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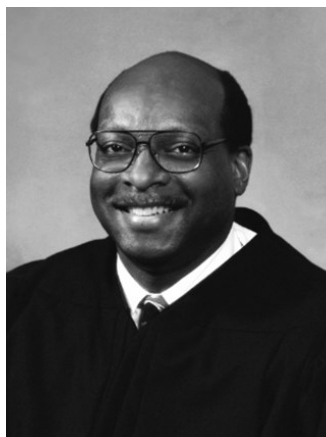
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- UMA SEN, 2021 Nelson Fellow



Each and every one of you will do something marvelous, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you. As you sit here today, be proud of your accomplishments this summer. If Judge Lindsay were here today, he would be very proud of the work we accomplished this summer and would be impressed with our performance. We owe it to him to continue his legacy of changing the community to be equal, once and for all.

**- AMANDA MELO-NIEVES' GRADUATION
SPEECH, 2021 Lindsay Fellow**



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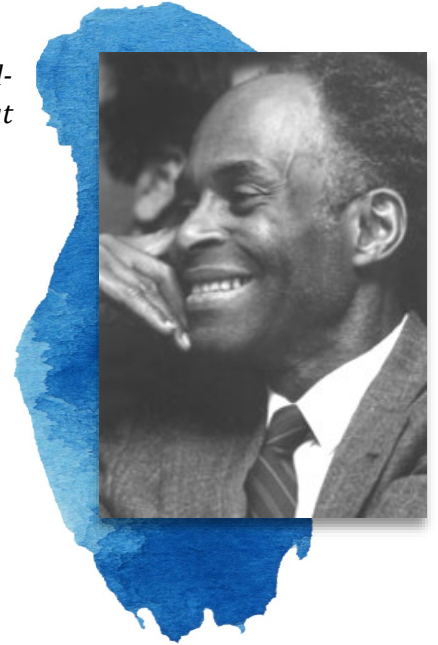
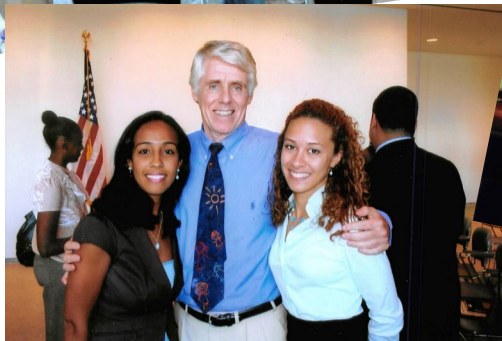
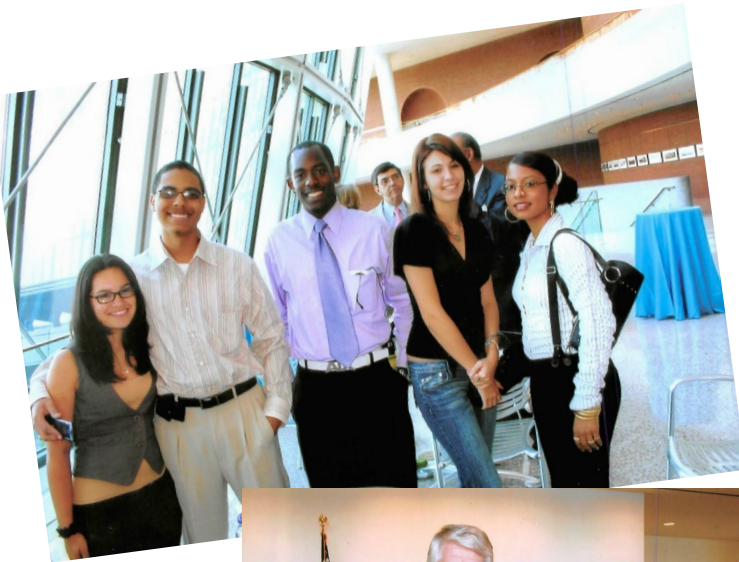
Class with Taisha, Jason, Jamele, Alexis & Jerry

And more!

Celebrating 25 Years of the Nelson Fellowship Program!

"Being a Nelson Fellow is the greatest achievement I have received. Being a Nelson Fellow is an honor and a privilege. David Nelson was a great person that worked for the people and even after his death he still helps the community..."

- Carminia Castillo, 2000 Nelson Fellow



"This program truly honors the legacy of David S. Nelson – his commitment to making sure that students have the opportunity to be the best that they can be, and his commitment to a diverse and professional bar, where lawyers represent all persons whose voices need to be heard. He would have been so proud of all of you. And I know that this sentiment is shared by all the members of the court family who not only worked so hard to make this program a success – but whose lives were also enriched by sharing their time with the Nelson Fellows as well."

- Judge Dein on the 25th Anniversary of the Nelson Fellowship

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To access this year's Lindsay graduation, [click here](#).

Excerpt: 2021 Graduation Speech *Jurianny Guerrero (Nelson Fellow)*

“...For those who don’t know, this prestigious program was created in honor of Judge Nelson. It was made because of his devoted passion for the community. Every person I talked to, who knew Judge Nelson, spoke highly of him. With each word that was said, it’s clear to see that he was a truly remarkable individual.

I can’t fully express the impact that this Fellowship has had on me: The admiration and absolute appreciation for this program. I remember hearing the day I got accepted, I jumped with joy, and my best friend took me out to celebrate. I’ve always known, since the 7th grade, that I want to be involved in the justice system, specifically a lawyer. Well, of course, my teachers always said that I argue too much, being voted “never to lose an argument.” But I believe I’m just too passionate. When I have an opinion, I am the first to vocalize what is going through my head, even if I know people aren’t going to agree with what I’m saying.



Jurianny at Nelson graduation

In my life, I've known family members, friends, and acquaintances who were wronged by the legal system. Seeing my people, especially people of color, incarcerated became the norm in my head. I was made to believe that it was just for us to be behind bars. We acknowledge that the majority of people that are imprisoned are Black and brown men. Reading statistics, the news, just filled me with the utmost rage towards the legal field. So I decided enough is enough. If I don't want my people behind bars, the only way to change that is to join the legal force. Eventually, with this fellowship, I realized that not every single person involved in the legal system is against people of color. Here at the court, the judges, officers, attorneys, and everybody in between genuinely wants to see us fellows flourish. They are patiently waiting for my generation to take over.

I loved waking up in the morning and coming here to the courthouse. The minute I stepped foot inside, I felt like it was where I was supposed to be...”



Meet the Coordinators



LEAD COORDINATOR
KIARA BATISTA

Kiara is a rising senior at UMass Amherst where she double majors in Legal Studies and Portuguese. She is interested in translation/interpreting and immigration law as well as public policy. She is the Co-Leader of the Squash Busters Alumni DEI Sub-Committee and a part of the Racial Justice Coalition at school focusing on achieving racial justice at UMass Amherst.



