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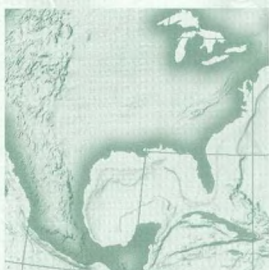
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Suffolk University's Newsletter for International Alumni

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## The Center for International Education at Suffolk University

The Center for International Education (CIE) serves as an information and resource office for international students. The CIE coordinates and facilitates a wide variety of activities and services available to Suffolk's international community. Nearly 1,000 students from over 95 countries are currently enrolled at Suffolk University. The Center for International Education is located in the Claflin Building, 20 Beacon Street, 6th Floor.



## Law School Offers LLM in Global Technology

Suffolk Law School welcomed its first entering international class of LLM (Masters of Law) students in August 2002. The innovative curriculum focusing on intellectual property law, health and biomedical law and information technology, has attracted prospective students from around the world.



"The advanced technological facilities available at Suffolk Law School, combined with the historic atmosphere of downtown Boston, provide an unparalleled setting for the graduate study of law in global technology," said Professor Stephen Hicks, faculty director. International students who have successfully completed the equivalent of a US law degree in their home country are eligible for admission to the masters of law degree program.

International alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the LLM program's Web site at [www.law.edu.suffolk/academic/llm](http://www.law.edu.suffolk/academic/llm). Students are admitted in the spring for an August class and throughout the fall for January admission. "We hope to hear from our international Law School and University alumni as we embark on this exciting new program," said Patricia Davidson, administrative director of the LLM program. If you have suggestions for law student recruitment in your home country, please email Pat Davidson at [pat.davidson@suffolk.edu](mailto:pat.davidson@suffolk.edu) or call her at (617) 573-8171.

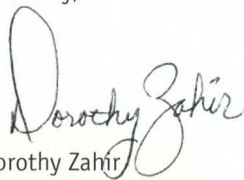
# University Update: Boston

## Dear Suffolk International Alumnus:

It has been an exciting and challenging year for all of us. I am pleased to share with you this newsletter, which details all of the new developments taking place at Suffolk. Please feel free to share your copy with friends and others to help spread the word about the good things going on at Suffolk University and the Center for International Education.

We hope the following news and photos make you feel closer to your alma mater. Suffolk University and the Center for the International Education are proud of all of our graduates and want to keep you connected. This newsletter is one way to do just that. I hope you enjoy this issue of the International Observer.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Zahir

Director, International Alumni Relations

## MBA International Seminars

For the past five years, MBA students have enrolled in the MBA international seminar, "Doing Business in France and the European Union." In addition to the MBA seminars offered in Turkey, China, Italy, London, Barcelona and Buenos Aires, Dean Torrisi, dean of graduate programs, has taught this seminar in Aix-en-Provence and in Paris and Brussels.

Approximately 30 Suffolk MBA part-time and full-time students enroll in the program each year. This year, two classes were held in Boston before departure to Europe. Once abroad, participants spent a week visiting companies in Paris and Brussels, government agencies, US embassies and European Union institutions. These seminars are hosted by French business schools and presentations are given by faculty, industry and government experts. Upon returning to Boston, student teams prepare reports on company strategy to compete in the EU marketplace and present their analysis and recommendations in class.

The seminar is an exciting learning opportunity and is also a wonderful life experience as students immerse themselves in the business and living environment of Paris and participate in the new EURO-based economy. The week's schedule was exhausting, but exhilarating, and students developed close bonds with their colleagues.

The European hosts and guest speakers provided firsthand knowledge of French and European business trends. They also became part of a network of new colleagues. "Our MBA students make excellent representatives of the Sawyer School and are a terrific group of people to share this exciting international experience with," said Dean Torrisi.

These international business seminars are a distinctive and growing component of the Suffolk MBA and reflect the Sawyer School's commitment to internationalization and global management.

