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00:00 All right, good evening, everyone.
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- 00:02 I'm Amy Zeng, the Dean of the Sawyer Business School.
- 00:06 On behalf of the entire school,
- 00:08 I'd like to welcome all of you,
- 00:10 to this celebration of the 75th anniversary
- 00:14 of the Bachelor of Science
- 00:16 in Business Administration Program, thank you.
- 00:19 (attendees clapping)
- 00:24 Tonight, is a very special occasion.
- 00:27 And we are so glad to have to see you,
- 00:30 that come to join us tonight.
- 00:33 I'd like to extend a special welcome
- 00:36 to the members of the board of trustees,
- 00:39 including Chairman Bob Lamb, he's somewhere, right?
- 00:45 And representatives from the Dean's Cabinet
- 00:48 and Alumni Board.
- 00:51 We are also pleased, that some former members
- 00:54 of the school's leadership team are here with us tonight.
- 00:58 I haven't seen them,
- 01:00 but I like to mention that my predecessor
- 01:05 former Dean Bill O'Neill.
- 01:07 Hi Bill.
- 01:09 Is your wife here?
- 01:10 No, no.
- 01:11 No, just yourself, okay.
- 01:13 She's not gonna be able to go back (indistinct).
- 01:14 Right, yeah.
- 01:15 Well, all of you know Bill.
- 01:18 And I'm often referred to as,
- 01:20 "Oh, you are the new Dean of the Sawyer Business School."
- 01:22 So they don't remember my name that well (laughs).
- 01:25 But welcome Bill.
- 01:27 And Susan Atherton,
- 01:30 is Susan here?
- 01:32 She has registered, Susan, at the back.
- 01:35 Hi Susan.
- 01:36 Hi.
- 01:37 Hi, Susan was the very first
- 01:40 Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs
- 01:42 at the Sawyer Business School.
- 01:43 So it's great to have both Bill and Susan
- 01:47 to be with us here tonight.
- 01:50 This is one of the business school's first in-person events
- 01:53 in over two years.
- 01:55 Certainly, the very first in-person school event for me,
- 01:59 after I joined Suffolk University in August, 2020.
- 02:02 So I'm very thrilled to meet all of you here tonight,
- 02:06 and I think it's even more exciting
- 02:09 we are here to celebrate the 75 years of business education
- 02:14 at Suffolk University.
- 02:17 The degree has evolved over the decades,
- 02:20 as our business school,
- 02:23 the College of Business Administration,

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02:25 which was called in 1937, when the college was started,
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- 02:30 initially offered only two classes,
- 02:33 two nights a week.
- 02:36 And there were only two courses available in the first year.
- 02:40 And some of the classes had only two students,
- 02:43 but today, guess what?
- 02:46 We are offering more than a hundred undergraduate courses,
- 02:50 and we have over 1600 undergraduate students
- 02:53 that are studying in Boston, and Madrid Campuses,
- 02:57 and other parts of the world.
- 02:59 Since the degree was inaugurated in 1946,
- 03:03 the school has become a dynamic and a diverse institution,
- 03:08 that emphasizes, immerses, experiences, service learning,
- 03:12 and global education for hundreds of students every year.
- 03:16 The school has also achieved global recognition
- 03:19 from several ranking outlets worldwide,
- 03:23 including the CEO Magazine,
- 03:27 the Princeton Review, U.S. News & amp; World Report,
- 03:30 and many others.
- 03:32 Most importantly,
- 03:34 we are the only business school in the nation,
- 03:37 that has earned three important accreditations
- 03:41 in the areas of business and accounting, healthcare,
- 03:45 and the public administration.
- 03:47 This Triple Crown is really one incredible achievement
- 03:50 of the business school.
- 03:52 (attendees clapping)
- 03:59 Our students know how to make the most
- 04:01 of their learning experiences
- 04:03 taking advantage of internships,
- 04:05 and securing jobs at places like Amazon, Deloitte,
- 04:09 JPMorgan Chase and Boston Children's Hospital
- 04:13 to name just a few.