DEPUTY COORDINATOR
CHERYL AIKINS

Cheryl is a rising junior Finance major with a double minor in Business Law and Sociology at Suffolk University. She was born in Worcester, MA and was partly raised in Kumasi, Ghana. Cheryl was a Nelson Fellow during the summer of 2018. Her future career aspiration is to become a human rights attorney who is actively involved in improving the conditions of poor communities of color. On campus, Cheryl is currently a Trustee Ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admission, a RAM Supporter for the Office of Orientation and New Student Programs, and the president of Soulfully Versed (an a cappella group). She is also a general member of Suffolk University's Black Student Union and Caribbean Student Network.

Taisha Sturdivant

Amanda Melo-Nieves (Lindsay Fellow)

Have you ever met someone who you feel will transform your life right away? Anyone who has met Taisha can recognize that about her. She attracts you in, like a moth to a flame. Her voice and overall presence command attention. When she speaks, you listen. Or maybe she is just a Libra rising, but regardless, she is genuinely fascinating. Taisha's life story is what makes her admirable. Amongst the chaos in her life, she persevered. That drive to succeed got her to where she is now. Taisha's diligence inspired me and all of the Lindsays. Her impact on me was pretty significant. When I entered the program, my intention was never to stand out. This mentality is something I applied to many things, including my future and career. I always wanted to be "low-key." To me, this meant not wanting to be at the top of the class and not trying to get into the best law school. My worst mistake during this program was telling Taisha that. Or maybe it was my best mistake, it depends. Something I appreciate about Taisha is her ability to call people out effectively, and that is what she did to me in class one day.

What she did not know is that her words impacted me more than she could ever realize. It made me reflect and question why I do not want to strive for something that is within my grasp. After all, I did not get into this program for no reason. They saw a potential in me that I did not see in myself. Taisha sees a potential in me that I did not see in myself. Failure has always been my biggest fear, and because of that, I only do things I know I will succeed in. Recognizing that and admitting it to myself was hard, but necessary. Now, I would rather fail than never try at all. Taisha helped me realize that you do not have to be front and center, go to the best law school, and be top of your class to be the best that you can be. In the process of lowering expectations for myself, I traded my drive and passion for law with satisfying mediocrity. But I am not mediocre. I am not just anyone. I can and will be the best I can be, even in the background. Most of all, I am no longer going to be satisfied with being ordinary.



2021 Lindsay Fellows with instructor Taisha Sturdivant

Learning from the Federal Defenders

Salem Solomon (Nelson Fellow)

The Nelson Fellowship was an incredible and unforgettable experience. I gained invaluable wisdom from not only the legal professionals we met with but also from my coordinators and peers. However, among the many people I was extremely fortunate to meet, the Federal Defenders Office was definitely at the top of my list. The Federal Defenders were so kind and thoughtful and helped me realize that one mistake truly does not and cannot define who you are as a person. They discussed how they look at the defendant as a complete and whole person, with a life outside of the crime they committed. Listening to their perspective honestly opened my eyes to consider the many things that make up an individual, instead of indifferently labeling and categorizing them as a “criminal.”

(At the start of the summer, I told myself that I wanted to pursue malpractice law. I made this decision based on a previous summer internship, where I learned about racial injustices within the healthcare system. Although I am still interested in this type of law, I learned that I have several passions within the law; I am not limited to only learning about one over the other.)

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I admired the diligence and persistence of each Federal Defender. Just days before meeting Jessica Thrall and Cara McNamara, I sat through court proceedings – one virtual, and one in-person – where they were both advocating for defendants who most people would believe deserve the highest sentencing the government was allowed to offer. Nevertheless, these women were able to gracefully show how the defendants were doing everything the government had asked them to do at that point. They showed that the defendants were also doing their best to contact their family whenever the opportunity was given as well as listening to their probation officers.

Lastly, I understood how much the Federal Defenders loved their job. It didn't dread or wear them down. They truly were compassionate and proved to me that there are real people in the legal system that genuinely care about the well-being of their defendants. Each Federal Defender was either a part of another program or organization outside of their job in the courthouse that related to their passion. This showed me how dedicated, committed, and determined they each were to make a difference as well as representing people who are unable to afford an attorney. Meeting with the Federal Defenders was life-changing, and I can't wait to see if my own dream of becoming an attorney will come to fruition.



Interning with the U.S. Attorney's Office

Jason Nunez (Lindsay Fellow)

As I delved into the experience that is the Lindsay Fellowship, and my placement in the U.S Attorney's Office, I did not fully comprehend what it would entail. Through the extensive background checks, fingerprinting, and paperwork required just so that I could step foot in the office, I understood the seriousness and gravity of where I would be working. In the days leading up to my first day at the USAO, my thoughts would race with my community's (and my own) preconceived notions of who and what prosecutors are.

On the first day of my placement, I met Assistant U.S. Attorneys Anu Balakrishna and Anne Paruti, our supervisors for our time at the USAO. From them, I learned that the stereotypes about prosecutors simply are not true. Anu and Anne are some of the most empathetic, intelligent, and hardworking people I have ever met. They truly care about every case and all parties involved and simply want the fairest and most just outcome for those cases that they litigate. They taught me invaluable lessons and made sure to offer themselves as a resource and as mentors.

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As we learned about the many different divisions and units within the U.S. Attorney's Office, we learned that we would mainly be working with the Civil Rights Division, assisting AUSAs however we could with their cases. Although we were only college students without a law degree, and only placed in the office for a month, the AUSAs trusted us to handle important tasks and assignments. The responsibilities we had ranged from writing chronologies of facts and evidence to summarizing relevant facts for cases to be used by an AUSA, to sorting through 6,000 police reports trying to find a report describing a situation factually analogous to the one we were dealing with in a housing discrimination case. As we focused on the work we were doing in the office, the month went by in a flash.

I concluded my time at the United States Attorney's Office with a breadth of new knowledge, connections and a fresh perspective on prosecution and its role in our criminal justice system, along with what is possible for me as an aspiring lawyer. I am especially thankful for the connections I have made with Anu Balakrishna and Anne Paruti. I will carry their kindness and wisdom with me as I push forward in this field.



Anu & Anne from the USAO

Touring Colleges

Daisy Ogbesoyen (Nelson Fellow)

As a Nelson Fellow I was awarded the amazing opportunity to tour colleges in the Boston area. I am a rising junior in high school and touring colleges has always been on my bucket list, but I have never had the opportunity to do so, especially with peers my age.

