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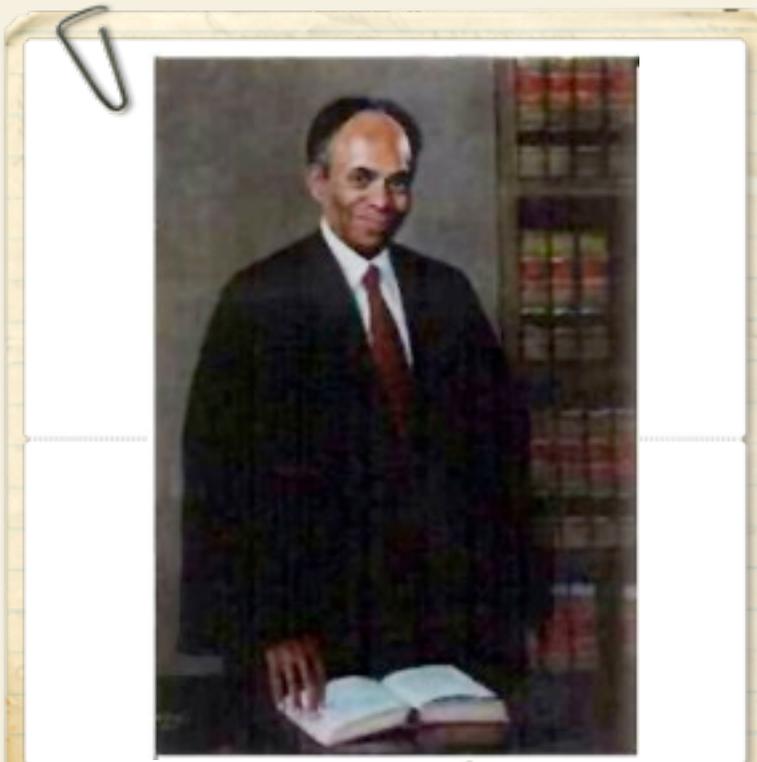
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THE LEGACY BEHIND THE FELLOWSHIP - A BIOGRAPHY OF JUDGE DAVID S. NELSON

BY DANIELLE AUSTIN

The Nelson Fellows are who we are, and who we will always be. This program honors Judge David S. Nelson, who was appointed by President Carter. He was appointed as the first African American federal judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Judge Nelson was born in Boston in 1960, he then began his professional career as an associate attorney, and later made partner at the Crane, Inker and Oteri Law Firm where he worked until 1973. Prior to this, he attended Boston College and Boston College Law school. Judge Nelson did other admiring work such as being an assistant professor at Boston University, he worked as U.S. Commissioner, and he was also an instructor at Harvard Law School. In addition the Honorable Judge Nelson was an assistant of the attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Judge Nelson was an instructor in trial at Boston University School of Law. He was a very honorable man and judge. Throughout the courthouse I've heard nothing but good things about Judge Nelson, like how intelligent and outgoing he

was. Judge Nelson was also known for the way he performed in the courtroom and how experienced he was. Judge Nelson was so involved in the community that he inspired others to give back, just as he would. He was always trying to help others before helping himself. He wanted Boston Public School students to be exposed and understand the court system from a different point of view. Judge Nelson died in October of 1998 and will truly be missed, but his legacy lives on through the past, present, and future Nelson fellows.

INSIDE CHAMBERS

BY LORENA LABOUR

Stephanie Bushey, John Galvin, Dara Reppucci, Esther Lin and Tim Ferriter—these names are unique to me because these names belong to people who changed my life and taught me to have a positive outlook. I never thought that being part of the Nelson Fellowship would be the best experience I've had as of yet. I have met amazing people who inspire others to pursue their dreams and never give up. People like Stephanie Bushey, John Galvin, Dara Reppucci, Esther Lin and Tim Ferriter are difficult to find, but I had the opportunity to meet them and learn from their work and their lives.

My experience in chambers was incredible. Being around the clerks and the

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interns of the Honorable Judge George A. O'Toole meant being around people that cared and they were always there when I needed them. They were able to help me make my life better. I will never forget all the things that the clerks and the interns did for me. Those people always gave me a big smile whenever I stepped foot into their office. They made me feel important and welcomed. They answered my thousands of questions, helped me with my homework, prepared me for the debates, and signed me up to go visit colleges. They also helped me with my college essay. They helped me with the mock trial presentation and gave me advice so I could move forward. But more than that, they were my friends. During the time that I spent there, they made me feel at home. I will always remember their kindness and I will always be thankful because they were interested in me. They helped make most of my summer.

