



CJ News

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Criminal Justice Career Expo

On October 12, 2012 Denise Harris, Vice Provost for Student Engagement and The Career Development Center brought 16 agencies to campus for the sixth annual Criminal Justice Career Expo. Presenters provided career information to students and faculty. Several of our graduates were Assisting as representatives for their agencies.

2012 Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State, (CJEANYS) Conference

Several members of the Criminal Justice Faculty attended the 2012 Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State, (CJEANYS) conference on October 25-27 in Poughkeepsie. Denise Harris, Vice Provost for Student Engagement and Ed Qualey, Chair of the Criminal Justice Studies Division, were two of the presenters at the conference. They spoke about creating a career-oriented culture for Criminal Justice Students. Dr. Martin Floss, Chair of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice Administration served as a Moderator during the discussions.

BOCES Criminal Justice Career Day Expo at Hilbert College

Hilbert college hosted the 7th annual Erie 1 BOCES Criminal Justice Career Day Expo at Hilbert College on November 28, 2012. 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.

Robbi Bailey, Sara Cunningham and Aubree Shofner, Hilbert current students, have been selected to receive the 2012 Scholarship Award from the Buffalo Chapter of American Society for Industrial Security. (ASIS)

The \$500 scholarship along with a one-year complimentary student-level ASIS membership was awarded at the chapter's Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon in December.

The Chesterfield County Police Department was on campus on Thursday, October 18 to administer the police exam. This is the 4th time they have come to Hilbert to attract recruits. 87 hopeful candidates participated.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, 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 Association concluded 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

Congratulations to **Earleen Adamson, CJ Adjunct**, who recently retired from the NYS Dept. of Corrections after 26 years of service

Dr. Carol A. DeNysschen, adjunct instructor at Hilbert teaching GS 180/380 Health and Physical Fitness, was awarded the Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year Award from the Western New York Dietetic Association.

Dr. Martin Floss, Chair of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice Administration, was selected for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Superintendent Selection Committee in July.

Dr. Floss and Sam Palmiere, CJ Adjunct, in conjunction with the University of Buffalo, ran a two-day "Train the Trainer" Conference in August 2012.

On February 9, 2013, **Mary Ann Hobar, Asst. Chair of Hilbert's FS/CSI Dept.**, participated as one of 8 guest judges representing local colleges for the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School's Annual Science Fair. The event highlighted over 65 projects created by students in grades 6 through 11 and emphasized the use of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Each project was to demonstrate a connection between what the student had learned in the classroom and real life experiences and was judged on creativity, scientific thought, thoroughness and skill. Awards were presented to the top 3 projects in several areas and winners qualified for 3 top overall prizes.

Charlene Mahoney has joined the Hilbert CJ faculty as an adjunct instructor. She is a retired member of the New York State Police.

Edward Qualey, CJ Chair and Edward Drabczyk, CJ adjunct, were part of an External Review team that helped Erie I BOCES prepare their re-approval application with the NYS Education Department.

Graduate Program

Criminal Justice Administration News

The following CJ Master's Degree students presented their final research projects on February 6, 2013. This group represents Hilbert's **First** Master's Degree graduates and they will receive their degrees in May. Robert Gardner will have received all of his degrees, AA, BS and CJA from Hilbert.

The graduates are: Caitlin Alongi, Nicholas Brancato, Kasey Duffy, Michael Gabor, Robert Gardner, Tiffany Harvey, Suzanne McKinney, William Pelow, Jason Sardo, Samantha Sywak, Cori Thurman and Randy Zimpfer.

Two Criminal Justice seniors presented at the Capstone Presentations for the Honors Program. Both Justine Jackson and Shane Oliveri presented on December 4, 2012.



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 October 12, 2012 Hilbert College, hosted the LECC Environmental Crimes Conference Western District of New York. This advanced training was attended by 60 local law enforcement officials. This event was sponsored by US Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Attorney General's Office, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Attorney's Office, Western District of NY, NYS Environmental Conservation Police, Hilbert College Criminal Justice Department & Institute for Law and Justice.

On January 17, 2013 Hilbert College, hosted a conference on Countering Violent Extremism. Sponsors for this conference were the US Attorney's Office, Western District of NY, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., FBI, Hilbert College Criminal Justice Department and Institute for Law and Justice..

On February 8, 2013 Hilbert College's Criminal Justice Department, Institute for Law and Justice, Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLEN) and U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of New York cosponsored a seminar on Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted (LEOKA) Street Survival & Officer Safety Program. Over 200 local, state and federal law enforcement officers packed Swan Auditorium to take part in this training.

