities for me,
- 52:34 I've just been really using the Career Development Center
- 52:36 as well as Handshake,
- 52:38 but I will say too,
- 52:39 like professors will send out emails
- 52:42 of just internship opportunities.
- 52:44 And then of course, professors too
- 52:46 if you get to know them well enough
- 52:48 sometimes they'll just contact you and say,
- 52:49 "Hey I got this cool opportunity available,
- 52:51 are you interested?"
- 52:52 You know, so that's been my experience
- 52:54 but I'll give it back to Michael.
- 52:57 Sure, so I think I'm a little bit further on
- 53:00 in my kind of professional career than you.
- 53:03 I guess, you know you'll get there slower.
- 53:06 I think you're a junior, but beyond that.
- 53:09 So I've had a lot of professional opportunities
- 53:12 while at Suffolk here.
- 53:13 So as I mentioned,
- 53:14 I had the opportunity to work with students
- 53:17 and people from around the City of Boston
- 53:19 helping prepare their tax returns.
- 53:22 That's kind of the career that I'm going into right now,
- 53:24 so that was some great experience
- 53:25 that I had my sophomore year at Suffolk.
- 53:29 Besides that I've also worked with
- 53:31 a publicly traded biotech company in Cambridge at the time
- 53:36 it was fantastic opportunity,
- 53:37 but while I was there,
- 53:38 they were actually acquired by Johnson & Johnson.
- 53:41 So I got to really see some very interesting
- 53:43 accounting issues that came up along those lines,

- 53:48 and now I'm currently working with one
- 53:50 of the largest public accounting firms in the country.
- 53:53 So I've had a lot of professional opportunities
- 53:55 and what we've talked about, Handshake and professors a lot
- 53:58 but I also want to mention,
- 54:00 that almost every major has a major specific club.
- 54:04 So as I said at the beginning,
- 54:05 I'm the President of Beta Alpha Psi,
- 54:07 which is an honor society for accounting majors.
- 54:10 So every Tuesday and Thursday,
- 54:12 we actually bring in accounting firms
- 54:14 from around the City of Boston in the country
- 54:16 that are actively looking to hire.
- 54:18 And we bring in the recruiters
- 54:20 for them to meet our accounting students.
- 54:22 It's entirely run by the students ourselves.
- 54:25 So that's a fantastic way
- 54:26 that a lot of people actually
- 54:28 do get accounting internships specifically.
- 54:31 But those types of clubs are available
- 54:32 for most majors on campus.
- 54:35 So I think I'm gonna leave it at there,
- 54:37 I hope I answered your question.
- 54:40 That was perfect.
- 54:41 Thank you, both Logan and Michael for your responses,
- 54:44 I think you both have very unique experiences
- 54:47 in how you've been able to work
- 54:49 with our student development on campus
- 54:52 in terms of looking for career opportunities
- 54:54 and internships
- 54:55 and certainly with your own
- 54:57 already existing internships too.
- 54:59 And Michael touched upon a great point
- 55:00 that here at Suffolk through involvement
- 55:03 in clubs in our organizations,
- 55:05 you can really hone in on your academic passions too
- 55:08 so, you know, really developing that
- 55:10 outside of the classroom as well.
- 55:13 So with that,
- 55:14 we're gonna wrap up our Experience Boston panel
- 55:17 with our current students.
- 55:19 I wanted to thank everyone who's in attendance today
- 55:22 for joining us today.
- 55:23 If you do have any questions
- 55:25 or wanted to chat further with our current students,
- 55:28 we do have a chat Monday through Friday
- 55:31 where you can, you know connect directly to everyone,
- 55:34 on our panel today,
- 55:35 and even more of our current student team as well.
- 55:39 Certainly if you have any questions for admission
- 55:42 please don't hesitate to reach out
- 55:44 at admission@suffolk.edu.
- 55:47 Otherwise we wanna thank you all again
- 55:49 for joining us this afternoon

55:51 and we hope you have a great rest of your weekend. 55:54 Thank you.	