I wish the Nelson Fellowship Program was longer, so I could spend more time with them. Each individual stood out to me for different reasons. I will never forget Tim Ferriter who is friendly, always willing to help others without any excuses and always worrying and making sure I do well in classes. John Galvin is quiet but always listens and tries to provide feedback. He is serious but has great ideas to help others. Dara is the most mature and shows a lot of potential. Always available to listen and give me her opinion, she has shown me that I can do anything if I put my mind to it. Esther is always realistic and has an infectious laugh, always working and very attentive. She is an honest and good person who is always available to lend a hand. Stephanie Bushey is focused, always reading and giving me advice about college and making sure that I make the right decisions. Honorable Judge O'Toole is usually working in his office but always has a big smile whenever he enters his chambers.

My experience in chambers with the clerks and the interns was amazing. These people have shown me how valuable I am as a person and that if I set a goal I can accomplish it because nothing is impossible if you really want it. That's why I can say that I had the most amazing

experience of my life by being part of the Nelson Fellowship. They prepared me for the debates, and signed me up to go visit colleges. They helped me with my college essay. They helped me with the mock trial presentation and gave me advice so I could move forward. But more than that they were my friends, and the time I was there they made me feel at home. I will always remember their kindness and I will always be thankful because they were interested in me and helped me make the most of my summer.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASS & CIVIL RIGHTS CLASS

BY LUISANA ORTIZ

Working as a Nelson Fellow this summer, I have learned a lot. I also met with many important individuals. An aspect that really stood out to me was taking the public speaking and civil rights classes at the Moakley Federal Courthouse. Within four weeks, I learned a lot from each class. Not only did I learn history, I also learned skills I can take with me after this summer has passed.

Having the great opportunity to be taught by such an amazing speaker was a privilege. Jamele Adams made our public speaking class an environment that everyone wanted to be a part of. We all learned from each other. Jamele made us feel like a family. It was a wonderful experience to be able to build a great relationship with someone you can learn so much from. I have taken so much from the class and I will never forget what I've learned. "We love to write and the right to live. If I don't speak up, then none would hear me. But when I do, speak make sure I speak clearly."

Our second class in the program was the civil rights class. Being in that class with Jason Wise, we learned a lot about ourselves that we have not learned through other classes. Mr. Wise also gave us a piece

Where are they now?



Taisha Sturdivant is one of the stars of both the Nelson and Lindsay Fellowship Programs. She was also the coordinator in 2008 and she worked for a non-profit organization called Discovering Justice right after college. Taisha will be attending BC Law School in the fall.



of history. Something that really stood out to me in that class was a quote from “Orientation Day” by Jennifer Wang, “How do I summarize in thirty seconds, everything, which adds up and equals a neat little bundle called me? How do I present myself in a user-friendly format, complete with the ‘help’ buttons and batteries? Who am I, and why do I matter to any of you?” In my opinion, this holds true because when you are learning about identity, you question yourself. Who are you? Why do you matter to people? What is it about you that makes people want to be around you? In all, it was a very interesting class, I learned a lot and the experience was amazing. Jason is an outstanding teacher and an actor as well.

Both of the classes as a Nelson fellow have made a great impact on my life. I thank both Jamele Adams and Jason Wise for taking the time to give us the knowledge and opportunities to see things in a different perspective. The way each subject was presented to us helped us see things at a different angle. I can personally say it was an amazing summer and if I had the chance, I would do it all over again.

THE FEDERAL DEFENDERS’ WILLINGNESS AND FIGHTING SPIRIT

BY RUSHEIKA GORDON

A room full of enthusiastic, high-spirited, talented, strong-minded and robust intellectuals who set the bar high as the best defense attorneys among both public and private attorneys. The Federal Defenders office consists of some of the best lawyers, investigators, and paralegals led by Chief of the Federal Defenders office, Miriam Conrad, serving districts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The Federal Defenders truly embodies the notion of “innocent until proven guilty.” Once appointed to a client, they provide the best defense to their client who may not be able afford one. The Nelson Fellows were able to have an engaging and an informative discussion with the Federal Defenders.

