



OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY



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Greetings,

Suffolk University Law School values an inclusive community and supports diversity among our students, faculty, and staff. We believe that our community is enriched by people of different backgrounds and cultures, and we are committed to building a culture of collaboration among diverse groups.

At Suffolk Law, you see diversity in action in every sphere of the institution. Our diverse community makes up 24 percent of the Law School student body, though that ABA-based statistic doesn't include LGBTQ+ students, international students, military veterans, first-generation students, and other people of diverse backgrounds.

“Coming from a historically Black college, it is important for me to help progress the success of not only myself but other Black and diverse students.”

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the core of Suffolk University's mission, and have been since the inception of Suffolk Law in 1906. More than 100 years later, Suffolk Law continues to be committed to its founding principles—seeking to provide a place for every student from every background to excel in the classroom, around Boston, and beyond.

Our success is greater when we are inclusive of all and not some.

Sincerely,

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PATHWAYS FOR ASPIRING LAWYERS

Our two-week Summer Pre-law Achievers Network (Achievers) is a part of Suffolk Law's ongoing efforts to eliminate bias and enhance diversity in the legal profession and justice system by prioritizing educational and career pipelines to develop equity for all students in pursuit of a career in the legal field. The Achievers Program is free to attend and is designed to equip participants who come from diverse or nontraditional backgrounds with the tools they will need to prepare successful applications to law school and succeed once they are admitted.



HBCU & FIRST-GEN SCHOLARSHIPS

We provide scholarships for students from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), as well as for first-generation students from Boston-area colleges. These awards are designed to minimize the financial barriers that may preclude diverse and nontraditional students from attending Suffolk Law and ensures that they have access to the professional opportunities that a legal education affords.



AFFINITY STUDENT GROUPS

We are celebrating a more inclusive community with over a dozen affinity groups that support students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds through multiple programs, including Diversity Week, diversity receptions, anti-racism panels, and an alumni speaker series.



14 CLINICS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

We are expanding access to justice through our 14 nationally ranked in-house clinics and a Transactional Law Clinic to support nonprofits and businesses that are committed to creating economic equity.



CLASSES FROM DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

We are expanding our curriculum with new courses that examine diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and the law's relation to systemic injustice and inequality. We're also enhancing our existing areas of focus in diversity and social justice, and civil rights and human rights law.



PEER MENTORING & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are growing our Diversity Peer Mentoring Program by including more students and new initiatives. Among these initiatives is Progress to Success, a community-building program designed to provide extra support to diverse and nontraditional students in their transition to law school. We're also offering more safe social spaces, professional development workshops, and academic enrichment through the Student Bar Association's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.