



# CJ News

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## Hilbert Adjunct Flies into retirement

In addition to teaching at Hilbert College, Adjunct Claudia Childs also runs her own business. Little Bird Airways is a one-plane airline offering scenic flights over Western New York. The former Chief of Detectives with the Buffalo Police Department earned her pilot's license in 1979 and her instrument rating and commercial pilot's license in 1982, the same year she began her career in the Buffalo Police

Department. Little Bird Airways, consisting of one Cessna 172 airplane, will fly two passengers for \$200 per hour. The standard route includes Ralph Wilson Stadium, Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Grand Island, the Peace Bridge, downtown Buffalo, and the Lake Erie shoreline .

## Adopt a Highway

Our fall adopt a highway was held September 28, 2013 and a record 27 volunteers worked together to spruce up the highway and our campus. This is our 21st year of adopt-a-highway on South Park Avenue. Thank you!

## 2013 Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State, (CJEANYS) Conference

Several members of the Criminal Justice Faculty attended the 2013 Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State, (CJEANYS) conference on October 23-25 in Latham, NY. Ed Qualey, Chair of the Criminal Justice Studies Division, Dr. Martin Floss, Chair of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice Administration, Dr. Kathy Pierino, Dan Culver and Mark Paoni, professors in the Criminal Justice Division, attended the conference.

Professor Rath's terrorism & Homeland Security class had the opportunity to visit the Erie County Crime Analysis Facility located at Buffalo Police Headquarters on November 20. The tour educated students as to the multi-faceted operation of crime analysis and the many computer programs used in the daily fight against crime. They were given an in depth look at the camera operations of which there are a hundred located throughout the city in high crime areas; another five thousand focus on the interior and exterior of the Buffalo Public Schools. Not only was this day educational and interesting but very valuable in learning how important intelligence analysis and technology provides for the protection and security of all law-abiding citizens.

## BOCES Criminal Justice Career Day Expo at Hilbert College

Hilbert college hosted the 8th annual Erie I BOCES Criminal Justice Career Day Expo at Hilbert College on November 20, 2013. The sessions included Probation/Parole, Private Investigation, Transportation Security Administration, State Police Officers, Corrections, K-9 Demonstration and Forensic Labs. In addition, the attendees heard presentations from US Customs & Border Protection, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security officers and Harris Beach Law Firm. The students also attended a demonstration by Professor Hobar in the forensic lab.

**The New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice Region I Executive Board and Annual Training Symposium Committee held a day-long symposium for over 150 correctional professionals here at Hilbert College in June.** In a letter to Professor Qualey they indicated that they would like to continue holding this event at Hilbert. "We greatly appreciate your extraordinary diligence and congenial cooperation. This was our first time staging this event at your venue and all participant feedback has been positive. Those participants have applauded the beauty of the facilities and the atmosphere. They have urged us to continue having the symposium at Hilbert College in the future. We look forward to collaborating with you again for our 2014 Symposium. Again, please extend our hearty thanks to the staff and students at Hilbert College."

Both Arlington County Sheriff's Department and Chesterfield County Police Department conducted entry level exams for our students this fall. Both departments have provided this testing numerous times and a large number of our graduates have been accepted and relocated to these areas.

## Faculty News

Joseph Parkinson, Assistant Professor in the Forensic Science/CSI Program retired after a 20 year teaching career at Hilbert. Joe was one of the originators of the crime scene program which grew from his criminalistics chemistry offering. Joe has relocated to Lexington, Kentucky and is enjoying the warmer climate.

Bernard Walsh , Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program has semi-retired and plans on teaching part-time for awhile. Bernie has been with us for 17 years after a long career with the FBI.

Erin McCarthy, Adjunct Instructor in the Criminal Justice Program has been promoted to detective in the Buffalo Police Department. Erin has been teaching criminal investigation at Hilbert for 4 years.

New full-time hires this fall are Dan Culver, M.S., Assistant Professor in the Crime Scene Program. Dan recently retired from Orleans County Sheriff's Department where he was a lieutenant and investigated numerous crime scenes during his 19 year career.

Mark Paoni, Ed.D., Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program. Mark is a recently retired deputy with Monroe County Sheriff's Department where he provided training and investigated numerous criminal cases during his 22 year career.

Several members of the Criminal Justice Department faculty were honored at the 2013 Service Award Recognition Ceremony which was held on October 3, 2013 in Franciscan Hall. Carraugh Reilly-Nowak was recognized for 5 years, Edward Drabczyk and Marty Floss for 20 years, Ed Qualey for 30 years and Fred Becker was recognized for 35 years of service to Hilbert College.