We learned about their mission to fight the justice system when it came to sentencing people of color for a long time. Mass incarcerations and ludicrous mandatory minimums are some motives to why they are a part

of Federal Defenders. Not only do they defend their clients in court but help them outside of the court. When some of their clients are convicted, they help them through the rehabilitation process to deter them from being repeated offenders or becoming substance abusers with the C.A.R.E program created by Judge Sorokin.

Federal Defenders see the more humane side of their clients and try to fight for a reasonable outcome for their

defendants that the majority of society has deemed them as hopeless criminals. They have to defend drug dealers, rapists, murderers and many others who have broken the law. But they are not afraid to sit beside them, fight for them and still have pride in themselves.

The Nelson Fellows’ visit to the Federal Defenders office was highly beneficial for the fellows to interact and engage in conversation with defense attorneys. Many of us can say that due to the conversation we had with the Federal Defenders, it has persuaded us to become defense attorneys in the future. The Federal Defenders’ willingness and fighting spirit, is the reason why we do not only need more defense attorneys who are willing to join the public sector, but also more investigators and paralegals to make sure what is promised is received.



MEETING GOVERNOR PATRICK

BY MAHAMED ABDIRAHMAN

Born in the South Side of Chicago on July 31, 1956, Deval Patrick lives an influential and motivational life. Earning a scholarship in the eighth grade to the Milton Academy, Patrick's success story begins. He continued to go on and graduate from the prestigious Harvard Law School. One year prior to entering law school, Patrick worked under the direction of the United Nations in a remote region of Sudan called Darfur. Two years after earning his law degree, Patrick married Diane Bemus who was also an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. Deval Patrick then served as a law clerk for 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Reinhardt and as a staff member for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. In 1990, at the age of thirty-four, he became a partner at Hill and Barlow, a well known law firm in Boston.

Before being elected Governor, Patrick served as the United States Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division under President Clinton. Patrick is known for implementing the Massachusetts State Health Reform Program and creating the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. During the Nelson

Fellowship meeting with Governor Deval Patrick he stated that he would not run for reelection as governor in 2014, but instead plans on going back to private law and possibly run for the presidential office in 2016.

I fairly enjoyed the meeting with the governor for many reasons, but particularly because I am interested in going into Law School and going into politics, more specifically, international politics and government. Knowing that the governor made it, coming from a rough background, is really motivating and inspirational to teenagers like myself who one day want to pursue the rigorous water of politics.

THE FIRST HISPANIC FEMALE U.S. ATTORNEY, CARMEN ORTIZ

BY VANESA ACOSTA

The Nelson Fellows and I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Ortiz this summer. As Carmen Ortiz shared with us about her journey towards where she is today, I realized that the U.S. Attorney herself had to face similar obstacles as many of other Latinos. Despite her high ranked position, I was impressed with how

Where are they now?



Mavrick Afonso is a past Nelson Fellow and the coordinator of both Programs in 2009-2010. He currently works as a Field Director for the Democratic Party. Mavrick was able to meet with the fellows this summer and share some of his stories and experiences in politics.

humble she was. For a moment, it felt like she was speaking to us from a mother's perspective, giving us great advice, emphasizing the importance of education and hard work. Those were the key points that helped her get to where she is today. When she spoke to

we met with her and it made me proud of myself for graduating from high school this past June.

I feel privileged to be part of such an amazing fellowship like the David S. Nelson Fellowship. Thanks to this program I have met people and

It is crucial to save. Our necessities are important, such as our food, clothing, and shelter. These factors are what we must have in order to survive. While our wants are what we desire, like purchasing luxuries, paying for tickets to see movies, and



us, I felt hope. To see a Hispanic female reach to a highly, respectable, position, I felt empowered and that I could also get there one day.

