



CJ News

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Hilbert student-created cybercrimes program included in CSI Exhibit



Pictured above are: Debbie Mogavero, Kelly Bigaj, Jessica Anderhalt, Daemen College student Kristen Busch

Area families will have a chance to test their cybercrime investigation skills while learning about digital forensics and internet safety, including cyberbullying prevention, at an educational program being presented by two Hilbert College students as part of a new Buffalo Museum of Science exhibit., created in cooperation with the hit CBS television franchise, includes a "Digital Forensics and Internet Safety" program developed by Hilbert forensic science/crime scene investigation majors **Kelly Bigaj and Jessica Anderhalt.** Scheduled for several sessions throughout the three-month long interactive exhibit in Buffalo, this is the first time an educational program specifically on digital crime has been incorporated in the exhibit since the national tour began in 2007.

Under the guidance of Hilbert adjunct instructor **Deborah Mogavero**, the student-designed program is focusing on digital forensics and crime related to social media, mobile platforms and Web-based technologies, including Facebook and smartphones.

"With the internet and mobile technologies so pervasive today, this is an important topic that's pertinent and useful in the daily lives of many Western New Yorkers," said Mogavero, who teaches a forensic science course on "Computer Crime Investigation.. "Being involved in the exhibit's educational programming offers the students a unique learning experience outside the classroom.", she said. "It's added to their knowledge base on digital crimes and has helped them gain practical skills

that will be valuable in the professional field."

Bigaj, a Lackawanna resident who is in her junior year at Hilbert, explained that "whether it's computers, cell phones or other electronic devices, technology can be used in various harmful ways by individuals with bad intentions," she said. "Children are particularly vulnerable to being victimized so one of our goals is to educate parents on what they can do to protect their entire family."

"We wanted to open people's eyes about cybercrimes," added freshman Anderhalt, who resides in Hamburg. "Social networking sites like Facebook, have become very popular with younger children who may not be as aware of the risks of posting personal messages and photos online.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On Saturday, April 21, 2012 (rain date April 28) students and faculty from the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Departments are scheduled to work together to clean South Park Avenue. The event, sponsored by the Criminal Justice & Forensic Science Association will conclude with refreshments in the Campus Center for all volunteers. This is the 20th year of our community service with the NYS Highway Dept.

Faculty News

Dr. Martin Floss recently returned from Neumann University (a sister Franciscan University) in Pennsylvania where he conducted a program review of their CJ program. He will be conducting a review of SUNY Fredonia's CJ program.

Professors Linda Bernstein and Martin Floss co-authored a chapter in an edited book titled "Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice". The Chapter is titled, "Examining the Quality and Effectiveness of a County Juvenile Treatment (Drug) Court." Dr. Floss also has an article being published in The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice, by Wiley-Blackwell publishers and Edited by Jay Albanese, titled, "Reliability."

Professor Donna Zimpfer is scheduled to conduct a review of the Criminal Justice Program at Jamestown Community College. Professor Zimpfer is a graduate of JCC and looks forward to re-visiting her alma mater in this new role.

Professor Bernard Walsh is collaborating with Tim Murphy a former Niagara County District Attorney, illustrating baseball fields across New York State. The book will be titled appropriately "The Fields of New York" and will show pictures and the history of each park from Yankee Stadium to Hilbert College baseball and softball fields and many other locations in between. The book is nearly completed and a publisher has been contracted. It is noted Mr. Murphy frequently lectures at Hilbert regarding Environmental Law and Organized Crime.

In addition, **Professor Walsh** is conducting research for a book discussing a true story of espionage, theft of U.S. government classified documents, romance and death. The events described in the book took place in Washington D.C., North and South Vietnam and Paris France. This FBI investigation occurred between 1975 and 1977 and was experienced by the author.

Professor Edward Drabczyk, Adjunct Faculty member in Criminal Justice recently completed three safety and security presentations to ninety seniors at the Catholic Health –Living Independently for Elders in Lackawanna. Ed has volunteered his time and expertise to numerous non-profit agencies in the Franciscan Community.

Professor Raymond Ernst, our newest full-time FS/CSI faculty member has been accepted in the Ph.D. in sociology program at the University of Buffalo. Ray begins his program in September.

Criminal Justice Studies Division News

CJ/FS Adjunct Conference & Buffet Dinner

Dr. Charles Ernst provided an excellent presentation on a number of academic topics to the adjunct and full-time CJ/FS Faculty. Presentations from **James Sturm, Vice Provost for Leadership** and **Robert Pawelski, Coordinator of Information Technology** brought us up to date in several related areas. Well done!!

Hilbert's CJ/FSI Division hosted a Region I meeting of the Criminal Justice Educators of New York State (CJEANYS) in March. Preliminary Discussions were held to help the state-wide meeting which will be held in October in Poughkeepsie, New York. **Dr. Floss and Dr. Pierino** will attend the Executive Board meeting for CJEANYS in Albany, which is being coupled with a day-long training on Assessment of Criminal Justice programs in Higher Education, conducted by national expert Dr. Barbara Peat.