- 04:15 They are experiencing what it's like to live, work,
- 04:18 and study in the heart of Downtown Boston.
- 04:21 And they are traveling abroad,
- 04:23 or studying at our Madrid Campus.
- 04:26 We are proud that Sawyer Business School
- 04:28 supports the university's mission,
- 04:30 of providing access to education,
- 04:33 regardless of one's particular circumstance,
- 04:36 location, or future passions.
- 04:39 We're providing abundant access
- 04:41 to the benefits and opportunities
- 04:44 our home city, Boston offers.
- 04:47 And Boston continues to innovate
- 04:49 in many ways across many sectors.
- 04:53 At the same time, through our Global Travel Seminar course,
- 04:57 internship opportunities,
- 04:59 a variety of global engagement activities,
- 05:02 and international faculty.
- 05:04 We are also ensuring that our students are prepared to work
- 05:09 and succeed in the Interconnected Global Economy.
- 05:13 So tonight, we're celebrating 75 years of excellence.

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05:17 We have a few speakers who are excited
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- 05:19 to share their thoughts with us today.
- 05:22 And after that, we'll have more time to catch up,
- 05:25 to meet with old and new friends,
- 05:27 and maybe even do more networking.
- 05:30 So let's get started.
- 05:31 So, we have started, but now here's the real program.
- 05:36 I like to introduce our first speaker,
- 05:39 who has been a strong advocate of the Sawyer Business School
- 05:42 since she started her journey at Suffolk University.
- 05:46 She has been very supportive
- 05:48 of the business school to stay competitive
- 05:50 in undergraduate business education.
- 05:54 Let's welcome the 11th president
- 05:56 of Suffolk University, Dr. Marisa Kelly.
- 05:59 (attendees clapping)
- 06:07 Thank you, Amy.
- 06:08 And good evening and welcome everyone.
- 06:11 It is really fun to be here, isn't it?
- 06:14 Fun to be here together in person
- 06:17 to celebrate the 75th anniversary
- 06:19 of the full-time Bachelor of Business Administration Program
- 06:23 here at Suffolk.
- 06:25 It's wonderful to see so many faculty
- 06:28 and staff, alumni leaders, members of the board of trustees.
- 06:34 Thank you so much for being here.
- 06:35 And it's really fabulous to have so many student leaders
- 06:38 with us here.
- 06:40 So glad you could join us.
- 06:43 This is an important night.
- 06:45 The business school founded in 1937, as you heard.
- 06:50 It struggled in its early years, to find its footing
- 06:55 and to be given the serious focus,
- 06:58 the attention that it really required to thrive.
- 07:02 The law school,
- 07:03 and the College of Arts and Sciences dominated
- 07:07 the attention of suffix leaders at that time.
- 07:11 But the vision that had driven the establishment
- 07:15 of what later would come to be called
- 07:17 the Sawyer Business School,
- 07:19 that vision was a really powerful one.
- 07:22 The commitment to providing education that combined
- 07:25 and I quote here, "Educational theory
- 07:29 and daily wage earning experience,
- 07:32 to working men and women."
- 07:35 It really aligned with the original 1906 access
- 07:40 and opportunity founding mission of Suffolk University,
- 07:43 or Suffolk Law School, originally in 1906.
- 07:46 And that is a mission that is still absolutely central
- 07:50 to who we are today.
- 07:52 And so in 1946, the first full-time faculty members
- 07:57 were hired in the business school,
- 07:58 and the first full-time BSBA Day Program was launched.
- 08:04 And of course, there were ups and downs

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08:07 over the years, absolutely,
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- 08:10 but as you've already heard a little bit about
- 08:12 the BSBA program and the Sawyer Business School as a whole,
- 08:17 grew to its present stature and size.
- 08:21 The BSBA today, is a incredibly vibrant learning community,
- 08:27 I think learning community is really the right way
- 08:29 to describe it.
- 08:30 With about 1500, 1600 undergraduate majors.