In my family, I have always been used to seeing my parents, my brother, cousins, aunts, and uncles, work in the same types of jobs, cleaning, cooking, or construction for generations. The majority of the people in my family do not have a high school diploma. Even though they are not professionals or have high degrees, they are still very hard working people who emigrated from Colombia in search for a better life. They came to America, a new land, for themselves and for the family. I admire them and am very thankful to have their support on taking advantage of the opportunities they didn't have. My parents always tell me to take advantage of the opportunities I have in this country and to surround myself with good people, because I may never know what doors will open. Carmen Ortiz said something similar to us when

done things that I would have never imagined. It really means a lot to me that so many people work hard and take time from their schedule just to make these six weeks memorable ones. Thank you, Carmen Ortiz, for inspiring me and for believing in the fellows of this program.

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT - LEARNING HOW TO SAVE

BY HELEN OYINLOLA

How do we define bankruptcy? Bankruptcy is a state of lacking and being completely ruined. Part of the Nelson Fellowship program, we were given the opportunity to take bankruptcy classes. We talked about personal finance, budgeting and how to save. We also covered gross and net income, credit scores, credit cards, management, loans, and more. We learned that people need to save and not to spend money lavishly.

going out to eat, these are not important. It is possible to get what we want, but first, we must figure out what we need. This way, we can know how much money is left for us to get what we desire.

That is the exact place where our worksheet comes in—making a list of what we need and what we wish for. However, before we do this, we need to know how much income we are making. Here, we are not talking about the gross income because the deductions such as taxes have not been made. We are talking about net income, the income that we actually receive after deductions have been made.

It is important to understand that we should not spend more than we have in our bank accounts. Many people are tempted to use credit cards when they have no money and that can be dangerous. However, if a person can afford to do so, it could help build good credit scores.



VISITING THE BOSTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

BY PATRICK DONAHUE

During the Nelson Fellowship, we were able to visit the Boston Police Headquarters. For many of us who are interested in studying criminal justice, we were looking forward to the meeting with Commissioner Davis. However, Commissioner Davis had other duties to tend to as he is such a high ranking official and an important part in making sure our justice system stays just.

Fortunately, our group still was able to meet with other people who are currently employed and very involved in the police department. In this group, we met with three different individuals. First, there was Superintendent Mancini who leads the Bureau of Professional Standards. He works with the dealings like investigating any potential wrongdoings by another officer. There was also Deputy Superintendent Colm Lydon and legal advisor, Nicole Taub.

It was surprising to many of us that in this police department, in which many of us just think of patrol officers had this many jobs with so many tasks

and so many backgrounds required. There were many different ways and skill sets that could be used to call oneself an employee of the Boston Police Department. For example, Nicole, the legal advisor, was a lawyer and had gone to law school, while Officer Lydon had no need to even consider law school.

While in discussion with them, we came across many interesting topics. One topic that stuck out was the overlying theme that we should always do what's right and what we feel comfortable with. This advice just doesn't apply in deciding whether or not to report your friend to internal affairs or an officer deciding whether to pull somebody over or not, this advice applies in all aspects of life, including being a lawyer. In my opinion, this was the most beneficial meeting of the program.



Where are they now?



Migdalia Nalls is a past Nelson Fellow. She is an Assistant District Attorney for the Superior Juvenile Court. The Nelson Fellows were fortunate to meet with her this summer and visit the court.

CHIEF MARSHAL GIBBONS

BY MARJORIE ALEXANDRE

The United States Marshals Service also known as “The U.S. Marshals” or “USMS” is the oldest American Federal Law Enforcement office. The Marshals Service is part of the executive branch of government and is the enforcement arm of the U.S Federal Courts.

As a Nelson Fellow, all of us had the opportunity to meet with the District of Massachusetts Chief Marshal, John Gibbons, along with other U.S. Marshals. The director and

The United States Marshal help our citizens feel safe and secure. They have arrested more than 36,400 federal fugitives, clearing approximately 39,400 felony warrants which helps us to feel safer in the streets. The USMS protects the judges and help to be safe whenever they are in the courthouse and anyone else in the federal courthouse. They are vigilant in making sure that we are not worried about our safety.

Thank you to the United Marshals for their service, for being able to put their life in danger to protect us.

servicing supervised release or probation and have a history of serious substance abuse. This program is voluntary and is designed to help its participants lead sober, employed, and productive lives.