## New Residence Hall

### 10 SOMERSET STREET

In April, Suffolk University broke ground for a new residence hall. This will be Suffolk's second residence hall (the first is located at 150 Tremont Street) and will help ensure that Suffolk undergraduates can have a residential experience in the heart of Boston. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003 and is located next to the Sawyer School of Management.



## The Global Neighborhood: A Business Reality at the Sawyer School

by *Shahriar Khaksari, Dean, International Programs*

Corporate America is more involved in the global economy than at any time in history. International customers, global supply chains and overseas joint ventures are reshaping the corporate environment. US firms now need managers who can assess global trends, forge global strategies, and possess a strong understanding of global business issues. In response to the growing trend for international management education, the Sawyer School is reshaping the way it thinks about international business.

This year, Sawyer School of Management Dean William J. O'Neill created an International Programs Office to oversee and develop international initiatives within the Sawyer School. Plans are underway to develop a graduate program in international management, beginning in the fall 2003, which will better prepare business leaders to succeed in a global environment.

We plan to capture internationalism in every experience – from coursework that explores global capital markets to offering advanced training in foreign language and global politics.

A priority of the international management graduate program will be to build a program that satisfies the expectations of the business community – one that business leaders will turn to for the latest and most relevant programming on issues of international business.

The Sawyer School is an ideal place to establish a graduate business program in global management. One-third of the student body is international and comes from countries as diverse as Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela. One-third of the Sawyer School faculty are international and many of the faculty research and study international business issues or have international consulting experience.

The development of international programs at the Sawyer School is an ambitious undertaking and a vitally important one. I am pleased that the Sawyer School is embarking on this journey and I look forward to welcoming the first group of graduate students in the fall of 2003.

## One of Suffolk's Own Carries Olympic Torch

John Gilpatrick, BS '00 and current Suffolk Law student participated in the 2002 Winter Olympics as a member of the Olympic Torch Relay Team.



## BOSTON



President David J. Sargent hosted the Champagne Reception for graduating international students on May 19, 2002. Students in this photo are being inducted into the Alumni Association.

# University Update: Dakar

## A Summer in Dakar

by *Judy Dushku, Dean and Academic Director, SU Dakar Campus*

The summer program in Senegal was a fantastic success. Each of the 22 Suffolk students who came has a personal touching story of how being in Dakar has enriched his or her life. It is hard to capture the power of such an experience in a summary. But here are a few special memories that may give an impression of what we did in Africa.

Twice we ventured to Touba. Touba is at least four hours from Dakar on a hot, two lane desert road. We traveled there because it is the holy city of the Maurides, a uniquely Senegalese "brotherhood" within the larger Islamic majority that pays homage to a local shiek who is descended from a Senegalese Muslim prophet born in the 19th century.

The Maurides are big. They have a huge influence on national, and certainly on local, politics. They own thousands of acres of land, and control many markets and enterprises. Their influence has spread to New York, Rome, and Hong Kong, but it is most felt here. As students of African politics, and Senegalese culture, it was fitting that we should visit the impressive mosque in Touba on a Friday at the time when Maurides from all over Senegal travel there to pray. To see the thousands walk or drive along the roads that lead to Touba gave us a tremendous sense of the power of this faith and of the intensity of the followers' commitment.

In a different spirit, our group helped organize a service learning trip to a small village near Popongine, by the ocean. There we worked with women health activists who teach family planning and AIDS prevention. Our students helped track infant development by weighing babies and recording weights. Data gathered helps with analysis on health and nutrition. Students also interviewed village mothers to learn more about life in this poorer part of Senegal.

On another occasion, students studying English literature written by African authors had the honor of meeting a famous Ghanaian novelist, who recently moved to rural Senegal to establish a publishing company and build a quiet retreat. His name is Ayi Kwei Armah, and for some hours we quite literally sat at his feet while he calmly spoke of his intellectual and spiritual journey as an observer and describer of Africa.