I was able to find out more about myself in these tours. In the past, I never knew what qualities to look for when seeking higher education. But from these tours I was able to ask myself important questions. I never knew the size of a campus mattered but I found out that I didn't feel drawn to a small college or university. I realized that campus culture was also very important to me. When we toured Suffolk University, I loved learning the fact that there is carved out time once a week for clubs to meet. I really enjoy the fact that the university itself supports campus life.

I also never realized that campus safety is also a very important deciding factor to me. At BU, there are numerous safety measures put in place for students. I never realized that that would be a factor in my future decisions. The Nelson Fellowship program not only allowed me to tour college campuses, it also allowed me the opportunity to attend these tours with other like-minded peers.



Public Speaking with Jamele Adams *Lorimer Mauricio (Nelson Fellow)*

Jamele Adam’s class made a noticeable impact that shook the ground the Nelson Fellows stood on. From the first time he entered the room, he took our attention and our breath away with his captivating performance. When he told us to write down our thoughts and feelings about it, that was when we knew this was no regular class. Surely enough, it became a class where we learned that sharing our feelings and thoughts was okay. It became a class where we grew to become a family of “Kings & Queens”, as Jamele would call us.

In my personal experience, I was shocked when Jamele entered the class dressed in casual clothing, eyes wide, reciting a poem with such enthusiasm that it felt like I was in a movie. I’m a student that likes to sit back and listen to others’ opinions. But in Jamele’s class, it was different. No one’s thoughts and feelings were excluded. It was such a comfortable space that even I felt excited to share my mind. Oh, and how intriguing these classes were! From having group debate projects to reciting our own special works. Everything, top to bottom was incredible.

Never did I think I would feel so comfortable in a class like this. I’ve learned a substantial amount, had loads of fun with my peers, and found inspiration in poems. I may or may not have mimicked Jamele’s way of teaching and implemented it into my work. I was very inspired by his poems, that I just felt the need to venture out into that world. Even further along into Jason Wise’s class, I made my poems as answers to the prompts. Jamele’s class can literally turn introverts into hardcore extroverts. If I was told to explain Jamele’s class in one word, it would be ELITE.

Thank you Jamele, for inspiring us, for showing us:

WORDS ARE POWERFUL
WRITING IS HOW I EXPRESS MY FREEDOM
AND SPEAKING, DELIVERS ME!



Lorimer during cross examination at mock trial



Nelson instructor Jamele Adams

Meeting Taisha *Saraphina Jean (Nelson Fellow)*

This summer, we met a lot of interesting people. We met people with different kinds of backgrounds, but one day the coordinators told us “We are meeting with Taisha Sturdivant today.” It was kind of funny because there is also a Fellow named Taisha. When Taisha walked in the room and introduced herself, the atmosphere in the room changed. That day I was fighting my sleep and tiredness, but her vibe changed everything. Her vibe caught my attention and stuck in my head ever since. Since she walked in the room, I felt like she had some inspiring words to say, and we were connected in one way or another. When she started introducing herself, I was so interested in the conversation. I have never met someone with a story that is closer to mine than hers. I remember her saying **“I thought the world ended for me”** and that one phrase caught my attention as my past experiences came to mind.

I remember growing up facing poverty, negativity, and a lot more. I remember being hopeless and not even knowing if there was anything good left for me in this world. It seemed like everything was against me. Neither did I know the future had better plans for me, one of them was meeting Taisha.

I can say after meeting with her that I have a little bit more courage to one day tell the world about my story which I was always ashamed of. But after meeting Taisha everything has changed, I have gained hope and courage to keep fighting for what I want in life. I will always remember her name, and may it always remind me: **“You have a story to tell and reasons to keep fighting.”** I am elated that I was fortunate enough to meet Taisha Sturdivant.



2021 Lindsays with instructor Taisha Sturdivant

Class with Alexis Tracey Do (Lindsay Fellow)



Tracey in class

Prior to this program, I did not know much about lawyers and law school. All I knew was that the legal world was very exclusive and rigorous. There was so much doubt in my mind about whether I would be able to handle the legal world. The person this summer that helped me realize that I would be a great lawyer is Alexis Hamdan.

I truly appreciate her and this program for having such high standards for us Fellows because it truly pushed us to see our capabilities. Not only this, but Alexis gave us a realistic perspective on what law school and the legal community would be like. Yes, it is exclusive. Yes, it is rigorous. However, these factors should not make us doubt our capabilities. Alexis treated us like law school students because she was confident in our knowledge and skills. She reassured us that we would make great lawyers because we were detail-oriented and resilient.

Our first class with her was during orientation, where she taught us about the distinctions between the state court system and the federal court system. She established the standards of this program right there and then. To be frank, I was very nervous after that first class because I was doubtful of my intellectual abilities. Thankfully, after our first in-person class with Alexis, she was very reassuring and happy to clarify confusing topics.

Alexis also advised us in our client counseling class. Being a very successful civil attorney, she guided us in speaking with clients and reaching a compromise with clients. I personally had a great experience with client counseling and it is due to Alexis' keen guidance.

Alexis showed us Lindsay Fellows tough love and it encouraged us to be keen, hardworking, and determined. It was an honor to have been taught by such a sharp, witty, and talented person. With her aid, we were able to have a very successful moot court and I was genuinely surprised at how much we learned this summer.



Evolving Thoughts on Prosecution *Ariana Tazrin (Nelson Fellow)*

"You can't be a prosecutor."

"You would be setting your own people out for failure."

"All prosecutors ever do is put bad people/'the problem' away."



These are all the things I used to tell myself as I became more interested in the legal field. Being a prosecutor, I understood, was for those who solely wanted to put “the bad guys” away thinking it solved the problem. Through my experience this summer, I learned more about the various prospects in the legal field. I learned the value of law and how we humans are governed by it every second of our lives. Most significantly, I gained a better grasp of the role of a prosecutor. I learned about the prosecutor's power.

As I grew older and concluded that the prosecutors were among those who were detaining members of my community, I realized that this was not the case. I realized that an ethical prosecutor could do more than just detain people in a community. When I say an ethical prosecutor, I don't mean one who protects the innocent while convicting the guilty. What a prosecutor is supposed to do is convict the guilty. However, I believe that is insufficient to deter people from committing crimes. It is vital to understand why the criminals commit crimes. Most criminals require mental health treatment, as well as other resources that may help prevent future crimes. Putting them in a prison cell gives them time for reflection on their mistakes and self-evaluation, but it does not prevent them from committing the crime again. Many of the people in prison have a criminal record. It is critical to examine options that will keep them from committing similar offenses in the future. During my conversation with a few Assistant U.S. Attorneys, I discovered that they are capable of providing alternate options or additional resources, such as rehabilitation programs to prevent future violations.