Observing this program showed the Nelson Fellows the rehabilitating aspect of the criminal justice system. I used to believe that the criminal justice system simply served a punitive role. This program, however, made me aware that the criminal justice system understands the complexity of defendants’ lives and attempts to solve problems that lead people to commit crimes. We all witnessed the C.A.R.E Program provide Defendants with sincere support and encouragement to stay sober. Judge Sorokin and the other people that work at C.A.R.E clearly worked hard to help the participants find jobs and/or academic opportunities, and graduate all four phases of the program.

Magistrate Judge Sorokin presides over the C.A.R.E Sessions and he actively engages in discussions with the participants of the program. The Nelson Fellows observed the judge’s congenial manner in communicating with Defendants. He showed them all respect and understanding, and refrained from being judgmental. The participants appeared comfortable speaking with the judge and reciprocated the respect he showed to them. The C.A.R.E Sessions that the Nelson Fellows observed showed me that there are many facets to the criminal justice system. It showed me that our system does not only punish people who have made mistakes in their lives, it helps people recognize their mistakes and find ways to avoid them. Our system helps people to turn their lives around.



each U.S. Marshal are appointed by the President of the United States. On January 13, 2010, Marshal Gibbons was appointed by President Barack Obama. The U.S. Marshals are responsible for the protection of officers of the court, court buildings and the effective operation of the judicial system. The service also assists with court security, provides prisoner transport, serves arrest warrants, and seeks fugitives.

C.A.R.E SESSION -- TAKING THE NEXT STEP TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

BY ELIJON SKENDAJ

This year, the Nelson Fellows had the opportunity to sit in on a couple of C.A.R.E Sessions led by Magistrate Judge Sorokin. C.A.R.E stands for Court Assisted Recovery Effort. The program is for Defendants who are

JUVENILE SUPERIOR COURT

BY AGNIASKA MORA

The juvenile court holds cases of many kinds, like minor cases, adoption, guardianship, termination of parental rights proceedings, and youthful offender cases. When the Nelson Fellowship Program went to the Juvenile Superior Court, we met with



two judges. The judges talked a little bit about themselves and their backgrounds. They talked about where they came from, what their childhoods were like, colleges, law school, and how they became judges.

Next, we spoke with a courtroom clerk and she also talked a little about herself. She spoke about where her parents came from, where she grew up, her experience in high school, how she wanted to give back to the community, college life, her experience in law school, and what she did at her job as a clerk. Basically, she sits in the courtroom with the judge and takes any evidence from the lawyers. She makes appointments for the judge so he can meet with lawyers and other people. She makes the dates of when the judge has to be in court. Simply, she organizes, everything for the judge.

Lastly, we spoke with one of the security guards. He spoke about his job, which is to secure the courthouse. He escorts the juveniles in and out of

the courtroom and takes them to the jail cells. The security guard gave us a tour through a couple of jail cells, the security camera room, and the garage where they drop the juveniles off. When we got to see the jail cells, you can see all the writing that the little kids do on the walls. The security guard also talked to us about the experiences that he had during his job. For example, the little kids would spit on him, kick him,

call him names, and rebel against him.

I really enjoyed talking to the judges, the clerk, and the security guard. They were really nice people and they taught me a lot of new things. When I finish college, I would like to work in the Juvenile Superior Court as a security guard. I love working with kids in any way I can.

CDSC MEDIATION -- BREAKING INTO THE MYTH CONFLICTS

BY DARRYL BABB

The Nelson Fellows were welcomed once again to the Community Dispute Settlement Center. Over a three day period, the fellows as a group, accompanied by the Lindsay fellows, worked to better understand the overall topic of mediation. Led by Director Gail S. Packer, the session started off by clarifying the myths of conflict and we worked on understanding what conflict is. We, as fellows, were taught the

different styles of responding to conflict along with which styles each of us individually used the most. Also, we discussed what influences the use of these styles, which traces back to family life and interactions. Throughout our lives, each fellow has been through different experiences which benefited our discussion group. We got to take a small peek into the extensive lives that each of us have lived.

The Lindsay Fellows also aided in a similar way. Going into their senior years in college, each of the Lindsay Fellows have also had some interesting experiences and different personalities that were displayed in this closed setting. This was a time where most of the fellows looked back and acknowledged that they had doubts in instances, such as daily yelling matches with their younger siblings, would make them more likely to use the competing method. Or, in my case, being the only child in my household, I would be held more accountable for problems. It would be unlikely for me to use the avoidance method to keep from adding to the surplus of weight on my shoulders.