- 08:34 And is still a program that combines theory and practice,
- 08:39 and is driven by faculty, administrators, and staff,
- 08:43 committed to opportunity,
- 08:46 to providing transformational learning
- 08:49 that leads to professional and personal success
- 08:52 for our graduates.
- 08:55 Our BSBA students now come from across the nation
- 08:59 and across the globe.
- 09:01 And also still from our region, from New England
- 09:05 and from the city of Boston,
- 09:06 because our commitment is to be both global and local,
- 09:10 as a university and as a business school.
- 09:13 Many of those students live in our residence halls,
- 09:15 but others still commute, just like they did 75 years ago.
- 09:21 Our students are diverse in their passions, their goals,
- 09:25 their geography, their race, their gender,
- 09:28 and their identities really in all respects.
- 09:32 But they do all have in common access
- 09:35 to the power of the BSBA educational experience.
- 09:40 And so at 75 years old, we are proud of this program,
- 09:45 we are proud of our BSBA alumni,
- 09:48 many of whom are with us tonight, which is fabulous,
- 09:51 and proud of our students.
- 09:55 This is an important anniversary celebration,
- 09:58 because this has been and continues to be
- 10:02 such an impactful program.
- 10:05 So thank you all for joining us tonight to celebrate
- 10:09 this important anniversary.
- 10:12 I look forward to continuing to speak with you
- 10:15 as the evening progresses.
- 10:17 And now, it is my pleasure
- 10:19 to turn the podium over to another big supporter
- 10:23 of the Sawyer Business School,
- 10:25 and the BSBA, our Provost Julie Sandell.
- 10:30 (attendees clapping)
- 10:40 So, good evening everybody, and welcome.
- 10:42 It isn't easy to follow the dean and the president,
- 10:46 but I wanted to share just a few reasons
- 10:48 why I think the Sawyer Business School is so special,
- 10:52 and why the Bachelor of Science and Business Administration
- 10:56 is really a degree that's worth celebrating,
- 10:58 and that's what we're doing here tonight.
- 11:01 Many business schools teach practical skills
- 11:04 and they use real world examples,
- 11:07 but the Sawyer BSBA was way ahead of its time,
- 11:11 in the way that it deliberately

- 11:13 helped students layer their skills
- 11:16 and deepen their experiences.
- 11:17 And that's across multiple years across multiple classes,
- 11:22 and with the guidance of really skilled faculty members.
- 11:25 The students in this program,
- 11:28 don't just study real world business cases,
- 11:31 I think you're all aware, they work with real clients.
- 11:34 And they don't just learn about domestic
- 11:37 and international businesses.
- 11:39 They have the opportunity to travel to the business,
- 11:43 whether that's across the city, or across the globe.
- 11:46 And of course, they don't do this on their own,
- 11:48 they do it as part of a structured plan,
- 11:51 with the guidance and mentorship of faculty members,
- 11:54 who really know the industry,
- 11:56 and that's what makes a huge difference.
- 11:59 The travel experiences for our business school students
- 12:02 are now so embedded in the culture of the school,
- 12:06 that I think it's easy to forget that once upon a time,
- 12:09 this was a new idea.
- 12:10 And it really took a lot of four site
- 12:13 and a great deal of planning.
- 12:15 Former Dean Bill O'Neill recognized that it was so important
- 12:19 for our students to have what he said,
- 12:22 "What's the chance to get on an airplane.
- 12:24 Go overseas, go someplace
- 12:26 where people don't speak the same language,
- 12:29 where the food is different, the culture is different.
- 12:32 And just about every business has a global dimension."
- 12:36 And then it took our faculty
- 12:38 taking up Dean O'Neill's challenge
- 12:40 to craft these travel experiences.
- 12:43 And I'm really confident that under Dean Zeng's leadership,
- 12:46 the school's international partnerships
- 12:49 and opportunities for students will just grow.
- 12:51 Just tonight I had the chance to speak for a few minutes
- 12:54 with one of our international partners in Switzerland,
- 12:57 who we just arranged a partnership three weeks ago.