After this summer's experience, particularly my interactions with the AUSAs, I am sure that I want to be in their position one day. I want to provide possibilities for my people that will allow them to break away from the jail system and live a better life. Through my interactions with my friends, I discovered that we have similar views on the existing jail system. It encourages me to keep going in this direction. This reminded me of how grateful I am to have been a part of the program. It has broadened my horizons in ways I could never have anticipated. I understood that I was being given an opportunity that many others working in this profession did not have. I will be eternally grateful for the chance to network with people in a field that I am becoming increasingly interested in. I hope to return to the courthouse as a Lindsay Fellow, and perhaps even to this program as a guest speaker, to share my story and encourage the Fellows in the same way that many of the current speakers have inspired me.

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Probation's Charter of Excellence *Jaxzia Perez (Lindsay Fellow)*

As a rising senior in college, there are limited opportunities to learn about the court system with the same depth that the Lindsay Fellowship provides. When considering criminal law, I only thought of criminal defense, prosecution, and judgeship as potential career paths. After spending a month with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, I truly understand that probation officers play an important role in the court system and that the office has plenty of lawyers. When someone is arrested, probation officers are the first representation of the court system that a defendant will have. As part of their training, probation officers learn to honor the charter of excellence which highlights the importance of compassion and the responsibility to positively impact the community and the lives of victims, defendants, and offenders. For many defendants, the Probation Office is part of their entire experience in the court which opens avenues for consistent and impactful relationships.

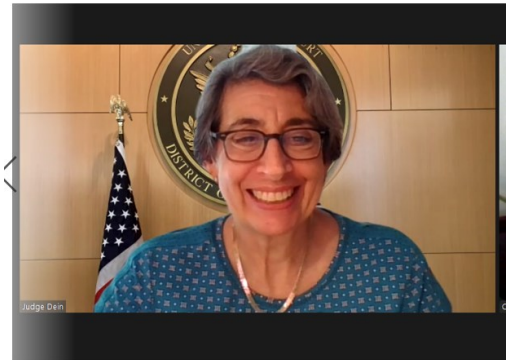
The charter of excellence sets the tone for how probation officers treat those they come into contact with. The Probation Office spends a considerable amount of time creating new programs that will decrease recidivism like their Fatherhood Program. This program is dedicated to helping fathers reconnect with their children and adapt to life after incarceration. The growth of the program emphasizes the importance of post-convocation and post-incarceration needs that may not be addressed after a sentencing. Spending time understanding not only the initial interactions of the defendants and probation officers but also the investigation of every case was eye opening. By the time someone is convicted, the Probation Office has already gathered some basic background information that the defense attorney may not have known.

The criminal justice system is a work in progress, but the charter of excellence is a step in the best direction. The U.S. Probation Office is an example of how our government can function fairly as well as with compassion. I am now interested in pursuing a position with the Probation Office after attending law school.



Meeting Judge Dein *Samara Blake (Nelson Fellow)*

The first time I met Judge Dein was at the Nelson Fellowship Orientation held on Zoom. When I first heard that I was going to be meeting my judge, I was extremely nervous. I had never met a judge in my life, and I always thought judges were these scary superior people who only focus on work. I thought that we would not have anything in common or anything to really talk about. But, after a few minutes of talking to her and the people in her court chambers, I quickly realized my initial thoughts of judges were completely wrong. Judge Dein was extremely kind towards me and has a great sense of humor. She said some really encouraging words to me during our first meeting which helped me get through the rest of the summer. The people in her chambers were also really amazing and it was so nice to meet them all.



Meeting Judge Dein in-person for the first time was even better than our Zoom call. When I walked through the door, she invited me into her office and asked me questions about myself and my interest in law, spoke about herself, and made me feel welcome in her chambers. She is so friendly to me and everyone in her chambers and treats them with the utmost respect. She let me learn so much more about her during our first encounter and throughout the rest of the summer. This summer was truly amazing! So, Judge Dein, if you're reading this, thank you for being so friendly towards me in your chambers and supportive of my path towards law.

Receiving My Badge *Uma Sen (Nelson Fellow)*



The first day we came to the courthouse, we followed each other everywhere. We waited patiently for Kiara or Cheryl to tap us into the areas of the building that required a badge. But eventually the day came that we finally got our own badges. The courthouse was finally ours to explore. We no longer had to rely on the coordinators' badges to get around and could travel on our own. At first, I did not understand the significance of these little plastic cards. But on the day we finally had to give them back, I finally realized just how much these badges affected me.

To me, the badges were a symbol of independence. I no longer had to rely on others to get where I wanted to go. When my friends needed me, I could get to them quickly and efficiently. Getting used to having our own badges felt like we were stepping into our own self-sufficiency, and this translated into other aspects of the Fellowship where we had to stop relying on others.

Badges also made me feel like I truly belonged. When I would enter the building, I always quickly showed my badge to security before they would let me through. It felt so strange to be carrying the same badges that judges, attorneys, probation officers, and other employees at the courthouse had. My badge was a symbol of honor that showed I belonged in the judiciary. The day I gave my badge back, I knew that I would work really hard to get it back in the future when I return to the courthouse.

Meeting with Doris Fitzpatrick Elsa Alicea-Arroyo (Nelson Fellow)

Over the summer, we had a number of guest speakers coming in and talking to us not only about their careers, but also about their time as a Nelson Fellow. Doris Fitzpatrick was a prominent one. Doris lived in a neighborhood which was constantly under the threat of gang violence and she always wanted to do something about it. Through school she found the Nelson Fellowship, and though she had never considered law as a career path, she decided to apply for the program. Doris talked about all the connections and memories she made through the program and about her new knowledge of the judicial system and the countless jobs it holds. Doris is currently a Senior Probation Officer in the federal court for the District of Massachusetts.

Probation in criminal law is a period of supervision over an offender, ordered by the Court. Doris explained to us that most of the time there are two kinds of probation officers. The first kind works with the defendant during “pretrial”; meaning, before their verdict. This probation officer not only creates a report on the defendant for the judge but also reviews how much of a threat the defendant is. Doris explained that they do this in a 5-star rating. She told us that an amount of stars is given for the types of crime. She also explained that this could vary for the amount of times the crime was committed and so much more goes into it. The report that probation officers write help indicate the final outcome as well as the amount of time the defendant does probation. This is the type of probation Doris works in now.

After the trial another probation officer comes in and begins doing duties such as home check-ins and conducting drug tests. Probation officers also conduct research and help the defendant get a place to live, find a job, and find mental health resources if needed. We asked Doris about how officers stay safe and she explained that it varies. Some officers carry guns while others, like herself, take self-defense classes to prepare for potential moments of violence. Doris went on to tell us that it is not an easy job and though a number of days can just be in the office doing paperwork, there have also been a number of officers who died in the field. Our time with Doris Fitzpatrick was very educational and such an insight into the work of probation officers.