One exercise that I enjoyed the most was the mediation of the orange. This was an activity that I participated in myself with one of the Lindsay Fellows. It was an opportunity to show how close the two groups had become and also what we had learned of conflict resolution. The activity was based on a situation that had occurred on a late night in a local grocery store. Two people were in need of an orange, both for different reasons. Little did they know, there was only one orange left and that they would have to come to an agreement so that both of their needs could be met. A mediator was thrown into the situation and after explaining that they could both get what they wanted without having a brawl in the middle of the store, they used the collaboration method of mediation. This was a wonderful opportunity which we all enjoyed.



JUDGE REGINALD LINDSAY, ANOTHER LEGACY & THE LINDSAY FELLOWS

BY MICHAELINA WINSLOW

Honorable Judge Lindsay was a fantastic man. Everybody who has known and talked about him had only good things to say. Meeting the Lindsay Fellows of this year has made me become interested in becoming a Lindsay Fellow also. What they described to me about their experiences made me more eager to go to college and eventually consider going to law school.

Who was Judge Lindsay? Judge Lindsay was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1962, after completing the eleventh grade at Birmingham's Carver High School, he was granted a Merrill Early Admission Scholarship to Morehouse College. While at Morehouse, he was the recipient of yet another Merrill Scholarship in 1965. With the scholarship, he studied for fourteen months at the University of Valencia in Spain. While at Valencia, Judge Lindsay also taught English as a second language at the Institute of North American Studies. Judge Lindsay returned to Morehouse College in the

fall of 1966 and graduated with honors in 1967. In the fall of 1967, Judge Lindsay entered Harvard Law School. At Harvard, he was president of the Black Law Students Association. He graduated from Harvard in 1970. Later on in life, Judge Lindsay was appointed by President Clinton to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in November of 1993.

Meeting the Lindsay Fellows for the first time was amazing. At first, I had no idea what it meant to be a Lindsay Fellow, but after they introduced themselves and spoke about their experience as a Lindsay fellow, I had a better understanding of what they did. Going to a few events together gave us a chance to ask questions and get to know each other better.

Every year, the courthouse selects six college students to be a part of the Lindsay Fellowship Program, which lasts approximately nine weeks. Each fellow is assigned to a judge during the first month of the program. During that first month the fellows also attend an intensive program on legal research and writing, with an instructor from a local law school. Each fellow is assigned to either the United States Attorney's Office or the Federal Public Defender Program during the

second month of the program. The fellows return to the district court to compete in a moot court before a federal judge.

Getting to share some moments with the Lindsay Fellows was very meaningful to me. It made me realize that there is so much more to do in this courthouse. If I ever become a Lindsay Fellow, I will know what to expect and how great my summer would be. The Lindsay Fellows were able to gain writing, oratory, and legal research skills. The Lindsay Fellowship Program allowed them to become exposed to the legal world.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY -- "WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT"

BY PATRICK SHEA

The naturalization took place at Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, July 22. Flags waved and excitement filled the room as a crowd of participants, families, and friends gathered for the event. Judge William Young, who presided over the special court session, welcomed the group of people who represented a vast variety of cultures uniting. "Nothing is more...satisfying than welcoming new citizens," he told the audience who, as he pointed out, all shared a history of immigration.

Danielle Austin, a Nelson Fellow, participated in the naturalization by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and sat with the judge and other officials at the front of the hall.

With their right hands raised and flags in their left, the participants recited the Oath of Allegiance which officially welcomed them as citizens of the United States. A huge applause erupted when the oath was finished. The ceremony was quick, but as Judge Young said, "that doesn't mean it's not important...everyone here will remember this for the rest of their life". In all, there were 273 new citizens, and 34 name changes among them. Judge

Young closed the event with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now." This saying was also a favorite of J.D. Nelson, the brother of Judge David S. Nelson.

Seeing how excited and grateful the new citizens were to officially be a part of this country, I realize how fortunate I am to be born here. These citizens and millions

like them have all waited and worked hard to come here to enjoy the rights that, until now, I have taken for granted.