Student Internships

The Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division is pleased to announce its internships for Spring 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

Ariel BarberCompass House
 Kamil CislakU.S. Border Patrol
 Lance CooperErie County Sheriff's Department
 Tiera CunninghamTown of Tonawanda Police Dept.
 Kevin CusumanoHamburg Police Department
 Renae FraserErie County Probation
 Joshua LanphearU.S. Attorney
 Sherita LoweErie County Victim Witness
 Daniel McFarland Town of Tonawanda Police Dept.
 Matthew MelskiFamily Justice Center
 Kaili MeyersNiagara Falls Police Department
 Shane MillerEvans Police Department
 Ryan NyeBuffalo Police Department
 John WallaceEnvironmental Conservation Police
 Jessica WrightWest Seneca Police Department

Forensic Science Internships

Olivia BattleErie County Medical Examiners Office
 Heather BelloCheektowaga Police Department
 Kelly Rose BigajErie County Medical Examiner's Office
 Jacob Gorko Orchard Park Police Department
 Jason KlostermanTown of Tonawanda Police Department
 Chelsea LangdonErie County Medical Examiner's Office
 Kaitlyn SteinhorstOrchard Park Police Department
 Deana TollesonCheektowaga Police Department

Acknowledgements

Lisa Ayers BS '12 has been hired at Gieco Insurance in Buffalo.

Joseph Aiello BS, CJ '94 is a finance manager at West Herr Automotive in Orchard Park.

Jessie Roland Bystrak BS '12 is being featured in television commercials as part of a statewide advertising campaign for the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. A firefighter in the East Aurora Volunteer Fire Department, her involvement in the ads was highlighted in a Buffalo News Story and a WKBW TV "Western New Yorkers Making Good Things Happen Every Day" segment.

Aaron Dinderski CJ '11 entered the Chesterfield Virginia County Police Academy in July 2012.

Joseph D'Natale BS '09 entered the U.S. Coast Guard in October 2011 and is applying for officer candidate school.

Megan Bessey-Gibbs FS '06 was awarded the Faculty of the Quarter Award for 4 semesters at Beckfield College where she was also awarded the CJ Department Integrity Award in 2010. Megan has developed a Crime Lab Certificate training program and is working on implementing a Forensic Science Certificate Program for students that can be obtained after a BS degree.

Matt Butera CJ'10 graduated on March 2nd from the New York State Corrections Academy.

Sarah Graves BS '12 is attending law school at SUNY Albany.

Chris Fanale began in the New York State Department of Corrections Academy in February 2013.

Nicholas Herbert and **Anthony Kozlowski** (current students) along with **Stephen Cartwright** BS '10 and **Mark Ambellan** BS '02 have been accepted into the Erie County Services Police Academy.

Kristine Koch CJ '12 began employment with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission-Law Enforcement Division . Kristine graduated from the Academy on August 2, 2012 and is currently participating in the next phase of training in the western part of the state.

Barbara Kowalsky FS '09 began classes in the Master's program at University of New Haven.

Donald Kadryna, CJ '03 , a seven year veteran of the Erie County Sheriff's Office, was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is currently assigned to the Erie County Holding Center.

Frederick Martin BS '11 graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco Ga., and is a federal law enforcement officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Amanda (Smolarek) Leazott, BS, '04 is a correctional officer in Orleans Facility.

Ronald Leazott, BS '03 is a correctional officer at Albion Correctional Facility.

Jill Martucci CSIA '12 was hired by the Bonadio Group in Rochester, New York as part of their Risk Management Team.

Lonna McCary, CJ graduate student, was recently crowned Miss Thousand Islands, in Clayton, New York. The Criminal Justice Department wishes her all the best during her journey to Miss New York in June 2013.

Melissa Messina FS '12 is enrolled in Graduate School at Syracuse University.

Ken Rouse CJ '07 was promoted to the Criminal Investigation Unit as a Criminal Investigator with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Blake Russell FS '12 will be graduating from the RPTA Police Academy at GCC in March 2013.

Veronika Singh BS '10 has been hired as Human Services Coordinator Assistant at Municipal Court of Seattle.

Jamie Sloane BS '11 has graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga., and is employed in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office at the Port of Buffalo.

Cristie Squires FS '11 has accepted a position at Glens Falls Hospital as a Processing Lab Tech.

Melissa Szymanowski BS '12 has accepted a position with the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland.

Jason Wahl CJ '11 has been accepted to the UB School of Social Work graduate program.

Natalie Whitman, current FS student, was awarded the "Judges and Police Conference of Erie County Scholarship" in May 2012.

Nicholas Wolf BS '04 is a field training officer at the Nogales Border Patrol Station in Nogales, Arizona.