Interning with the Federal Public Defenders *Jessica Pires (Lindsay Fellow)*

The government created the law to protect people by ensuring their rights and safety. In our current socio-political state, it seems like these laws have been abandoned and unutilized. It seems as though the government is not protecting the people who need protection. Over the course of my life, I lost hope in our system. I lost hope in the judicial system, the legislation, and ultimately, in some of our leaders. I felt like nothing was progressing. Once I was gifted with admittance into the Lindsay Fellowship and the Federal Public Defenders Office, my thoughts quickly began to change.



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The Federal Public Defender Office has been an eye-opening experience. Jessica Thrall, Miriam Conrad, Jeffrey Levin, Christine DeMaso, and Eric Wolpin have all showed me that being a lawyer is not easy, and sometimes it is not fun, but at the end of the day, one should be proud of what they did. They guaranteed that their clients felt safe, protected, and heard. These phenomenal lawyers demonstrated what to target when responding to briefs and what to establish when arguing memos in court. They also exhibited how to connect with your clients regardless of what they may have done and how to see every defendant as a person.

The government is responsible for over 328 million people, so it cannot personalize the law for anyone. The lawyers must do it instead, especially those in the Public Defender’s Office. They take all the steps necessary to ensure that they use all the laws they can and will stand in front of the court for their clients. I have personally seen Jessica so invested in her client one would have thought he was her child. They build the connection and find the compassion to support their clients through anything. They do not abandon them; they utilize what they have to help them. This placement allowed me to see a side of the judicial system that cares about the people and is for the people.

With that said, thank you again both, Jessica and Miriam, for being the best supervisors and having big enough hearts to do what you both do. The Office will miss you, Miriam!

Meeting Massachusetts Juvenile Court Chief Justice Amy Nechtem *Gamael Chalvire (Lindsay Fellow)*

The Lindsay Fellows got the great opportunity to talk to the Honorable Amy Nechtem, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court, and Research Attorney Kristin Kashgegian. On June 30th, after a long day of classes, we had the pleasure of having a wonderful conversation with both individuals.

We learned about the very inspiring story of Justice Amy Nechtem. She grew up in Boston and went to law school at Suffolk University. After graduating, she became a prosecutor in the juvenile department and later had the opportunity to become a Judge. Not only was the story of Chief Justice motivating, but what most stood out to me was the love and passion that she has for her job. As an inspiring young lawyer with big dreams, I was in awe seeing someone so passionate about what they do. Justice Nechtem knew the importance and power that came with her position in the justice system. We learned that she works closely with community outreach programs to help fight injustices like the school-to-prison pipeline that significantly affects our youth.

Attorney Kristin Kashgegian showed us the different career paths that exist in the legal world. Kristin Kashgegian is a research attorney for the juvenile court, which is a unique position because we often only hear about litigators or contractors. We had the opportunity to learn about her journey to becoming a research attorney.



Judge Gorton's Chambers *Taisha Andre (Nelson Fellow)*

As a Nelson Fellow, you get assigned to a Judge and are allotted to work with and get to know their chambers throughout the summer. I was personally assigned to Judge Gorton's chambers. I was able to meet his two law clerks, Dana and Andrew, his two interns Margaux and Hanson, and his judicial assistant Patricia. When I first arrived at the chambers in person, to my surprise, I was not nervous at all! I was immediately greeted by the welcoming and caring faces of Judge Gorton's chambers. There was never a dull moment during chamber time. I was able to read and talk through cases with Judge Gorton's interns and clerks several times. I was also able to have personal meetings with each member of Judge Gorton's chambers. Many of the meetings consisted of discussions about law school, undergrad, future endeavors, and current experiences working under Judge Gorton.

Overall, chamber time allows each Fellow to build a connection with their assigned Judge and their chambers. It allows each Fellow to get a very fascinating behind the scenes view of what goes on before the actual court proceedings. Each chamber is so different and interesting in its own way. I was able to visit or hear about some of the other Fellows' chambers, and from what I heard we all collectively had a great time with them. Chambers time was definitely one of the highlights of my summer. It is something that I did not take for granted and will remember for as long as I can.

Meeting Rep. Liz Miranda *Evangelina Machado (Nelson Fellow)*



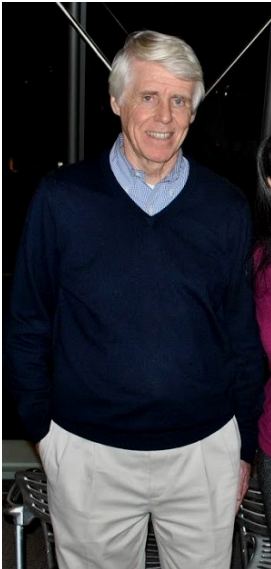
Although we met with several amazing people from the City of Boston throughout the summer, it wasn't until meeting Representative Liz Miranda that I felt like I could succeed. Massachusetts has ranked number one in education but the diversity within those numbers, let alone the success rate of POC, is devastating and leaves young people with zero to no hope. Meeting her, I got to hear a new narrative about what she overcame, and how she used it to her benefit. She had mentioned that she came from Cape Verde and dealt not only with the language barrier but also dealt with family members being deported, dying, or being incarcerated. These were issues that I not only personally dealt with but knew that I wanted to fight for and change. Seeing that she used these to her benefit to drive her past, all the statistics that told her she was destined to fail because she wasn't "American enough," really showed the passion that she used to implement change within OUR community.

How she accomplished her goal of targeting the issues that she felt needed to be spoken about was inspiring. She mentioned how she is one of the first very few Black female representatives for Massachusetts, and the advantages and disadvantages it gave her. When she talked about the advantages, she did not fail to mention how she was able to talk to white privileged men about the realities that she and her communities face and how we need to implement change. She focused on issues that would create a domino effect like rehabilitating empty lots and allowing the community to have their voices heard about living requirements. On the other hand, she mentioned how these same advantages came as a negative as well. She is a Black woman who is fighting for every little girl who feels as though they are underrepresented in the media, in the workforce, and society. She is a force to be reckoned with and inspired me to continue to pursue law as a woman of color.



Evangelina during cross examination at the 2021 Mock Trial

Jerry Howland *Jurianny Guerrero (Nelson Fellow)*



Jerry Howland is a man that wishes his students to succeed and flourish in every way achievable. Not only did Jerry help the Nelson Fellows with the mock trial prep class, he also simultaneously taught the Judicial Youth Corps. There was assurance that there was an equal opportunity to win both sides of the mock trial. Not only was Jerry preparing us Fellows to be ready, he gave us confidence within ourselves and furthermore broadened our knowledge of the legal field. Jerry Howland is a well-known all-around individual, having contributed to the Nelson Fellowship since the commencement of it.