However, in those millions are my great grandparents, and the relatives of the large majority of people who share this country today, whether they came 200 years ago or 2 days ago. The ceremony, filled with anticipation and joy, showed just how spectacular this process is because "we're in the same boat now."

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Akosua Agyepong is a rising senior of University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth and she interned in Magistrate Judge Collings' chambers. Akosua is debating whether she should go straight to law school or take time off.

Delia Brimmer is a rising senior of Fisher College and she interned in Magistrate Judge Dein's chambers. Delia has traveled the world and is interested in pursuing business and law.



Jonathan Casseus is a rising senior of Holy Cross and he interned in Judge Young's chambers. Jonathan has strong interests in attending law school after college.

Elie Maalouf is a rising senior of Boston University and he interned in Judge Gorton's chambers. Elie plans to attend law school immediately after his undergraduate studies.



Erika Pena Terrero is a rising senior of University of Massachusetts Boston and she interned in Judge Stearns' chambers. Erika plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Chumma Tum is a rising senior of University of Virginia and she interned in Magistrate Judge Boal's chambers. Chumma came all the way up to the Boston area from Virginia to be a Lindsay Fellow and plans to attend law school immediately after her undergraduate studies.



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Mahamed Abdirahman is a rising senior at Charlestown High School. He interned in Magistrate Judge Bowler's chambers and is interested in pursuing politics.



Vanesa Acosta is a recent graduate of Boston Community Leadership Academy and will be attending Quincy College in the fall. She interned in Magistrate Judge Boal's chambers, and is a strong advocate for more efficient immigration laws.



Marjorie Alexandre is a rising senior at Tech Boston Academy. She interned in Magistrate Judge Dein's chambers and is interested in becoming a defense attorney.



Danielle Austin is a recent graduate of Brockton High School and will be attending Massasoit Community College in the fall. She interned in Judge Stearns' chambers and is also considered as an all track star.



Darryl Babb is a rising senior at Brockton High School. He interned in Judge Tauro's chambers and hopes to study business at Boston College.

Patrick Donahue is a rising senior at North High in Worcester. He interned in Magistrate Judge Dein's chambers and has a strong interest in law enforcement/criminal justice.



Rusheika Gordon is a rising senior at John D O'Bryant School of Math & Science. She interned in Judge Gorton's chambers and is an aspiring criminal defense attorney.

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Lorena Labour is a rising senior at English High School. She interned in Judge O’Toole’s chambers. She moved from the Dominican Republic to the U.S. two years ago.

Agniaska Mora is a recent graduate of English High School and will be attending Mass Bay Community College in the fall. She interned in Judge Saylor’s chambers and plans to major in Criminal Justice.



Luisana Ortiz is a rising junior at Madison Park High School. She interned in Magistrate Judge Sorokin’s chambers. She hopes to attend college out of state, possibly in the west coast.

Helen Oyinlola is a recent graduate of Tech Boston Academy. She interned in Chief Judge Saris’ chambers. She plans to study Criminal Justice at UMASS Boston in the fall at the age of 16.



Patrick Shea is a rising junior at South High in Worcester. He interned in Judge Hennessy’s chambers and Judge Stearns’ chambers. He is the youngest fellow in the program this summer, at the age of 15 and he hopes to major in English or International Relations in college.

Eltjon Skendaj is a rising senior at Another Course to College. He interned in Judge Young’s and Judge Wolf’s chambers. He also plans to attend law school straight after college.



Michaelina Winslow is a rising senior at English High School. She interned in Judge Zobel’s chambers. She wishes to pursue Criminal Justice at Boston College.

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Marcela Dodi is a rising senior at Brandeis University and is studying Women Gender Studies and Politics. She was a Nelson Fellow in 2008. She hopes to pursue a career in international law or international human rights.



Alcina Tran is a rising junior at Centre College in Danville, KY, studying International Relations. She was a Nelson Fellow in 2010. Alcina will be studying abroad in Mexico this fall and hopes to pursue law school in the long term.

Ginny Hurley is an amazing lady! She is one of the driving forces behind the Lindsay and Nelson Fellowship Programs. Ginny works closely with both of the coordinators summer after summer.

Magistrate Judge Judith Dein and **District Judge Denise Casper** are the current overseers of the both the Nelson & Lindsay Fellowship Programs.



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