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In 2019, Ms. Suarez designed an ethical framework to address systemic inequities impacting LatinX communities and is expanding upon this work through Prospera Institute. Outside of her research endeavors, Ms. Suarez stays active in community serving on the Taylor and Francis Journal for Health Equity Editorial Board, Massachusetts Patient Advisory Committee, Boston Children's Hospital Ethics Advisory Committee, and being a capstone mentor with the Harvard Center for Bioethics.

Ms. Suarez is a black Dominican and first-generation student. She has a Master of Science in Bioethics from Harvard Medical School and a bachelor's in counseling psychology from Johnson and Wales University. She is currently a Master of Divinity candidate and Deans Fellow at Boston University, where she is also the Vice President of the Association of Black Seminarians.