- 13:00 So, it is moving and growing as we speak.
- 13:05 So the BSBA was also way ahead of its time
- 13:08 in the genuine teamwork that's built into the curriculum.
- 13:12 So, students in all disciplines these days
- 13:15 are expected to collaborate with one another.
- 13:18 And learning to work as part of a team
- 13:20 is an important skill.
- 13:21 But I think our BSBA program takes it to another level,
- 13:26 is by harnessing the natural entrepreneurship
- 13:30 and competitiveness of business school students
- 13:34 to make the teamwork so much fun.
- 13:36 So whether it's part of a class or a special event,
- 13:39 the problems that our students solve
- 13:42 when they take part in a business competition
- 13:44 or a hackathon, let them practice those skills.
- 13:48 And it makes the next problem that they need to solve

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13:51 much more approachable.
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- 13:52 And I'm really convinced it makes the solutions
- 13:55 a lot more creative.
- 13:57 And that wouldn't be possible
- 13:59 without the tremendously creative faculty
- 14:01 in the business school,
- 14:02 and many of them are here tonight.
- 14:04 So, we know they make it look easy,
- 14:06 but there's a tremendous amount of skill and care
- 14:09 that goes into crafting these activities
- 14:12 that are so engaging and so hands on.
- 14:14 So finally, I just wanna say that,
- 14:17 the Sawyer Business School has also built
- 14:19 a wonderful network of alumni over its 75 years.
- 14:23 And some of the most engaging conversations
- 14:26 I've had at Suffolk since I've come here,
- 14:28 are with SPS alumni, who really are excited about the chance
- 14:33 to share their knowledge, share their experience,
- 14:36 give a leg up to current Suffolk students.
- 14:39 They're really proud of their own experience at Suffolk,
- 14:43 and they wanna give back
- 14:44 to the future of the business school.
- 14:46 So 75 years, represents a lot of generations of students,
- 14:51 a lot of faculty, and a lot of staff who have worked here,
- 14:55 but it's really just the beginning for this creative
- 14:58 and dynamic community.
- 14:59 And I wanna say, congratulations.
- 15:03 (attendees clapping)
- 15:06 And now Dean Zeng will continue.
- 15:16 Thank you, President Kelly,
- 15:18 and Provost Sandell for the wonderful words.
- 15:21 Our success over the decades is still in no small part
- 15:25 to the extraordinary efforts
- 15:27 and contributions of our alumni, friends,
- 15:30 supporters, just like you.
- 15:32 Thank you so much.
- 15:34 And thank you for everything yet you do,
- 15:36 whether you offering a job opportunity
- 15:40 or internship opportunity to our students,
- 15:42 judging a presentation, going to a classroom,
- 15:46 inviting our students to your company,
- 15:48 these things are very valuable to our students.
- 15:53 And of course,
- 15:57 a lot of you are also making donations.
- 15:59 So in fact, this week
- 16:01 is Suffolk University's week of giving,
- 16:04 and today, just happens to be
- 16:07 the Sawyer Business School day of giving (laughs).
- 16:10 (attendees clapping)
- 16:14 This year's theme is "Moving forward together"
- 16:19 and your gift, whatever it says, will just help us do that.
- 16:24 You can make a gift in the Bluesky launch
- 16:27 right outside this room.
- 16:28 You can even text your donation,

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16:31 we're trying to be high-tech here.
16:33 (attendees laughs)
16:34 You will find the information on every table,
16:37 if you have paid attention,
16:39 we will use QR code to take you to
16:43 the payment or donation site.
16:46 So, for tonight, any amount that starts with seven, five
16:51 will especially be welcome for tonight.
16:54 (attendees laughs)
16:57 And before I invite student speakers
17:01 to share their experiences,
17:02 I'd like to show you a very interesting video
17:06 that celebrates Sawyer Business School alumni
17:08 and students over the past decades.
17:12 So let's watch the video together.
17:15 (upbeat music)
17:23 I graduated from Suffolk University
17:25 with my BSBA in Finance
17:27 and minor in Accounting in 2017.