For the past 25 years, Howland has devoted his summers to helping students know whether they want to work in the justice system. With this job, it enabled us students to set into stone whether or not this was the career path for us. Without Jerry Howland, I would not have been in this Fellowship this year. He helped me establish that there wasn't only one career available to you when pursuing your law degree. There are multiple opportunities, which introduced me to the idea of becoming a professor that teaches the law, just like he did. If there is one person I would consider a mentor of mine, it would be Jerry Howland.



Lindsay Fellowship Update: Honoring Alexis Hamdan & Welcoming Taisha Sturdivant!

We are excited that during this special year — the 25th anniversary of the Nelson program — Taisha Sturdivant was selected by the judges of our Court to be the Legal Research and Writing instructor for the Lindsay Fellowship!

Many of you already are lucky enough to know her: Taisha is a former 2005 Nelson, 2007-2008 Coordinator, and 2011 Lindsay who has been a strong supporter of the Fellowships ever since she left them. Her time meeting with Nelsons each year is usually the highlight of their summer!

Taisha is an attorney at Sullivan & Worcester with prior teaching experience and a background in education. Excitingly, and deservedly, she recently was [awarded](#) one of Mass Lawyers Weekly's '2021 Up & Coming Lawyers'! We are grateful to have her with us, returning to lead the program in a very 'full-circle' moment. The 2021 Lindsays loved their summer with her, and we look forward to future cohorts gaining from her experience and instruction.



Truly an instrumental person and force behind the Lindsay Fellowship, we want to take time to thank Alexis Hamdan for her years of work and dedication towards this program! Alexis developed the curriculum for the legal research and writing course and has served as an important teacher and mentor to eleven cohorts of Lindsays.

Many students, equipped with her instruction, have gone on to law school confidently prepared—all the better for having had her as a teacher!

While she is “passing the torch” to Taisha for the legal research and writing course, Alexis will teach the Lindsay client counseling course: a hands-on class where Lindsays apply their legal research skills and hone client interviewing techniques.

2021 Graduation Speech *Tracey Do (Lindsay Fellow)*

“Good morning everyone. Today is a very special day so thank you for sharing it with us. We are the Lindsay Fellows and for the past nine weeks, we have been experienced what it means to have this great title. The Lindsay Fellowship Program was established in honor of Judge Reginald C. Lindsay, who was the second African American judge appointed to the federal court for this district. Judge Lindsay grew up in Alabama during the pre-civil rights era and overcame incredible adversity while growing up. He worked extremely hard to achieve one of the highest levels in the legal profession. Although we were unable to meet him, we were fortunate enough to meet his wife Mrs. Cheryl Lindsay, who was so kind to share stories and videos of him. We learned that he dedicated his academic skills to public service and was the physical embodiment of compassion, perseverance, and honor. This summer as we met with a plethora of people, we held our heads up high as we introduced ourselves as Lindsay Fellows because we truly understood and appreciated the weight of Judge Lindsay’s name and what he represents.



First, I would like to extend my gratitude to Judge Dein, not only for her leadership and coordination of this Fellowship, but also for her thoughtfulness and care for each one of us. This Fellowship has changed my life and I am grateful for her unwavering faith in us.

As for me, I grew up in public housing projects in South Boston less than 10 minutes from this area. My experience growing up there has shaped me into the person I am today. From having incarcerated family members and peers, to constantly seeing law enforcement in my neighborhood, and having gang and drug violence be the norm, it seemed like the criminal justice system was waiting for me. It was not until high school when I matured and learned the vocabulary to truly explain what I was experiencing. Words and phrases like “systemic oppression”, “impoverishment”, “implicit bias”, and “generational wealth” are now my tools and reasons to spark change. I am currently in college studying criminal justice and I am learning how to use these powerful words of mine in the legal field.

Prior to this program, I felt somewhat hopeless because the problem I wanted to solve seemed so enormous. I would tell people that my goal is to “alleviate racial disparities and discrimination in the criminal justice system”. Sure, this sounded empowering and driven, but I had no idea how to accomplish this goal. This Fellowship has shown me exactly what to do. During this program, we met with so many prudent and compassionate people who have the exact same goal as I do. Such as Honorable judges, U.S. Attorneys, public defense attorneys, probation officers, law clerks, and everyone else in between. I’ll admit, initially I had prejudices towards our government, especially towards the criminal justice system. With what I learned in my college courses, with all the political uproar, and social media squabbles, I genuinely perceived our justice system as one to be ashamed of. However, the people we met this summer proved me wrong; the judges we have met were so incredibly benevolent, and the attorneys were incredibly compassionate. It was truly reassuring to learn that these are the people moving the gears in our criminal justice system.

Now, this is not to say that the system is not flawed. There were many times in which I would attend a court proceeding and the only person of color in the room would be the defendant. That was discouraging. With that being said, I believe the system is changing for the better. To fix our system we must acknowledge the flaws. Judges such as Judge Sorokin and Judge Kelley, attorneys like Anne Paruti and Anu Balakrishna, and Probation Officers like Doris Fitzpatrick and James Pace have given me a renewed faith in the Justice System. Knowing that these noble people are serving the American public gives me great reassurance and hope. The amazing people we have met has made me inspired and eager to become an attorney soon. Through these inspiring people, I know that I will be able to better the criminal justice system and help my marginalized and disadvantaged peers. So, thank you for every single person that gave us their time this summer.

Another person that gave me their precious time is the Honorable Judge Stearns. I remember my first conversation with him. I was shaking and my voice was timid because I could not believe how awesome it was to be conversing with a federal judge. After that initial conversation, I began getting more confident and comfortable enough to rant to the Judge about the yuppies in South Boston as he shared how good his spice tolerance was. I would also like to thank Marsha Zierk and Nicole Walsh for always making me feel so welcomed in chambers. I will forever be honored and truly humbled by the opportunity to intern in Judge Stearns' Chambers.

I would like to show gratitude to our coordinators Kiara, Cheryl, and Carolyn. We could not have asked for better coordinators and I truly mean that. We owe this unforgettable summer to you guys. Without you, we would not have met such influential people and would not have had such amazing experiences. You guys are wonderful role models and taught us professionalism, advocacy, and gratitude.

Next, I would like to thank our instructors. While we were watching court proceedings, meeting with guest speakers, and going to our judges' chambers, we were taking four classes. Thank you, Taisha, for teaching us to hold ourselves to high standards and also teaching where the money resides. Thank you, Alexis, for teaching us how to be resilient and keen. Thank you Jamele for teaching us that our words and unity have immense power. Thank you, Mr. Howland, for teaching us to have faith in ourselves and our abilities. These four individuals had so much faith in and were so caring and considerate to us. Thank you for caring about us on a personal level and treating us with such kindness. I am so grateful to have you guys as mentors.

