

HUSSON ALUMNI

In December, the University of Maine Army ROTC Black Bear Battalion Commissioning Ceremony was held. Garrett M. Clark was commissioned to the grade of Second Lieutenant. Cadet Clark was born in Norway, ME. He graduated from Lewiston High School, then attended the University of Maine. In 2012, he transferred to Husson University. He participated in Ranger Challenge, 20th Maine, and received the Recondo award at LDAC. He has earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and is now serving as an Officer in the Military Police with the Utah National Guard. Pinning on Cadet Clark's bars was his mother, Sharon Clark, his father Robert Clark, and his grandfather, Robert MacKenzie.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Chief Deputy William King, Jr., an instructor at our Southern Maine Husson University Campus, was published in the New England State Police Intelligence Network (NESPIN). The publication entitled "Jamaican Lottery Scams: A Far-Reaching Crime Impacting New England" details the growing computer and phone scam, that mostly preys on elderly and isolated residents, separating them from thousands of dollars of their money.

Legal Studies Organization (LSO)

Just in time for Christmas—members of the LSO went to Walmart and were able to purchase all of the items that were on the Spruce Run's list of toys for their children in need. An event raised about \$315 which was enough to buy everything listed, including the snow globe!



SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY

Assistant Professor Alicia Wilcox was interviewed by WLBZ2/WCHS6 as the forensic scientist on the Jeskey Murder Trial. While working for the Maine State Police Crime Lab two years ago, she helped process the apartment crime scene. See the article and video here at www.wcsh6.com/news/article/266023/2/Jeskey-murder-trial-to-resume-in-January



Assistant Professor Cornel Plebani received praise for his students in Introduction to Public Safety class. Presenter Sgt. Chris Bailey of the Hampden Police Department was very impressed with the students' professionalism, attentiveness, and probing questions during his presentation on search warrants. After reviewing the search warrants the students wrote up, he commended Cornel for the students' detail and descriptive content, considering they were first year Criminal Justice students, and encouraged him to continue his high standards and integration of practical exercises as his teaching model is making a difference in the law enforcement profession.

The Legal Studies Career Fair will be held March 26, 2014 from 10:00 to 2:00 pm at the Center for Family Business.

Director of the School of Legal Studies, John Michaud, submitted an article to The National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, to which they are a member. The partnership is composed of educators in the private sector and from colleges and universities interested in ensuring graduates are prepared for careers. Within the article, John stated "The School of Legal Studies works to ensure we are providing students with the education and tools to they need to become successful professionals. We are consistently monitoring our course and degree offerings to stay current. We understand that we cannot prepare our students for the next generation of jobs with the last generation's education, thus we must remain on the cutting edge of materials, principles and opportunities. "



On March 14th Assistant Professor John Michaud acted as a judge for SkillsUSA competition which was held at the United Technology Center in Bangor, Maine. SkillsUSA is a national organization that promotes career development for vocational students, to include state and national competition. There are dozens of contests held, including criminal justice and crime scene investigation. Professor Michaud judge students performance in a "Terry Stop" scenario and their report writing abilities. Two current Husson Criminal Justice students, Taylor Haines and Joel Frenette, also supported the competition as role players.

STUDENT NEWS

More than 20 Legal Studies students volunteered their time to the Town of Orono for the charity event Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament, which would yield a \$1500.00 donation to Special Olympics of Maine. The students worked the concession stands, took money at admissions, and performed janitorial work before and after the event. All were praised by Captain Scott Wilcox of the Orono Police Department for their hard work and professionalism.



Paralegal student, Michaela Richardson, was featured in the Bangor Daily News in December. The article profiled her after she was named the Judicial Branch Volunteer of the Year by the Piscataquis County Courthouse. Michaela 'practically grew up in the Piscataquis County Courthouse, where she spent quite a bit of time in the clerk's office with her mother, Lisa Richardson, who has worked there for nearly 30 years. Now a paralegal student at Husson University, Michaela has been spending three days a week, about 25 hours, working without pay at her mother's side.' See the article at: <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/12/24/news/piscataquis/college-student-who-practically-grew-up-in-dover-foxcroft-courthouse-wins-volunteer-award/>

Students Kassidy Hill and Drew Dagraca helped out the Orono Police Department with compliance checks of licensed liquor retailers and on-premise establishments in the towns of Orono and Old Town recently. Both students posed as underage customers attempting to purchase alcohol on a late Friday night without identification. The two handled themselves in a very professional manner and took direction very well while preparing and completing this much needed detail. This particular detail is very important to ensure that licensed liquor retailers in the area are not supplying underage persons with alcohol.

December 20th marked the graduation of several Husson University students and alumni from the 25th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. All graduates from Husson were all hired by various law enforcement agencies at the time of their graduation.

(Photos in order below) Cameron Barrieau graduated Husson in December 2013 and has been hired at the Orono Police Department. Austin Clark, who is currently finishing his B.S in Criminal Justice/MSCJA, was hired by the Scarborough Police Department. Taylor Dube, a May 2013 graduate and singer of the Star Spangled Banner at his recent MCJA graduation, was hired by the Maine State Police. Darren Jacques, a December 2013 graduate, was hired by the Lewiston Police Department. Jonathan Lackee, a May 2012 graduate, will be working for the Portland Police Department, and Joshua Tilton, also a May 2012 graduate, will be working for the Old Town Police Department.