## Criminal Justice Career Expo

Our 7th annual Criminal Justice & Forensic Science career fair was held on October 2, 2013. Over 20 agencies attended and provided career information and guidance on obtaining employment in their respective agencies.

Thanks to Denise Harris and her staff for all of their efforts bringing these recruiters on campus.

## Club News

Hilbert recently formed a new club. Hilbert's Rifle Club opened its charter with Molly Erickson and Jake Cashion as its first officers. Their first open meeting attracted fifteen interested students and several more that couldn't attend showed interest. Safety is their motto. Adjunct instructor Richard Qualey serves as their club advisor.

The students in the CJ/FS Club took a trip to Philadelphia on October 17-19 for "Terror Behind the Walls of the Oldest Penitentiary, Eastern State Penitentiary".

## Graduate Program—Criminal Justice Administration News

### Hilbert Introduces Four New 4+1 programs to earn a bachelor's and master's in five years.

Hilbert College announced that it has introduced four new programs to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in five years. Hilbert's new 4+1 programs give many students the option of a combined program, which will save students time and money to earn their master's degrees. These new and innovative combined programs include a bachelor of science in criminal justice/master of science in criminal justice administration; a bachelor of science in forensic science/master of science in criminal justice administration. Students can begin taking graduate courses during their final year(s) of undergraduate study and any graduate course taken fulfills the requirements of both the BS and the master's degrees. For more information on the 4+1 programs visit: <http://www.hilbert.edu/academics/majors/criminaljustice> or <http://www.hilbert.edu/academics/majors/forensic-science-csi>



## 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.

On May 3, 2013, Hilbert College, hosted the *Strategic Gang Operations* Conference. This advanced training was attended by 100 local law enforcement officials. In addition to those listed above, this event was also sponsored by NY/NJ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA),

On August 2, 2013 Hilbert College, hosted a conference on *Criminal Street Gangs & Introduction to Drugs, Violence & Music*. Sponsors for this conference, in addition to those listed above, include Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), and Multijurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force Training Program, St. Petersburg College. This was attended by 26 law enforcement professionals.

On September 27, 2013 Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN) along with those listed above sponsored a presentation to 66 law enforcement professionals on *Gang Prosecution Techniques Overview & Elements of Conspiracy*.

On November 1, 2013 NY/NJ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN) joined those listed above to present *The Art of Detecting Deception through Body Language, Handwriting & Speaking*. 225 law enforcement professionals attended.

## Student Internships

The Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division is pleased to announce its internships for Fall 2013. 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

Alyssa Andrus .....Erie County Probation  
 Krystal Collado .....U.S. Federal Probation  
 Sara Cunningham .....Niagara Falls Police Intel Dept.  
 Derrick Esford .....Erie County Sheriff's Dept.  
 Kenneth Heary .....Evans Police Dept.  
 JVanita Jagroop .....U.S. Marshal  
 Jesse Kublas .....U.S. Marshal  
 Joseph Lorusso ..NY State Environmental Conservation Police  
 Melissa Milroy .....Erie County Sheriff's Dept.  
 Yonis Osman .....Buffalo Police Dept. South District  
 Hayley Ploetz .....Arcade Police Dept.  
 Matthew Rhinehart .....Chautauqua County Sheriff's Dept.  
 Eliza Stringham .....Baker Victory Services  
 Ashley Stroh .....NY State Attorney General Organized  
 Crime Task Force

Douglas Takac .....University of Buffalo Police Dept.  
 Nicholas Tuttle .....Hamburg Police Department  
 Samuel Wapshare .....Baker Victory Services  
 Matthew Williams .....Town of Tonawanda Police Dept.

### Forensic Science Internships

Amber Bailey .....Town of Orchard Park Police Dept.  
 Robbi Bailey .....Erie County Medical Examiner's Office  
 Caitlin Bemish .....Town of Cheektowaga Police Department  
 Chelsea Covell .....Niagara County Sheriff's Dept.  
 Nicole Estep .....Town of Orchard Park Police Department  
 Caitlynn Schmidt ..Town of Cheektowaga Police Department  
 Nicole Whitman .....Erie County Medical Examiner's Office  
 Zachary Ziomek .....Town of Hamburg Police Department

## Acknowledgements

**Amber and Robbi Bailey** (no relation) are presenting for their honors capstone on research they performed in FS 402 regarding bitemark collection.

**Edward Baker** a senior in the CJ program was promoted to captain in the West Seneca Police Department

**David Cunningham**, BS '12 began his studies at the U.S. Border Patrol school in August 2013.

**Mark Cyrek**, AA , '02 was promoted to Lieutenant in the Buffalo Police Department.

**Mary E. Davis**, BS, '13 is now a Senior Court Analyst Investigator at NYS Attorney Grievance Committee Eighth Judicial District.