Luckily, many of the year-round students from all over Africa who study in Dakar were still in the dorms and on campus when the mostly-American study abroad students moved in. This allowed for socializing, sharing homework and discussing life in Africa at a level of intimacy not possible in a classroom. At the end of the summer, as students prepared to leave, many had invitations to come back and visit other African areas. The closeness of these friendships is real enough to imagine that many of these visits will happen.

All this, plus there are beaches to rave over and music to dance to until wee hours of the morning. There are more African languages to learn about, and more French to master, and more mangoes to eat than any of us had imagined.

*Please note: Suffolk University is pleased to announce that Professor Dushku has been promoted to Dean and Academic Director of the Suffolk University Dakar Campus.*

## DAKAR



Dushku (center) flanked by students studying in Senegal.

# International News and Receptions

## CHINA

### MBA China Travels

In May 2002, 23 MBA students and four faculty members traveled to Beijing, China as part of an MBA course. This year's travel course marked the first implementation effort of a cooperative agreement signed in February with Renmin University, one of the top five MBA and finance programs in China and Suffolk University.

While in Beijing, the SSOM group visited a variety of businesses including a Chinese state-owned enterprise, a Chinese rural textile cooperative, the Bank of China, and multinational branches of FEDEX and Oracle software. The group also attended lectures given by top economics and finance faculty of Renmin University. A joint seminar of SSOM and the Renmin Finance School addressed the New Basel Capital Accord, designed to regulate international banking.

The MBA China travel component is part of a 4.5 credit course designed to prepare MBA students for the business environment of China. Students participate in mock international negotiations to understand how to develop joint venture projects between Chinese and American partners.

## TAIWAN



Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hsu and their son, Albert, a current Suffolk student, for their generosity, time and hospitality during the Suffolk alumni reception in Taiwan.

## JAPAN



Vice President Marguerite J. Dennis and Dean William J. O'Neill lectured at the Japan-United States Educational Commission in March. More than 60 students attended the meeting.

## BOSTON



In August, Japanese graduate students welcomed incoming Japanese students with a luncheon held in Chinatown, Boston.

# THAILAND



The Thailand alumni reception was held in March at The Regent, Bangkok.



# GREECE



Suffolk hosted two alumni receptions in Greece in January. The Athens reception was held at the NJV Athens Plaza Hotel and the Thessoloniki alumni reception was held at the Macedonia Palace Hotel.

# TURKEY



Suffolk University and Istanbul University recently signed an academic cooperation and exchange agreement.



The Turkish alumni reception was held in January at the Ciragan Palace in Istanbul.

# Class Notes

Let us know  
what you think!

Please send your  
comments, questions  
and updated class  
notes to:

**dzahir@  
suffolk.edu**

**Itziar Iardia**, BSBA '93, has returned to Spain and works in the petroleum products business area. She is married and expecting a baby.

**Tom Sedberry**, EMBA '94, is treasurer and controller of Aramco Gulf Operations in Al-Khafji, Saudi Arabia.

**Masashi Hosotani**, BSBA '96, and **Mikiko Murakami**, BS '97, were married in April in Japan.

**Kashif Ahmed**, MSF '98, former president of the Graduate Finance Association and adjunct professor of finance at the Sawyer School of Management, and **Simona M. Mocuta**, MS '98, MSIE '00, were married on March 1, 2002 in Lahore, Pakistan.

**Farah Avci**, MBA '98, recently moved to New York and is working as a market executive in the New York diamond district.

**Nishant Upadhyay**, MBA '99, married Wendy Schut in February 2002. Nishant is working as a business development/project manager in Chicago. The couple is planning a trip to India to meet Nishant's family.

**Serap Kose**, MSPPS '99, is working on a PhD in political science at Northeastern University and is teaching the Turkish language at MIT.

