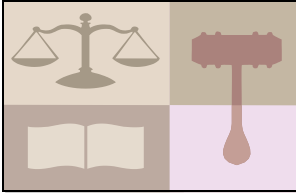


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LEANING FORWARD

HUSSON ALUMNI AMONG NEWEST OFFICERS

Maine's 60 newest police officers have graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, and six of them are Husson alumni. The officers from the state, county and municipal ranks graduated after 18 weeks of study and training.

At their graduation they were urged to remember their families, practice sound ethics, and seek out new training. The guest speaker was Brian MacMaster of Gardiner, who served 20 years on the academy's Board of Trustees and was one of the first adjunct instructors in Husson's Criminal Justice program. MacMaster's full time job is head of criminal investigations at the Maine Attorney General's Office. MacMaster told the officers, "Always be mindful of the profound effect that you exert on individual lives, and why such responsibilities can only be entrusted to persons of the highest integrity and character." The Board Room at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy has been named after MacMaster for his service. (Picture on right).

Husson alumni graduates include the following:

Dustin Dow '10 and Nickolas Huggins '11 - Bangor Police Department (see article page 2)
Derek Wing '08 - Hallowell Police Department
Sara Clukey '09 - Portland Police Department
From State Police - Dillon Clair of Chesterville '10, Jacob Ferland of Lincoln '12



SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY



Professor Cornel Plebani (pictured above far left) is currently involved with the campus safety and threat preparedness planning processes for Eastern Maine Community College and Husson University. In the spring, he participated in the Orono Police Department's oral board process for a new patrol officer and is currently a member of the steering committee for the Bangor Museum and History Center's gun awareness program in June. Professor Plebani also reviewed "Introduction to Forensic Psychology" for Elsevier Press this semester.

Professor John Michaud (pictured above second from left) has recently edited "Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction" for the editor and reviewed "The Encyclopedia of Criminal Law and Criminal Courts". At the request of the publisher he also reviewed "Criminal Investigations". Professor Michaud was the guest speaker for Oceanside High School's "Jobs for Maine's Graduates Initiation and Induction Ceremony."

Professor Alicia Wilcox (pictured above second from right) has moved her criminalistics class to Husson's new lab on Sylvan road in Bangor. At this location students are able to "superglue fume" items for latent prints and perform bloodstain pattern analysis. She is also working with the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services, to develop a training program to educate public defenders on forensic science evidence.

Professor Margaret Campbell (pictured above right) is working on updates to the Paralegal Studies degree to include options of a "Pre Law" concentration for students interested in continuing their studies in law school. She is also assisting with the establishment of an Ombuds Office on campus, to provide confidential, informal, and independent dispute resolution for Husson University students.

SUMMER 2013 COURSES

- CJ 235—Criminology
- CJ 335—Report Writing
- CJ 399—Science of Fingerprints
- CJ 410—CJ Internships
- CJ 499—Crime and Film
- CJ 710—CJ Graduate Internships
- CJ 715—Corporate Security
- CJ 799—Demystifying Crime & CJ

FALL 2013 ELECTIVES

- CJ 301—Critical Skills
- CJ 309—Constitutional Law
- CJ 333—Computer Forensics
- CJ 400—Evidence
- CJ 403—Domestic Violence Law
- CJ 404—Cults
- CJ 705—Leadership & Ethics
- CJ 707—Public Policy & Planning
- CJ 710—CJ Graduate Internships
- PL 301—Torts
- PL 303—Alternative Dispute Resolution
- PL 309—Constitutional Law
- PL 400—Evidence
- PL 498—PL Internships

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

The Criminal Justice Club has been active this year in supporting the Fall Open House where they shared to award for "Best Table" with the LSO. Students from the Club also spoke to potential students at the Fall Open House and will present during the Spring Open House. Fund raising events are in support of a local women's shelter for this year.

The Club is being led by President Ashley Santerre, Vice President Rebecca Small, and Secretary Emily Zaczynski. Efforts to recruit new members will be a focus for the remainder of the semester. Future events including the Annual Car Wash for students and faculty which will be scheduled for late May. Club members will also be supporting the Legal Studies Career Fair later this month.

During the Open House Club members will be at a table in the Student Center. Please stop by and ask any questions you might have regarding the program.

LEGAL STUDIES ORGANIZATION (LSO)

LSO's spirit shined with its recent "Best Table" award at the Fall 2012 Open House shared with the CJ Club.

LSO is planning a trip to the Maine Law School for those interested in law school this spring. Co-Advisor Maggie Campbell will be attending a meeting with other Pre-Law Advisors at the Law School to assist students in the future. Additionally, LSO is planning a practice LSAT session complete with scoring of the exams and discussion of how to practice for April.

Several of the members are currently participating in the NALS Basic Legal preparation course and will be taking a certification exam in June to earn the ALS certification through NALS.

STUDENT NEWS

Two Husson alumni who are currently serving as Bangor Police Officers recently completed the MCJA Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Nickolas Huggins (left) grew up in



Waterville and obtained an associate degree in criminal justice from Southern Maine Community College. He earned his bachelor's degree in the same field of study from Husson University in 2010. Dustin Dow (right), a Lincoln native, holds a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Husson University, where he also studied psychology. Ryan Macdonald has been hired by Conway NH Police Department. He will be working with Dominic Torch '09.

Chase Haas, Jonathan Rogers and Andrew Whitney are all attending the MCJA for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) for 18 weeks during the SP 13 semester as tuition students. This is the largest group of tuition students that Husson has sent to date.

From the South Portland campus, Star Bergh '12 has been accepted to the fall class at the University of Maine School of Law. Also, Caitlin Baldwin, a current student enrolled in the Criminal Justice program, was featured in a news story for her efforts to save a woman from a burning building in Albany, New Hampshire. Baldwin and a friend were in proximity to the fire and worked to assist a woman to safety before firefighters were able to arrive.

The Emergency Management class, taught by Rodney Venable, took a moment to travel through the University in gear required for a chemical emergency. Pictured at right with Interim Dean Marie Hansen.



Students in Current Issues in the Criminal Justice course spent participated in an experiential learning exercise with the 11th Civil Support Team (CST) in November. Students were able to work alongside members of the CST in a simulated call that involved investigation and analysis of a suspicious substance in a vehicle on campus. At left: Jeremy Caron, Matt Morrill, David Cyr, and Captain Nehemiah Nattress '12 MSCJA.

Chief Deputy William King, of York County Sheriff's Office, who serves as an adjunct instructor for the Criminal Justice program at the South Portland campus, was the subject of an article in the Portland Press Herald. The article focused on his efforts to help victims of lottery scams and how he has become a go-to expert on assisting in cases relating to the issue.