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 March 15, 2012 Hilbert College's Institute for Law and Justice cosponsored a seminar on Law Enforcement Leadership. Over 200 local, state and federal law enforcement officers packed Swan Auditorium to take part in a lecture and interactive exercises highlighting police leadership scenarios. The main presenter was Stephen Gower of the Gower Group in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Gower is a renowned author and speaker on the topic of leadership roles in life and professional roles. Our own **Barb DeLaRosa** did a fantastic job in providing administrative support during the organization of the event and the day long program.

In addition the institute will be cosponsoring two more trainings for law enforcement this spring. On May 24th there will be a Cyber Security training and on June 5th a seminar on Domestic Terrorism. Both seminars are being cosponsored with the US Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This will again attract about 150 law enforcement officers for each event.

Student Internships

The Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division is pleased to announce its internships for Spring 2012. 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 Buffalo Police Dept.South District
 Justin PetersonHamburg Town Police Dept.
 Jeffrey BrownCheektowaga Police Department
 Sarah FalzoneErie County Probation Service
 Sara GravesU.S. Attorneys Office
 Nathan HaasTown of Tonawanda Police Department
 Eileen HenneberryLackawanna Police Department
 Katrina MatthewsonGowanda Correctional
 Chelsea SchreiberWest Seneca Police Dept.
 Joshua SickNY State Police
 Katherine StrnadErie County Child Protective Services
 Lisa Ayers ...U.S. Office of Immigration & Customs Enforcement
 Halsey BakerNY State Environmental Conservation Police
 Samantha ElminowskiErie County Child Protective Services
 Ron GreenU.S. Border Patrol
 Samantha HahnGateway Longview
 David KramerU.S. Border Patrol
 Matthew MilitelloNYS Attorney General –Consumer Fraud
 Bradley SchamannU.S. Marshal's Service
 Samantha TedescoGowanda Correctional Facility

Forensic Science Internships

Kaitlyn GallagherTown of Cheektowaga Police Dept.
 Lanie HarringtonErie County Medical Examiner's Office
 Melissa MessinaErie County Medical Examiner's Office
 Blake RussellVillage of Arcade Police Dept.
 Stephanie ScheelarCity of Lackawanna Police Dept.
 Jessica VoglewedeErie County Medical Examiner's Office



State Trooper Keith Wesolek , BS '00 CJ, hands a piece of candy to James Guido, 4, of Buffalo, as his mom, Sarah, looks on, during the Safe and Seen Halloween event at Erie Community College's North Campus

Acknowledgements

Kevin Conti, BS, '11 CJ is employed by the Seneca Gaming Casino in the Security Department.

Samantha Hahn '12 CJ, has been hired full-time at Gateway-Longview.

Michael Kessler, BS, '11 CJ accepted a position with Veracity Research Co Investigations as a Surveillance Investigator. Mike explains, "Being part of the internship class last semester really paid off for me! I found the job posting on indeed.com based on the requirement of a degree in Criminal Justice, researched the company, the position and submitted my resume. I just wanted to say thank you because; researching the company, having a good resume, knowing what to expect and being prepared for the interview process is what I felt made me successful in this process."

Barbara Kowalsky, BS '09 FSI/CJ Accepted into the Master's Degree Program at the University of New Haven, Connecticut

Lauren Lukasiewicz and Melissa Messina BS '12 CS/CSI have been accepted at Syracuse University in the Master's Program in Forensic Science.

Fred Martin BS '11 entered the U.S. bureau of prisons academy in February, 2012. Fred will be assigned as a corrections officer upon his academy completion.

Brian Meyers BS '05 is Wyoming County Emergency Preparedness coordinator.

Kristy Miller BS '05 is a care coordinator at Gateway Longview and works in behavior therapy at Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna, New York.

Corey Ricca, BS, '08, CJ has been promoted to probation officer at the Buffalo office of U.S. probation and pretrial services.

Sue Shade BS '08 CJ, is an AML investigations officer at HSBC Bank in Buffalo.

Jamie Sloane BS '11 , CJ is attending the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Brunswick, Ga.

Jacob Smaczniak, Current CJ student was hired for a part-time position with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Sarah Jackson, BS '12 FS/CSI is employed with National Income Life Insurance and appreciates the guidance from Professor Hobar and Denise Harris in honing her job hunting and interview skills.

Jeffrey Sojda BS '06, CJ, is a police officer for the United States Park Police in Washington, D.C.

Kelsey Tumiel BS '11 FS/CSI is currently attending Alliant International University in San Francisco for a PSYD in clinical forensic psychology.

Two Hilbert Students have been accepted into the SCEP (Student Career Exploration Program) at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in Buffalo. The students, **Rosemarie Schuster and Matthew Williams** were selected from a large group of applicants and were guided through the process by Denise Harris, Vice Provost for student engagement. Hilbert received two of the three positions offered to Western New York student applicants.

Weddings

Brian Meyers BS '05 to Tricia Snyder on
September 4, 2010



In Memoriam

Adelaide J. Manth, Mother of adjunct instructor, **John Manth** passed away on January 21, 2012.

Joe Rath, Adjunct instructor is working to create a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Colleen Ryan-Rath..

The purpose of the fund is to: assist an upper class criminal justice student who has maintained a 3.0 cumulative average and exudes a strong work ethic by concurrently balancing part time employment. This scholarship should assist a student who exhibits strong perseverance and determination on their road to success as Colleen did during her lifetime. Colleen's success in any endeavor was with great effort and hard work but mostly her persistence and steadfastness to the task. No matter what, she never fell short .