**Valeria Dias**, MBA '00, and **Scott Macgregor**, MBA '00, are engaged.

**Ioannis Haralabopoulos**, BSBA '00, has finished his military service and is beginning work in his family's pasta business.

**Shaila Zaman**, BS '00, is pursuing a masters in public health. She and Sujana E. Bin Wadud are engaged and plan to marry in a four-day ceremony in Dhaka, Bangladesh in January 2003.

**Murat Buyukaksakal**, JD '01, is studying for the bar exam and plans to work in the European Union in Belgium beginning in the fall 2002.

**Vivian Fraga**, BS '02, is working on an electoral campaign for a state representative in Sao Paulo.

## Special Thanks

The international alumni relations office would like to thank alumni, students and parents who have volunteered throughout this past year. The volunteers have assisted during recruitment fairs and alumni receptions; acted as country ambassadors and greeted administrators and Suffolk representatives when visiting abroad. We are grateful for all that you do!

Sinem Aksoy, MBA '99  
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Ahmed AlKhereiji, BA '66  
Loay Al-Mohamad, MS '97  
Rayna Al-Mutawa  
Mohamed Al-Qshere, BSBA '01  
Adel Al-Rumaihi, BSBA '01  
Yoshimasa Arai, MBA '94  
Enrique Arroyo-Hinojosa, MBA '93  
Farah Avci, MBA '98  
Alba Idoia Azaldegui, MBA '95  
Berta Balmes-Gongora, BS '99  
Damian Barrera, BS '98  
Sami Ben Abdallah, MBA '97  
Guido Bizzarri, BSBA '02  
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Eva Kiendl, MFS '00  
Kalaya Kunanantakul, MBA '99  
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Sinan Sazli, MBA '02  
Derya Sevgin, MBA '96  
Tamara Sheppard, MS '94  
Ayumi Shimokawa, BA '00  
Dimas Siem, MBA '93  
Annelie Slanemyr-Phillips, EMBA '00, BSB '95  
Rathakorn Surbsuk, MA '99  
Pavee Suvagondha, MBA '96  
Haruka Takayanagi, BA '01  
Ibnu B. Tatang, BSBA '94  
Ana Carolina Torres, BS '01  
Murat Ucar, MSF '95  
Nishant Upadhyay, MBA '99  
Baria Wehbe, MSA '02  
Shaila Zaman, BS '96

### Students

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Wen-chi Chueh

Ayse Irem Erdogan  
Youssef Filali  
Euripides Grammenidids  
Aylin Kentkur  
Heung Jo Kim  
Jong-Hyock Kim  
Hyung Mun Lee  
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# The International *observer*

## Keep Us Informed!

### We Want to Hear from You!

If you recently began a new job, earned a degree, married or celebrated the birth of a child, or have any news to share with your fellow alumni, please email Dorothy Zahir, director of international alumni at [dzahir@suffolk.edu](mailto:dzahir@suffolk.edu). Please include your name, phone number or fax so we can confirm the news with you.

For up-to-date information on Suffolk University visit our Web site regularly at [www.suffolk.edu](http://www.suffolk.edu)

## Country Ambassador Program

### We Need You!

The Country Ambassador Program is comprised of alumni, students and parents who volunteer to assist Suffolk University with recruitment and mentoring efforts. There are 93 country ambassadors from 36 countries. The number of volunteers continues to grow each year.

Becoming a country ambassador is a great way to assist prospective students and inform them firsthand about studying at Suffolk University and living in Boston. In addition, student country ambassadors mentor new students and alumni country ambassadors mentor graduating students on what to expect after graduation.

If you would like to learn more about the Country Ambassador Program or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Zahir at (617) 305-1981 or email [dzahir@suffolk.edu](mailto:dzahir@suffolk.edu). Also, check out our Web site listing of current country ambassadors at [www.suffolk.edu/admission/int\\_ambassadors.html](http://www.suffolk.edu/admission/int_ambassadors.html)