17:30 Hi, my name's Anthony Ross.
17:33 I graduated in 1997.
17:35 I graduated in 2021.
17:37 1973.
17:38 1982.
17:39 I graduated in 2015.
17:41 I graduated 1949.
17:43 Hi, my name is Arbisa Trebicka,
17:45 and I'm graduating in December of 2022.
17:48 My major is ISOM with concentration in Big Data.
17:51 75 Years is a long time, wow!
17:57 Suffolk was amazing to me, it was my home,
18:00 both personally and professionally.
18:02 It allowed me to do so many amazing things.
18:04 Being at Suffolk from 1978 to 1982,
18:08 were the best four years of my life.
18:10 Of course, Suffolk is known as like
18:12 a really generous school,
18:14 so many opportunities here,
18:15 and of course, it's in the City of Boston.
18:18 I am really grateful for the Sawyer Business School
18:21 and for all the Suffolk University community,
18:25 because really they have me become who I am now,
18:29 and I will be forever grateful for that.
18:32 So I'm a first generation college graduate in my family.
18:36 I was the first to get a college degree
18:39 of the siblings I have.
18:41 So, for my parents at the time was very important
18:43 that we went to college,
18:45 and for me as well.
18:46 And so, getting accepted to Suffolk
18:49 was exciting time in my life, and coming here
18:52 and being part of the community was just wonderful.
18:54 One of my favorite things about being here at Suffolk,
18:57 is the amazing community of students
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- 18:59 and of professors that we have here.
- 19:01 I've always felt part of this amazing diverse community,
- 19:04 and I've had some of the best experiences on campus
- 19:07 and in the classroom.
- 19:08 Suffolk afforded me the opportunity
- 19:10 to go to school during the day, and for the morning,
- 19:13 and then do an internship during a school year
- 19:16 at an investment company here, Downtown Boston.
- 19:19 So that gave me what I call real life experience
- 19:22 connected to what I was learning in school.
- 19:25 So I did a semester at Dakar Campus,
- 19:28 and then finished my BSBA program at Suffolk, Boston.
- 19:33 The Sawyer Business School got me the confidence
- 19:36 that I have now.
- 19:38 So it gave me the self-esteem that I needed
- 19:41 for my professional career.
- 19:44 One of my favorite experiences about Suffolk,
- 19:47 was definitely the faculty.
- 19:49 They were super helpful,
- 19:50 and that's what's so nice about being in a smaller school.
- 19:52 Everyone knows each other,
- 19:54 but I think the most important part is you get to interact
- 19:59 and just know your faculty and know your professors.
- 20:03 The faculty were...
- 20:05 It just intricate part of my experience
- 20:09 at Suffolk university.
- 20:11 I don't know how I did all the things I did
- 20:13 while I was at Suffolk.
- 20:15 I look at the yearbook and I said,
- 20:18 "How did I do all that?
- 20:20 Go to school and work while I was at Suffolk."
- 20:24 I worked all the time as a Suffolk as well,
- 20:26 I don't know how I did it.
- 20:29 I don't know how I did it.
- 20:31 I loved Suffolk so much,
- 20:33 that I ended up taking the Amtrak Downeaster
- 20:36 from Saco, Maine to Boston, Massachusetts,
- 20:39 three times a week to attend classes.
- 20:42 I loved my friends, the faculty,
- 20:45 other staff that weren't professors.
- 20:47 I just loved being there so much that I did that.
- 20:51 Listen, I love Suffolk (laughs).
- 20:55 Call me up when I'm 60, I'll still say it.
- 20:57 (upbeat music)
- 21:00 Congratulations to Sawyer Business School
- 21:02 for 75 years of the BSBA Program.
- 21:05 Happy 75th anniversary BSBA.
- 21:08 75 years of the Sawyer Business School, BSBA,
- 21:11 congratulations.
- 21:14 I wanna congratulate the Sawyer Business School
- 21:17 on its 75th anniversary of its BSBA Program.
