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U.S. ATTORNEY RACHAEL ROLLINS

Rachael S. Rollins is the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. Nominated by President Joseph R. Biden on July 26, 2021 and confirmed by the United States Senate on Dec. 8, 2021, Ms. Rollins is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the District of Massachusetts and the first Black woman to hold the position.

Prior to her confirmation, Ms. Rollins served as Suffolk County District Attorney (DA) for three years. She was the first woman to ever be elected DA in Suffolk County and the first woman of color to ever hold the position of DA in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATOR JOAN LOVELY

Senator Joan Lovely represents the interests of the citizens of the Second Essex District in the Massachusetts State Legislature where she serves as Assistant Majority Leader. Some of her committee responsibilities include the Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change and the Joint Committee on Housing. She is the Senate Chair of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators and a member of the North Shore Branch of AAUW.

Her public service career began at the playground with neighbors and volunteers working to build a playground in her Salem neighborhood, moved to the Salem City Council where she served for four years and continues in the Massachusetts legislature. You might find her at the Topsfield Fair showing her ducks.

PATRICIA FAE HO

On the national stage, Patricia has served as National President and Board Chair of AAUW (American Association of University Women), and locally as president of AAUW-MA and the North Shore Area Branch of Massachusetts.

Most recently Patricia serves as Board Chair of The House of the Seven Gables, Wellspring House and Voices Against Injustice.

DR. JENNIE AIZENMAN

As Director of Bridgewater State University's Center for the Advancement of STEM Education, or CASE, Dr. Jennie Aizenman leads STEM education and outreach programs which support teachers and students in STEM. Before coming to BSU, Dr. Aizenman worked at the Dolan DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor Labs, and at Brown University.

TOBEY EUGENIO

Tobey Eugenio is the Creativity Director for Our Sisters' School in New Bedford, MA. She has degrees in the Arts, Elementary Education and Curriculum Instruction. Her experience ranges from pre-school to the collegiate level in both public and independent school settings.

She describes herself as "a lover of the brain, nature and advocacy" and she inspires her students to be thinkers, to have a sense of wonder and to make a difference in their world.

DR. AMANDA KENNEDY

Dr. Amanda Kennedy is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Curry College in Milton, MA. She teaches courses on Gender and Sexuality, Medicine and the Body, Reproductive Inequality, and Intersectionality. She has a deep commitment to student advising, empowering students personally and academically. Dr. Kennedy is the campus liaison with the South Shore Branch of AAUW.

SARAH SIMMONS

Sarah Simmons (she/her) currently serves as the Coordinator for the Activate Program that supports neurodivergent and autistic students at Merrimack College. She completed her M.Ed. in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Merrimack College where she also held a presidential fellowship with the Activate Program. Prior to joining Merrimack College, Sarah completed her bachelor's degree in Communications at Curry College where she was also deeply in issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus. Both her activism and research focus on equity issues within higher education. Sarah represented Curry and the South Shore branch of AAUW at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in 2019.

SARAH LOONEY

Sarah Looney is a 2022 graduate of Weymouth High School. In 2015, she participated in *Envision the Future*, a weeklong, overnight STEM camp for girls, co-sponsored by AAUW and Bridgewater State University.

Sarah's STEM activities continued as she helped plan the 2019 STEM Conference for Girls. That same year, she was a panelist at the SE STEM Network Conference, the only high school student invited.

During her senior year, Sarah worked with Weymouth Public School's STEM director, STEM teachers, and AAUW South Shore Branch to organize a STEM Conference for Girls on October 23, 2021. Three hours of workshops, run by women in STEM, included some of Sarah's former teachers, local physicians and veterinarians, and others. Sarah has been accepted at Harvard.