**Alicia Dix**, BS '08 began her NY State Police training June 9, 2013 in Albany, New York.

**Bryan Duszkiwicz**, BS '11 was accepted into the Computer Forensics online Masters' program at Utica College.

**Rebecca Elensky**, '13 Is working as a Fingerprint Technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Shawn Gourdine**, BS, CJ, '05 is currently a NYS Trooper and recently returned to Hilbert to present on a panel discussing career goals and overcoming the hurdles of law enforcement.

**Joseph Gramaglia**, AA '91 was promoted to captain in the Buffalo Police Department.

**Amber Grosch**, '13 was selected by the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference as the 2013 Female Scholar-Athlete.

**Davonna Howard**, currently enrolled in the Hilbert College CJ program, was awarded a scholarship at the annual Judges and Police Conference of Erie County awards dinner.

**Karrie (Mietz) HusVar**, FSI, '07 is a Placement Specialist II case manager for R.I.S.E. grant at Goodwill Industries of Central Texas.

**Justine Jackson**, BS, CJ '13 is a Research Consultant at PHH Mortgage in Amherst, New York.

**Jaquanna Jones**, LSSN, USN, CJ, '13 is serving as a Logistics Specialist –WRNMMC—in Bethesda, MD.

**Jason Klosterman**, '13 is working as a Fingerprint Technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Leann Klug**, '13 is working as a Fingerprint Technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Brian Kuzmierczak**, BS '08, has been promoted to zone sergeant with the NY State police. He has also been relocated to the Boston, NY area from the Wellsville, NY area. Welcome Home!

**Erica LaDuca**, '13 is working as a Fingerprint Technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Hillary Lloyd**, '11 graduated from the Forensic Graduate program at University of New Haven in 2013.

**Lauren Lukasiewica**, '11 is a Forensic Investigator at the Onondaga Medical Examiner's Office in Syracuse.

**Cristina Marie Martinez** graduated with a degree in Masters of Arts in Forensic Psychology from California Baptist University.

**Sabrina May**, BS '03 a special agent with the DEA has recently been assigned to the Buffalo office. She was serving out of the NY City office. Welcome Home!

**Nicole Meldrum**, BS, '13 is a Crime Scene Technician with High Point in North Carolina.

**Ryan Nye**, BS '13 began his career as a Border Patrol Agent in August.

**Kaylee Omerhodzic**, BS, FSI was certified as a New York State Crime Analyst Level I and is working as a Financial Intelligence Unit Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Analyst at First Niagara Financial Group. She is currently enrolled in the CJA graduate program at Hilbert.

**Jacob Opala**, BS '05 was recently assigned to the NY State Police and is stationed in Allegany, New York.

**Nicole Petrelli**, '11, graduated from the Forensic Graduate program at University of New Haven 2013.

**Hayley Ploetz**, currently enrolled in the Hilbert College CJ program, was awarded a scholarship at the annual Judges and Police Conference of Erie County awards dinner.

**Dallas Reinard**, BS '08 currently a corrections officer at the U.S. Penitentiary in Allenwood, PA, was inducted into Hilbert's athletic hall of fame. Dallas received numerous awards as he led our basketball team to AAMC Tournament Semi-Finals. Congratulations!

**Matthew Rhinehart** was awarded a scholarship from the Buffalo Chapter of American Society of Industrial Security.

**Susannah Rose**, BS, '98 is an investigator with the NY State Police in Herkimer, NY

**Marjorie Sanders** '13 was the student speaker and award recipient at the scholarship awards breakfast.

**Veronika Singh** lbs, '10 FSI, s an Administrative Assistant at King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight Seattle, Washington

**Kaitlyn Steinhorst** is working as a Case Inventory Technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Greg Szarowicz**, BS in CJ from Hilbert and Mike Johnson both Hilbert security staff employees presented a crime prevention lecture at Hilbert on September 13, 2013. Numerous tips on how to avoid being a victim were provided. Thanks again to the security department

**Cameron Volz** is working as a fingerprint technician at American Systems in Virginia.

**Dick Wipperman**, '74, was selected as Man of the Year by the Buffalo Veteran Boxers Association Ring 44. He currently serves as the Sergeant-At-Arms.

### Congratulations!

Shirleen Schlemmer became engaged at her graduation in May 2013. \* Paul Coleman was married to Stephanie Smith

Tom Cronmiller was married to Lindsay Tenebrusa.

\* Nicole Kogut, BS, CJ, was married to Joseph Bonczar on April 6.

Christie Rossney– welcomed a baby boy,

Kevin Barry O'Connor, Jr.,

on August 27, 2013.