- 21:21 Congratulations for our 75 years anniversary.
- 21:24 (speaks in foreign language)
- 21:28 Thank you, and congratulations

- 21:30 to the Sawyer Business Schools for the 75 years of the BSBA.
- 21:34 Again, congratulations.
- 21:36 It's been 75 years of the BSBA
- 21:38 here at Sawyer Business School,
- 21:40 and I know we're all proud to be a part of this legacy.
- 21:43 (upbeat music)
- 22:03 What an amazing video.
- 22:06 And I like to thank the video production team
- 22:09 for putting this together.
- 22:10 And of course, our alumni office has helped identify alumni
- 22:15 from different decades and to put the information together.
- 22:18 I also wanna mention that we do have
- 22:23 a very great alumn here from class 1962
- 22:27 to be with us tonight.
- 22:30 Wanna stand up and let us applaud for you?
- 22:32 (attendees applauding)
- 22:41 For the final part of the speaking program,
- 22:43 I like to invite two current undergraduate students,
- 22:46 to share their experiences and stories with us.
- 22:49 First of all, I like to invite Alex Kontis
- 22:52 from class of 2023 to the podium, Alex, where are you?
- 22:59 Oh, right there.
- 23:05 Thank you.
- 23:13 Good evening, everyone.
- 23:14 attendees>Good evening.
- 23:16 My name is Alexander Kontis.
- 23:18 First and foremost, I would like to thank Dean Zeng
- 23:20 and Larkin for inviting me to speak
- 23:22 to all of you here today.
- 23:24 Had you asked me three years ago,
- 23:26 if I saw myself speaking in front of faculty and alumni
- 23:29 at such a prestigious and historic event,
- 23:31 I would've never thought
- 23:32 the opportunity would present itself,
- 23:34 but that's Suffolk for you.
- 23:36 A tight-knit community that offers its students
- 23:38 a wealth of opportunities for personal growth, leadership,
- 23:42 and achieving our professional goals.
- 23:44 Suffolk has taught me skills
- 23:46 with practical applications in the real world.
- 23:49 Afforded me opportunities to teach and help students grow,
- 23:52 into better versions of themselves,
- 23:54 and allowed me to pursue my legal aspirations.
- 23:58 The mandatory career build classes
- 23:59 that all builds new students are required to take
- 24:02 throughout their time in undergrad,
- 24:03 taught me properly write
- 24:05 and tailor my resume to a job posting.
- 24:08 Thanks to my experiences in the classroom,
- 24:10 I have been able to appeal to my employers
- 24:12 by tailoring my resume and nailing my interviews.
- 24:17 And now, as a teaching assistant for Suffolk University 24:20 in the Business Writing classes and Career Build 100,
- 24:23 I utilize these lessons and my real world experiences

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24:27 to help my students learn,
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- 24:28 and be successful when job hunting.
- 24:31 In the eyes of my students, classmates, and friends,
- 24:34 I have become a subject matter expert
- 24:36 on resumes, and job searching,
- 24:38 to the point that they have come to me
- 24:40 as their second pair of eyes,
- 24:42 because they know I will devote as much time to them
- 24:46 as they need, to feel confident in their work.
- 24:49 For example, I had a student in my first class as a TA,
- 24:53 who improved so much through my guidance
- 24:55 and by attending my office hours, that she has gone on
- 24:57 to become a first year teaching assistant herself.
- 25:03 On top of being a teaching assistant,
- 25:06 I am a full-time Honor student
- 25:07 taking five to six courses each semester.
- 25:10 An executive board member of three clubs here at Suffolk,
- 25:14 work part-time on the weekends,
- 25:15 and am a soccer coach and referee.
- 25:18 (attendees laughing)
- 25:19 People ask me, "Why do you take on so much?"
- 25:22 I would attribute this hyper involvement
- 25:24 to knowing I'll have one less year
- 25:26 than my classmates to enjoy it.
- 25:29 Allow me to explain.
