



In 1906, armed with extravagant confidence and drive, Gleason Archer turned his simple Roxbury apartment into a law school. Barely older than his nine students, Archer had a contagious faith in their power to change their lives—and in his own power to rock a system of higher education that shut out all but the gilded few.

Today, a century later, with the same fire, focus, and ambition, Suffolk University's 60,000 graduates in law, business, and the arts and sciences are using the power of their education to change the rules, and change the world.

We invite you to join us in building a future for Suffolk as astonishing as our past.

“I don’t want Suffolk to be just another good school. I want it to be a great school—and a school that remembers its heritage. At Suffolk, we still practice what Gleason Archer called the gospel of self-help and hard work. We still provide opportunity for those who have the fire in the eye, the desire to learn, and the ambition to use their education to change their lives.”

≈ President David J. Sargent jd '54

Three Challenging Schools

Once, it was easier to find a Massachusetts legislator with a Suffolk degree than it was to find the school’s classrooms on Beacon Hill (which may explain why President Archer eventually chose to top the building with a neon sign). As workaday and unassuming as the hard varnished seats of its lecture halls, Suffolk cast a very modest shadow.

But stroll down Tremont Street now, and you know those days are done.

Over the last ten years, Suffolk’s rising towers have paralleled our rising stature in the professional and intellectual arenas of Boston and beyond.

Suffolk University now boasts one of the five largest law schools in the country, with a mounting national reputation, not only for the quality of its graduates and facilities, but for its specialized programs in biomedical, intellectual property law, and

civil litigation. Our business school, long known for its vibrant links to the corporate life of Boston, is widely recognized for its strength in preparing students for global careers.

Our rigorous graduate and undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences reflect Suffolk’s commitment to small classes, passionate teaching, and personal mentorship. The caliber of our faculty and the distinctive urban experience of a residential Suffolk education are attracting students from across the nation. And from our base in Boston, we have come to embrace the world, with satellite campuses in Spain and Senegal, and relationships with hundreds of schools where our students study around the globe.

We build with marble now. And our graduates walk the corridors of power as if they own them. More and more often, they actually do!

At Suffolk, we see in this growing momentum an extraordinary opportunity to invest in a future that honors our great tradition of educational access, enriches the student experience, expands our ability to attract the best students and faculty, enhances our reputation for research, and gives us facilities worthy of a first-rate private residential university.



One Remarkable University

Suffolk has unquestionably come into its own. Yet we are also confronting significant challenges. Unlike many of our peers, for instance, Suffolk remains painfully dependent on tuition and sharply under endowed, putting us uncomfortably at the mercy of demographic trends and limiting our ability to invest decisively in new needs and opportunities. We are also aiming to expand our physical facilities in the midst of one of the most tightly packed, highly priced real estate markets in America.

We take these challenges seriously. But we stare them down with the conviction that the broad community of Suffolk's graduates and friends will come together instinctively to seize this moment to act.

From Suffolk, you gained the power to change your life. From you, Suffolk will gain the power to shape its future.

SUFFOLK LAW
SCHOOL





Since 1996-97,
Suffolk students'
need for financial aid
has nearly tripled,
reaching \$62 million
in 2005-6.



In 2006,
Suffolk Law School
graduates faced
an average school
debt of \$95,800.



