



# LEANING FORWARD

## CHALLENGE COIN



Husson University School of Legal Studies has recently designed a "Challenge Coin." These coins will be awarded to honor graduates obtaining degrees in Criminal Justice and Criminal Justice/Psychology as well as to individuals who make a significant contribution to the program.

Members of the U.S. military have a long-standing tradition of carrying a special coin symbolizing unit identity and esprit de corps. They are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. The tradition of challenge coins can be traced to World War II when American forces deployed to the far reaches of the world securing the nation's freedom. Historically, soldiers in both World War I and as far back as the Civil War left for battle with a coin from home in their pockets and kept it after the conflict as a lasting memory of their wartime experiences. With bonds forged in battle thousands of miles from home, these custom coins minted for military units – each bearing their own revered symbols and mottos – capture in metal the essence of their affiliation and their fierce pride. Known to generations of American military personnel as challenge coins, they are a vital part of military life today and are revered by troops in every branch of service.

Today, challenge coins are carried by soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, as well as lawmen and firefighters. These coins identify the bearer as a member of a particular unit with a well-defined history and mission. And, wherever warriors gather, they challenge each other by "coining." The group's unique coin is slammed on a bar to challenge all in the group to display their own coins; he who is last must pay a penalty.

## FALL 2011 ELECTIVE COURSES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL 301—Torts</li> <li>• PL 303—Alternative Dispute Resolution</li> <li>• PL 401—Domestic Violence Law</li> <li>• PL 498—PL Internship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CJ 301—Critical Skills</li> <li>• CJ 345—Comparative CJ</li> <li>• CJ 403Domestic Violence Law</li> <li>• CJ 408—Serial Homicide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CJ 410—CJ Internship</li> <li>• CJ 499—Fire Investigation</li> <li>• CJ 499—Courtroom Action</li> </ul>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Open House*—March 26, 2011
- *Jobs for Maine Grads*—March 30, 2011
- *Mock Oral Boards*—April 5, 2011
- *CJ Career Fair*—April 6, 2011
- *F. Lee Bailey*—April 29, 2011
- *Awards Ceremony*—May 2, 2011
- *Graduate Hooding Ceremony*—May 13, 2011
- *Graduation Bangor*—May 14, 2011
- *Graduate Portland*—May 21, 2011

## STUDENT PROFILES

Two students, Ben Murtiff and Kyle McDonald, are currently attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Training program as tuition cadets. Ben has accepted a position with Augusta Police Department.

Christine Manning, a graduate student in the MSCJA program, is working with U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) in Bangor, Maine on an internship. She will be continuing to assist in the office once the term has completed and hopes to apply for a position with Homeland Security or another federal agency.

Brandy Alexander was accepted into the M.A. program in Forensic Psychology at The John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

## SUMMER 2011 ELECTIVES

- CJ 309—Constitutional Law
- CJ 330—Ethics in CJ
- CJ 410—CJ Internship
- CJ 499—A View from Prison
- PL 305—Legal Ethics
- PL 498—PL Internship

## PARALEGAL CLUB VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Submitted by Stephanie Bushmich—President, Paralegal Club

A few members of the Paralegal Club traveled to Washington D.C. this past February, 2011. During this trip, we had the opportunity to tour the Capital building and the Library of Congress. We had the chance to meet and greet Senator Snowe of Maine and had our picture taken for the Bangor Daily News. We were also able to tour the Pentagon and the White House. The members on this trip got to see some of the Smithsonian and the beautiful architecture in Washington D.C. such as the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Throughout this trip, we all got to know one another better as well as obtaining more knowledge of how government is run and how laws are passed.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

The Criminal Justice Club met with Chief Ron Gastia of the Bangor Police Department prior to Spring Break to discuss ways in which club members can get involved to support the Special Olympics in Maine. This newly developed partnership between the club and the Bangor PD is the basis for collaboration on a number of events taking place in the current and subsequent semesters.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

John Michaud has completed a review for the publisher Jones and Bartlett of the book *Criminal Procedure Law: Police Issues and the Supreme Court*.

He has also completed a review for Pearson publishing of the text *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* over the Spring Break.



Cornel Plebani has authored new Web quizzes for Cengage publishing's text *Criminal Procedure (8th ed.)*. He has also authored learning activities for Pearson publishing's Criminal Justice Interactive on-line text. Additionally, he completed a text reviews of *Criminal Procedure: Constitution and Society (6th ed.)* for Pearson publishing and *Serial Murderers and Their Victims (4th ed.)* for Wadsworth publishing.



Paul Morrow received news regarding the acceptance of his article *Cyberlaw: The Unconscionability/Unenforceability of Contracts on the Internet* by the University of Pittsburg Law School's Journal of Science, Technology, and Public Policy for Spring 2011.



### NEW COURSE DESCRIPTION— CJ 445

This upper level course is being redesigned to function as a true Capstone Course and will provide a broad overview and critical examination of a range of criminal justice topics. Students will read commentaries on these issues written by experts in such fields as crime and justice in America, American Law Enforcement, the court system, juvenile justice, corrections, and the future of justice in America. Students will be expected to read and comprehend a series of essays, conduct scholarly research resulting in both written product and student-led class discussions on assigned topics.



### ALUMNUS PUBLISHES

*One Promise Kept* is Detective Sergeant Steve Webster's new book detailing a 20 year plus career as a member of the South Portland Maine Police Department. Webster walks you through the case that made him and others that almost broke him.

Steve is a December 2007 graduate of the B.S. Criminal Justice program from Husson University in South Portland.