- 25:30 Part of the reason why I chose Suffolk,
- 25:32 was for its 3+3 Program.
- 25:35 For those of you who may not be familiar with this program,
- 25:38 the 3+3 Program allows Suffolk Honors students,
- 25:41 who are also part of the Suffolk Law Scholars,
- 25:44 to follow an accelerated track into the law school.
- 25:47 As a participant, you must complete the majority
- 25:50 of your major requirements by the end of your junior year.
- 25:54 Then apply and be accepted to law school
- 25:56 where your one L year
- 25:58 will satisfy the remainder of your undergraduate credits.
- 26:01 This opportunity is open to both Sawyer Business School
- 26:04 and College of Arts and Sciences students.
- 26:08 However, most SBS students are not aware of the program,
- 26:13 and those that are, do not follow through with it.
- 26:16 I am proud to be the first SBS student
- 26:18 to complete this program, and am happy to report
- 26:21 that I have achieved my goals through hard work
- 26:23 and determination over the past three years.
- 26:25 And look forward to starting Suffolk Law School in the fall.
- 26:28 (attendees applauding) Thank you.
- 26:35 I am grateful to the Sawyer Business School
- 26:37 for the opportunities it has afforded me as a student leader
- 26:40 and 3+3 participant,
- 26:41 and hope that my journey can be a testament
- 26:43 to future students that at Suffolk, anything is possible.
- 26:48 Congratulations Sawyer Business School
- 26:49 on 75 years of the BSBA,
- 26:51 may you inspire and support future students

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26:54 for many years to come, thank you.
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- 26:56 (attendees applauding)
- 27:03 Thank you, Alex.
- 27:04 Our next speaker is Maria Leticia Carneiro
- 27:08 from class of 2022.
- 27:26 So, good evening everyone.
- 27:28 My name is Maria Leticia Carneiro,
- 27:30 I'm honored to be here today, speaking in front of you.
- 27:34 And I appreciate Dean Zeng's invitation.
- 27:37 I'm a Finance and Accounting Major
- 27:40 at the Sawyer Business School.
- 27:41 I'm the President of the Finance and Investing Club
- 27:44 here at Suffolk.
- 27:46 I'm also an international student from Brazil.
- 27:49 I moved to the U.S. in the fall of 2017
- 27:53 to study and learn English,
- 27:54 because I did not speak any English,
- 27:57 and I wanted to go to college in the U.S.
- 28:00 So, I studied English for about eight months,
- 28:04 and then I got into the University of Rhode Island.
- 28:08 But after a few months there,
- 28:09 I realized that I wanted to transfer,
- 28:12 I wanted to study at a college that had more people like me,
- 28:15 who had different backgrounds,
- 28:17 and may not had perfect English.
- 28:21 I wanted to go to a place where I had opportunities to grow
- 28:25 and make a difference somehow.
- 28:27 I also wanted to be in the city,
- 28:30 and I found all of that here at Suffolk University.
- 28:34 When I joined Suffolk, I never imagined
- 28:36 that I would love so much this place as I do.
- 28:40 Suffolk has given me so many opportunities.
- 28:43 Here, I got to meet so many people from all over the world.
- 28:48 I started the Women in Business Club during the pandemic,
- 28:51 where I was also the Vice President
- 28:55 of the International Business Club.
- 28:58 I also joined the Finance and Investing Club
- 29:01 when the club was founded in the spring of 2020.
- 29:05 After being an active member of the club,
- 29:08 I decided to run for president
- 29:10 for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- 29:14 Surprisingly, I got elected.
- 29:17 I never imagined that I'll ever become the president
- 29:21 of the Finance and Investing Club,
- 29:23 which is one of the biggest clubs here at Suffolk university
- 29:27 and where most of the members and group are male.
- 29:31 I have had so many amazing, oh, sorry.
- 29:35 After I have had so many amazing opportunities
- 29:40 since I joined Suffolk
- 29:41 and became President of the Finance and Investing Club.
- 29:44 I have met amazing people here that I'm grateful for
- 29:49 and will always be thankful for the rest of my life.
