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Dr. Floss receives CJANYS Award



Dr. Marty Floss

Dr. Martin Floss, Chair of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice Administration, was honored at the Criminal Justice Educators of New York State (CJANYS) annual conference with the Richard B. Lewis Award. This award is presented annually to a highly respected professor of criminal justice. Dr. Floss was chosen by his peers as the sole recipient of this prestigious award based on his dedicated service to the CJANYS organization. Dr. Floss has served in the positions of President,

Secretary, member of the Executive Board

and self proclaimed "Technology Guy". The annual conference would not be a success without Dr. Floss' leadership in these roles and his hard work in ensuring that all computers, projectors, and other equipment are prepared for each CJANYS presentation.

Several members of the criminal justice and forensic science faculty recently returned from a three-day conference with the (CJANYS). During this extensive seminar-style conference, faculty members attended sessions on re-entry of prisoners into society; gangs in our prison system, as presented by Hilbert graduate student, **Randy Zimpfer, BS '10**, and the lifetime consequences correction officers experience.

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Criminal Justice Career Expo

The 5TH Annual Criminal Justice Career Expo was held on October 5, 2011 in West-Herr Atrium. Twenty-two agencies, 26 recruiters and over 187 students and alumni attended the event. Following the Career Fair, the Chesterfield Police Department administered a recruitment examination to 53 Hilbert College students. The Criminal Justice Division is proud to announce that 51 students passed the exam.

CJ/FSI Association

After a year of fundraising and participation in multiple community service projects, twenty-five criminal justice and forensic science students experienced the unique opportunity to tour the facilities of two of New York's largest criminal justice employers during a trip to New York City.

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) provided the students and faculty chaperones with a tour of the police academy. Students were familiarized with the hiring process for police officers and gained knowledge regarding the in-depth classroom instruction and extensive physical training required for police officers in the NYPD. Association students were able to experience hands-on demonstrations from NYPD academy physical training and defensive tactics instructors. The students were instructed on how to disarm a suspect with a weapon as well as the various obstacle course tasks which must be successfully completed at NYPD's academy.

On the second tour, the association members were given exclusive access to the famous Rikers Island Correctional facility.

Institute for Law and Justice News

The US Attorney's Office, Western District of New York, the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., Hilbert's Criminal Justice Studies Division and the Institute for Law and Justice sponsored several conferences during the past few months.

"Interview, Interrogation & Court Preparation Skills" with Greg Harlin was presented on May 12 and 13, 2011 in William E. Swan Auditorium. 218 Law enforcement personnel attended the conference.

On November 18, 2011 a conference on "Child Exploitation Cases & Your Wellness" was attended by 70 law enforcement personnel.

Criminal Justice Studies Division News

Lonna McCary, a 2011 alum and current graduate student of the Hilbert College Criminal Justice Administration program was crowned Miss Buffalo, 2012 at the 10th annual Buffalo Chicken Wing Festival on September 5. Lonna shares this title with **Nina Pierino**, a current Hilbert student, who held the same honor as Miss Buffalo 2010. We are especially proud of both young ladies as they are the daughters of criminal justice professors **Donna McCary-Zimpfer** and **Dr. Kathleen Pierino**.



Two 2009 forensic science graduates, **Jamie Molnar** and **Dawn Evans**, are currently enrolled in the forensic science master's degree program at the University of New Haven Connecticut. Both young ladies are currently completing their 160-hour internship requirement with the Cheektowaga Police Department. Additionally, **Hillary Llyoyd** and **Nicole Petrelli**, both 2011 forensic science graduates, have also been accepted to the same program at New Haven. Congratulations to these four exemplary students on their accomplishments and best of luck in their new journeys.

Christina Martinez, a 2010 forensic science graduate, has successfully completed testing for the Forensic Specialist I position in San Bernadino, California. **Thomas Weber**, a 2010 Criminal Justice graduate, is currently completing the background process for employment with the United States Boarder Patrol. Best wishes to Tom in his new and exciting venture.

Faculty Awards

Richard V. Qualey '88 – adjunct instructor in CJ was recently elected to the Vice President position of the New York State Police Investigators Association (NYSPIA). This group represents over 1150 investigators that are with the NYS Troopers.

Earleen Adamson, CJ Adjunct instructor, was chosen as the Woman of the Year honoree of the Kathryn Stanley Lawes Award. This award is sponsored by the New York State Women in Corrections—Wende Hub.

Faculty News

Colleen Rahill-Beuler, CJ Adjunct, Senior U.S. Probation Officer, received the Justice Award for her "high level of technical competence and professionalism" in dealing with the many conflicting issues involved in preparing presentencing reports for the area's federal judges. She was honored by the Bar Association of Erie County at the Law Day Awards held in April 2011. Congratulations to Colleen on her recent retirement.



Acknowledgements

James Bona, BS '08, previously a customs and border protection officer, has accepted a position with the U.S. Marshals Service in Philadelphia, Pa

Christopher Chapman, BS '98—has been promoted to Resident in Charge in the office of professional responsibility at for the US Department of Homeland Security.

Nicholas Delmonaco BS '10 has accepted a position with US Customs and Border Protection

James Flowers, BS '07 Employed as a deputy for the Erie County Sheriff's Department.

Steven Goldsmith, BS '09 was selected as an intern for the juvenile Justice Policy Unit of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Shawn Gourdine BS '05, a New York State trooper, was deployed to Iraq in May and is expected to return in March 2012.