Finally, I would like to thank every one of the amazing Fellows here. This is one of the best summers that I have had, and it is because of you guys. To know that I have peers who are as passionate about activism as I am is amazing and immensely reassuring. There is no one more passionate and empathetic than Gamael. There is no one as captivating and graceful as Jessica. Amanda is the most altruistic and loving person you will meet. Jaxzia is the smartest and most determined person you will meet. I personally want to thank Jason for being such a great partner and friend while we were at the U.S. Attorney's Office. He is driven and one of the hardest working people I have met, and he broke my ankles whenever we played basketball. Please remember me when you guys are powerful and successful attorneys. Thank you all for enduring this long speech. This first-generation Vietnamese girl from the projects will become someone important, and it is due to this this Fellowship. I feel uplifted, hopeful, and grateful."



2021 Graduation Speech *Daisy Ogbesoyen (Nelson Fellow)*

“Good afternoon everyone, thank you all so much for being here today. I would like to start by thanking our coordinators Carolyn, Kiara, and Cheryl. Thank you all so much for the amount of effort you put into this program and into us. You welcomed us all into this program with open arms. You made me feel welcome and as though I belonged. Carolyn, your bright smile eased so many of my nerves. Kiara and Cheryl I looked up to the both of you as mentors. Your leadership, independence, and strong presence are all things I hope to be able to develop. Thank you for an amazing summer.

During our alumni event I had the amazing opportunity to meet so many Nelson alumni. But one interaction stuck out to me. Kevin Copson. He asked me a question consisting of only two words, but those two words alone shook the very ground I stood upon. He asked, “Why law?” and I gave a surface answer and he saw right through that. So he responded, “No, really, why law?” And at that very important moment I felt stumped. I gave another semi rehearsed and cliché answer.

After meeting so many amazing people here and bearing the title “Nelson Fellow” I knew that my answer then was not enough and simply wouldn't suffice. So, Kevin if I had the chance to answer that question again I'd say that, “I didn't choose law. The law chose me.” Before finding the law, I was frustrated. I didn't know how to articulate my feelings toward injustices. I also didn't know where to begin with approaching and attacking injustice- since it is an ongoing problem that has only been expanding exponentially. I felt at a time that it wasn't my place. I felt powerless. I didn't know my options, and I didn't grow up with lawyers in my family.

All I knew was that my family was frustrated too. I grew up hearing adults having conversations about politics. Growing up in my Nigerian household in the South End/Roxbury area, I was constantly aware of the mistreatment of Nigerian citizens. I only fed off of the spite my family expressed about different politicians. I grew up adopting the same mindsets as others. I grew up having strong feelings against politicians and the government. And now the one thing I want to do is become a part of the government.

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Daisy doing cross examination

When Kevin asked me that question I felt how I felt when I was younger scared of the unknown. I often asked myself, too scared to ask others in fear of asking a dumb question, “Why can’t we stop this?” “Why can’t we make them stop?” I was frustrated not knowing the answers to those questions. But then the law found me. It gave me answers often complicated but answers nonetheless to these problems I saw in my communities. The law gave me purpose, it made me feel that my privilege of being a U.S. citizen was not overlooked. But now I feel powerful, and without the help from our instructors Jamele Adams, Jason Wise, and Jerry Howland, I would not be able to say these things. Thank you all so much as well for your hard work and dedication to this program. You each had different approaches to teaching us this summer yet they were all equally effective.

In class with Jamele, we were often on the edge of our seats anticipating his next words. We were so invested and had a lot to say. In class with Jason I was often amazed, as I was able to learn how laws have been changed and amended overtime. Being able to read the laws analytically, and thinking about them from different perspectives was captivating. In Jerry Howland’s class, he taught what I loved- so it is easy for me to say I enjoyed the class. But when I saw my classmates in the class I could see it in their eyes, their demeanor, and the waving of their hands to get called on that they were also intrigued. I had never been in the same room with so many people that shared my same interests.

The guest speakers this summer all taught me one thing: there is not only one path to success. Thank you to all the guest speakers for taking the time out of your day to speak with us and answer so many questions. So many of your stories resonated with me. You all showed me that we aren’t one dimensional human beings. You all are not just your job titles. After 5pm or later for those with that work load you all go home outside of law. Thank you for being yourselves and contributing to the legal community and this program. I truly admire each and every single one of you.

Throughout the course of these six weeks here as Nelson Fellows we’ve had the opportunity to introduce ourselves to numerous people. Upon reflection I see that those introductions have only been at the surface. Those introductions are just the tip of how amazing you all truly are.

Elsa, Taisha, Samara, Saraphina, Jurianny, Evangelina, Lorimer, Salem, Luis, Uma, and Ariana here is one lesson from Jamele that I urge you to remember: Your words are powerful, writing is how you exercise your freedom, and speaking delivers you. You all are my friends and now family. Your knowledge can never be stifled. Continue to be the amazing and true people that you are. I can’t wait to see the great heights you all reach.

This summer I had the honor and privilege of working with Judge Saris. Despite restrictions she still made an effort. I enjoyed our time together and conversations about the school system and hearing your thoughts on issues were the highlights of my day at the courthouse.

Now I must thank Judge Dein and Judge Casper for this experience. Thank you so much for devoting your time and efforts to seeing this program succeed. Judge Nelson was truly an amazing man. He touched so many lives and now with this fellowship he continues to do so. I would like to thank all the judges that make this program possible. Thank you for continuing Judge Nelson's legacy. Thank you for encouraging the youth, the future, to follow in his footsteps...Thank you.”

2021 Graduation Speech *Amanda Melo-Nieves (Lindsay Fellow)*



“Nine weeks ago, we were all thrown into a courtroom together. We were all looking around the courtroom, trying to familiarize ourselves with the faces in the room. What we didn’t realize is how deep our bond was going to be with each and every person in that room. In that courtroom, I read your feelings of anxiety, excitement, and most of all, determination. The moment I walked in and saw all of your faces, I saw something in you that I see in myself. Determination to be better and do better. A determination to change the perception of law and who is affected by it. Being in that courtroom with all of you was nerve-wracking for me. But once I read the energy in the room, there was a sense of peace. I knew at that moment that this program was going to change my life drastically in the best way possible. There are some lessons I learned that I want to emphasize. I learned that there are active people in the court who genuinely care about the well-being of the people entering the system. I learned that there is more empathy than I initially thought. I learned that perseverance and determination will always trump an ivy league degree. I learned that people that look like me and come from places like me can and WILL be the change this society has been waiting for. But, most importantly, I learned that there is a future where compassionate people will be the face of the law.