- 29:54 To give you an idea of one of the terrific opportunities
- 29:58 we had in the club.

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30:00 We hosted Greg Abel, who is the chairman and the CEO
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- 30:04 of Berkshire Hathaway Energy,
- 30:07 and the future successor of Warren Buffet
- 30:11 at Berkshire Hathaway is speaking for the club
- 30:13 in may of 2021.
- 30:16 Can you imagine that?
- 30:18 That was an unforgettable experience and opportunity
- 30:22 that would not be possible without the fantastic
- 30:24 and supportive of people that we have here at Suffolk.
- 30:29 After graduation, I plan to go to graduate school,
- 30:32 to get my MBA in Finance,
- 30:34 start an NGO to help female owners
- 30:37 of small businesses better manage their business,
- 30:41 and manage their money.
- 30:43 I also plan to find a job in the finance industry,
- 30:46 either in the Boston area or New York City
- 30:50 and open my own company in the future.
- 30:54 I've learned and grow so much
- 30:56 since I started studying here at Suffolk University.
- 30:59 I feel that people care a lot about each other here.
- 31:03 We are willing to help each other
- 31:05 in any way we possibly can.
- 31:08 And that is so important to me,
- 31:10 that I'm part of a welcoming war and empathetic community.
- 31:14 I am glad and grateful to have chosen Suffolk.
- 31:17 Congratulations BSBA Program for your 75th anniversary,
- 31:23 and all of the people who is involved in the program.
- 31:26 And thank you so much, everyone.
- 31:28 (attendees applauding)
- 31:40 Well, great stories, right?
- 31:42 From our current students, very encouraging, very inspiring.
- 31:46 Well, they are only two examples,
- 31:48 but we have many like them.
- 31:50 So we are very proud of the students,
- 31:52 very proud of the alumni
- 31:54 that have graduated from our program.
- 31:57 Before we end this part of the program,
- 31:58 I like to point out the posters
- 32:01 that you have seen around the room.
- 32:03 They are arranged in three themes,
- 32:06 representing the faculty and students fabulous work,
- 32:10 both that take place inside and outside the classrooms.
- 32:13 So, this class over here is featured
- 32:17 by service learning projects,
- 32:19 and some of the students are standing next to the posters
- 32:23 and feel free to talk to them.
- 32:24 We have another cluster, actually two clusters
- 32:28 in the Bluesky launch.
- 32:31 And one is focused on, sorry, global education,
- 32:35 the other is focused on immersive consulting.
- 32:38 So these three approaches, really represent
- 32:41 the hallmarks of education at Sawyer Business School.
- 32:48 And I encourage you to take a look,
- 32:50 and perhaps chat with some of the students.

- 32:52 I would also encourage you to learn more about
- 32:55 another interesting venture we started recently
- 32:58 called Suffolk in the Hub Marketing Agency.
- 33:02 It is completely a student-run marketing agency.
- 33:06 Yes, it's completely run and organized by the students,
- 33:10 and they are at the table also right outside this room.
- 33:15 Finally, I'd like to thank all the speakers for tonight,
- 33:19 that have shared their experiences
- 33:21 and comments on the program.
- 33:24 I'd like to thank everyone
- 33:25 who has organized tonight's event.
- 33:28 As you can imagine, it takes a village
- 33:31 to pull all the pieces together for this large event.
- 33:38 The list is very long, so I'm not gonna read their names,
- 33:41 but I do want us to give a big round of applause
- 33:45 to SPS Ambassadors who are helping out tonight.
- 33:48 (attendees clapping)
- 33:56 Once again, thank you all for coming.
- 33:59 Thank you all for joining us for this celebration,
- 34:02 and thank you all for making this tonight event,
- 34:05 such a huge success.
- 34:07 There's still food available, and beverage available,
- 34:11 please hang out and talk to each other,
- 34:14 make new friends,
- 34:15 and enjoy the rest of the evening.
- 34:17 Thank you.
- 34:18 (attendees clapping)