Rosalie Herberger BS '10 is undergoing training for U.S. Secret Service Uniform Division in Glenco, GA.

Travis Jackson, AA, '09, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Jeffrey Mangold BS '10 is working as a crime scene specialist in the Violent Crimes Unit in Phoenix, Ariz.

Samantha Mattocks BS '11 received a scholarship from the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS), which recognizes students that have the potential to contribute to the security field.

Lonna McCary BA '11 IS A Tax Processor at Davie Kapla, CPA, in Rochester, New York

Michael McCartan, AA '90 works in the Department of Homeland Security in Buffalo.

Brian Napierala BS '09 is employed as an insurance fraud investigator.

Michael O'Dierno, BS, '06 completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Detective Christian Parisi BS, '99 is working with the Erie County Sheriff's Office

Leanne Rosner, BS '07 is a market development specialist at Ingram Micro in Buffalo.

Lt. Richard Schara, BS, '93, was presented a Certificate of Commendation by Village of Hamburg Chief Dennis Gleason

James Schunk, BS, '04 was accepted to the Air Force Officer training school.

Melissa Qualey Sentz '90 and '94 has been appointed as assistant principal at St. Bernadette's Elementary School in Orchard Park. Her duties begin January 1, 2012.

Jacob Whitehead BS '07 has been appointed an investigator in the New York State Department of Corrections

Jacy Woodworth BS '07 taught forensic psychology in the fall as an adjunct at Hilbert College

Sergeant Shawn C. Young BS '11 is working with the Erie County Sheriff's Office

Matthew Stonitsch, BS, '06, Jonathan Monaco, BS '04 were among several area officers honored by Erie County Executive, Chris Collins for their work in stopping drunk drivers.

Hilbert Provides Security at the Fair

Richard Qualey, '88, Adjunct Instructor, and **Randy Zimpfer, Nina Pierino, Steve Cartwright, Thomas Cronmiller, David Kramer, Thomas Rivera, Melissa Symanowski** all CJ students at Hilbert provided security for the 2011 Erie County Fair, held at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg, New York. Special recognition to **Linda Bernstein**, Asst. Chair, Professional Studies Division, Professor, Business, for helping the Security Department revise their Incident Report.

Officer receives prestigious Butler Award for Heroism

Detective, **Daniel Redmond, BS, 1991**, received the prestigious Butler Award for Heroism. Detective Redmond covered a wounded officer with his own body, and with assistance from Detective Cedric Holloway, and under fire from a gunman, moved the injured officer to medical assistance.



Graduate Program begins at Hilbert

A cake-cutting ceremony was held August 23, 2011 to officially begin the graduate studies programs.

Pictured from left to right, Dr. Martin Floss, Chair of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice Administration, Dr. Michael Degnan, Professor, English, Dr. Christopher Holoman, Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Walter Iwanenko, Dean, Graduate Studies Program, John Babi, Assistant Chair, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice Division, John Culhane, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice.

Student Internships

The Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division is pleased to announce its internships for Fall 2011. These students gain valuable experience and work contacts by participating in the program. We are also able to demonstrate to a variety of agencies the capability of our students.

Criminal Justice Internships

- Joseph Barnack U.S. Boarder Patrol
- Patrick Brooks Orchard Park Police Department
- Robert Buresch Buffalo Police Dept. South District
- Zachary Cantie NYS Organized Crime Task Force
- Erin Cushman Hamburg Police Dept.
- Anna Galati University of Buffalo Police Department
- Erica Gasiiecki U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Jamie Hoy Erie County Child Protective Services
- Michael Kessler U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Agency
- Kristine Koch NYS Environmental Conservation Police
- Ashley Madera Erie County Victim Witness Program
- Cheryl O'Dierno Erie County Child Protective Services
- Justin Peterson NY State Troopers Batavia
- Thomas Rivera Wegmans Security Department
- Rebecca Rogala Erie County Probation Department
- Melissa Szymanowski Buffalo Police Department South District

Forensic Science Internships

- Tabatha Harris Town of Cheektowaga, Police Dept.
- Sarah Jackson Erie County Medical Examiner's Office
- Christine Portwood Town of Amherst Police Department
- Stacy Polek Erie County Medical Examiner's Office
- Samantha Tedesco Town of Cheektowaga Police Department

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On Saturday, October 8, 2011, 24 students and faculty from the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Departments worked together to clean South Park Avenue. The event, sponsored by the Criminal Justice & Forensic Science Assoc. concluded with refreshments in the Campus Center for all volunteers. This is the 19th year of our community service with the NYS Highway Dept.

Weddings



- James Flowers, BS '07 to Christine Phillips
- Brian Napierala, BS '09 to Natalie Mudd
- Matt Stonitsch BS '06 to Valerie McMillan

In Memoriam

Colleen. A. Ryan-Rath, wife of Adjunct instructor,
Joe Rath. Colleen was a longtime employee of the Federal Government and Homeland Security.

Evans Police Citizens Academy by Dr. Yvonne Downes, Professor Criminal Justice

This was a nine week class open to adults interested in learning about police procedures, structure, and activity. Participants learned about what Evans police officers actually do on the job, the problems they experienced, and how the department has changed over the years. This incredibly rich experience provided a window into a world which is often mysterious and somewhat threatening to citizens, and also provided a great deal of fun. Highlights included the chance to take fingerprints, tour the facilities, and learn from experts in the field. A visit to the Police Academy gave us a chance to practice high speed chases with a driving simulator and practice shooting with the firearms training simulator.