Most of you know that one of my more explicit hobbies is astrology. I truly believe in the stars. Let me tell you something unique about this group and something we all share in common, and maybe you’ll believe in it too. One of our planets, Uranus, which is the planet that rules generational characteristics, is in Aquarius. Uranus rules Aquarius, so this placement is in its ruling sign. This placement is generational; thus, it changes every seven years, so this applies to some of Nelsons’ too. For the nonbelievers, this means that our generation is unconventional, intelligent, and detached from dated expectations and realities.

Aquarius is known for their rebellious nature and aspiring social change. When I say that this generation is different from others, I mean that it is written in the stars that we will be the change we want to see. We will not let anyone discourage our drive and hunger for change. We will rise when we fall and get back up stronger and resilient. And in that process, we will make this society equal and free of discrimination. We are going to experience situations where the purpose is to shoot us down. Resilience is not something that we lack as a group. We are the change that we are yearning for. We will create the change that will allow us to live in this world without the fear of being targeted because of our appearance, and we are doing it right now at this moment. We are the generation of progress. We are the future. You are the future. Never lose that aquarian drive to change society the way it desperately needs to be changed.

Before I wrap up this speech, there are some people I need to thank. I would first like to thank Judge Dein and Judge Casper for making this program possible. Judge Dein, I genuinely appreciate how every one of our concerns was met with the utmost professionalism and resolved quickly. I am thankful for how real you kept everything and how much time and effort you put into making sure we were all feeling included. I'd like to thank Judge Boal and her extraordinary chambers, who helped me understand complex legal issues and accepted me with open arms. The advice I received is something I will carry with me forever. I would also like to thank Jessica Thrall, Miriam Conrad, and the Public Defender office for making my experience there memorable. You all truly demonstrated the public defender office's selfless work and gave me a new understanding of how important you all are to the court system, especially to the community. I would like to thank our fantastic coordinators, Kiara and Cheryl. This entire summer would not have operated as smoothly without either one of you. The compassion and empathy you showed to all of us made me feel welcomed and appreciated throughout the summer. You both were excellent, and I can not thank you enough. To Carolyn, thank you for everything you did this summer. You indeed are lovely, and our conversations were eye-opening. You have so much light, and I am glad you shared some of it with me. You make up the backbone of this program, and your support was essential to our development.

To all of the instructors, Taisha, Jamele, Jerry, and Alexis, thank you for taking the time out of your day to whip us up in shape. I hope you are proud of yourselves at this moment for all the hard work you put into this summer. What you taught us is valuable, and without your constant encouragement and guiding hand, we would not be in the position we are in today. In these short nine weeks, we learned a whole lot, and you are to thank for that. Thank you to the speakers who came to educate us. We appreciated every one of you. Your perspectives were essential, and without them, we wouldn't be leaving here with so much knowledge about the real world. I would like to thank my sisters who are here in the audience today. You don't know how much it means to me that you are here sharing this experience with me after all we've been through. Thank you for pushing me to be my best self and motivating me to continue to rise amongst the challenges.

To my mom, a mi mama, gracias por apoyarme. Hasta en nuestros días más oscuros, siempre estuviste ahí. Tu amor y compasión me permitió estar aquí. Most importantly, thank you to the fellows. Each and every one of you has helped me grow in these short nine weeks. You showed me that there is hope for the future.

Without knowing it, you greatly impacted my life with the lessons and perspectives I otherwise would not have gotten. Above all, you taught me what a genuine connection is. Each and every one of you will do something marvelous, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you. As you sit here today, be proud of your accomplishments this summer. If Judge Lindsay were here today, he would be very proud of the work we accomplished this summer and would be impressed with our performance. We owe it to him to continue his legacy of changing the community to be equal, once and for all.

Thank you."

Meet the 2021 Nelson Fellows:



Taisha Andre is a rising junior at John D. O'Bryant High School. She was placed in Judge Gorton's chambers.



Elsa Alicea-Arroyo is a rising senior at Boston Latin Academy. She was placed in Judge Boal's chambers.



Samara Blake is a rising junior at Boston Latin Academy. She was placed in Judge Dein's chambers.



Jurianny Guerrero is a rising senior at Fenway High School. She was placed in Chief Judge Saylor's chambers.



Saraphina Jean is a rising junior at Boston International High School. She was placed in Judge Sorokin's chambers.



Evangelina Machado is a rising junior at Boston Latin Academy. She was placed in Judge Casper's chambers.



Lorimer Mauricio is a junior at North High School in Worcester. She was placed in Judge Hennessy chambers.



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Salem Solomon is a rising freshman at Boston University. She was placed in Judge Young's chambers.



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Meet the 2021 Lindsay Fellows:



Gamael Chalvire is a rising junior at Salem State University where she majors in Political Science. She spent her summer in Judge Gorton's chambers and the Probation Office.



Tracey Do is a rising junior at Northeastern University. She majors in Criminal Justice with minors in Law and Public Policy, and Argumentation and Law. She spent the summer in Judge Stearns' chambers and the U.S. Attorney's Office.



Amanda Melo-Nieves is a rising senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and was placed in Judge Boal's chambers as well as the Federal Defenders Office. She is a Legal Studies major and a Psychology and Business double minor.



Jason Nunez is a rising junior studying at Brandeis University. He majors in Business administration and has a minor in Legal Studies. He was placed in Judge Young' chambers and U.S. Attorney's Office.



Jaxzia Perez is a rising senior at Mount Holyoke where she majors in Politics with a minor in Latinx Studies as well as Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights. This summer she was placed in Judge Saris' chambers and the Probation Office.



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Ginny Hurley joined the Clerk's Office of the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts in 1976 as a Deputy Clerk.

Through the years her responsibilities grew and she touched the lives of virtually every member of the Court family. From 2003 until her passing, Ginny was responsible for organizing all of the educational programs at the Court for the bench, bar and public. Her title of "Outreach Coordinator" reflected the fact that she was the face of the court, welcoming all who came to take part in the judicial system, including dignitaries from around the world, international and national press, and

students from down the street, all with grace and a smile. Ginny was a good friend, teacher and mentor. She was a quick wit, and had the ability to make people laugh.

Ginny derived great satisfaction coordinating the Court's summer programs for high school and college students – the Lindsay and Nelson Fellowship programs. She helped nurture and train the next generation to appreciate and participate in the legal process.

In memory of her tremendous work for these students, the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has established the Ginny Hurley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, for books or tuition expenses, will be awarded annually to all graduating Lindsay and Nelson Fellows.

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