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Suffolk University to host forum with each candidate in Mass. governor's race

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Suffolk University Law School plans to, over the course of three months, hold a public forum with each of the candidates running to become the next governor of Massachusetts.

The roundtable, lunchtime discussions will be hosted by the school's Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service.

"We invite the public to get an early look at the candidates as Massachusetts prepares for a significant transition in leadership," the center's executive director Gregory Massing said in a statement.


"These sessions will focus on the pressing public policy matters facing the Commonwealth in 2015 and beyond, offering an opportunity to hear the candidates' views and perhaps shape the discussion as the campaign moves forward," he added.

At each event, the candidate appearing that day will speak and take questions in the first-floor function room of university's Law School at 120 Tremont St. in Boston. The forums are scheduled to be held between January and March.

The events are free and open to the public, but the university said guests will need to register, [here](#).

- Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Don Berwick**, Democrat, a physician who founded the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and served as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Joe Avellone**, Democrat, a physician and former selectman who is the corporate senior vice president at PAREXEL International, a global bio-pharmaceutical research company
- Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. – **Steve Grossman**, Democrat, a small-business owner elected Massachusetts state treasurer in 2010; has served as both Massachusetts and national Democratic Party chair
- Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Charlie Baker**, Republican, former Secretary of Administration and Finance under Governors Weld and Cellucci, former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Martha Coakley**, Democrat, Massachusetts Attorney General, former Middlesex District Attorney

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- Monday, Feb. 24, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Evan Falchuk**, United Independent Party, an attorney who has served in executive leadership roles at Best Doctors, Inc., a Boston-based global health company
- Thursday, March 19, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. – **Juliette Kayyem**, Democrat, attorney and former assistant secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Boston Globe columnist

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