

Experiential Learning

Several of Professor Alicia Wilcox's Forensic Science students had the opportunity to work with Trooper Brian Bean and Detective Ben Sweeney of the Maine State Police Bomb Squad. They were able to detonate high and low yield explosives and set off an IED.



Four of Assistant Professor Jodie Fairbank's students served as facilitators for a pilot program run by the Maine Department of Corrections. The program incorporates Husson students teaching life skills to people currently on probation. Husson student Hannah Huntress stated "The program is designed to help build skills that may have been forgotten such as non-verbal communication, active listening, speaking responsibly, and others. This program is important for Husson students because it is a student led program and allows students to get an exposure to this population and see if this is in fact the field they want to go into. As much as we are teaching, we are also learning from them." Based on the success of this program, according to Professor Fairbank, we are planning a similar program in the fall not only for adults but also for juveniles who are facing the challenges of probation. At the conclusion of the program the Husson students traveled to Augusta to receive an award from Commissioner Fitzpatrick of the Maine Department of Corrections. They were recognized for their dedication and hard work. Due to the success of this program the DOC is planning on initiating similar programs around the state.



Forensic Science students were able to "gear up" with representatives from the Maine State Fire Marshalls Office to analyze a fire scene. They watched a controlled burn and then learned step-by-step what it takes to investigate a fire scene. A significant amount of Forensic Science education requires hands-on experience, applying theory to field situations. According to Professor Wilcox, "You cannot learn everything from a book. This is not the type of degree that you can do online, you have to come out into the field."

Ten of Professor Wilcox's students presented five different disciplines in forensic science to students at EMCC during their Tech Day. It was an excellent learning experience for everyone and the EMCC students greatly enjoyed the hands on learning. Professor Wilcox felt her students did excellent jobs explaining complex mathematical calculations, the brain/muscle interactions which influence handwriting, and chromatography to EMCC students. She felt that her use of the "lecture-free teaching model" has worked very well with her students.



School of Legal Studies

Just announced this year is a partnership with the University Of Maine School Of Law which allows our students to complete an undergraduate degree and a law degree in six years. Commonly referred to as a 3+3 program, for the first three years students will focus on the undergraduate program and then apply to Maine Law. If accepted, the first year of law school would count as the final year at Husson. This is a great opportunity for Husson students, saving them a year of study and expenses and allowing them to start their careers and earning opportunities a year earlier. For more information regarding the 3+3 program please stop by the



Paralegal / Pre-Law bulletin board located in the College of Business wing. Husson students who have been accepted to this program and will be entering Maine Law this fall are: Chelsea Broomhall, Arthur Washer, and Brittany Ashmore who have all just completed their junior year in the Legal Studies-Pre Law Program. Additionally, another student, Kayla Day, will also be entering Maine Law after completing a four year degree at Husson. Olivia Williams, a third year criminal justice student has been accepted into the Maine Law Plus Program which is a law school immersion program for students interested in attending law school. Two of our students, Chelsea Broomhall and Kwaku Baah, have been hired as Peer Mentors for this program.



Some Criminal Justice students attended the Maine State Police Academy graduation on Friday April 7th at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Pictured are the students who attended as well as Dr. Michael Kamorski from the School of Legal Studies with members of the Maine State Police Command Staff from left to right are Major Christopher Grotton, Major Brian Scott, Colonel Robert Williams, and Lieutenant David Tripp.

Assistant Professor Alicia Wilcox and current Husson student Drew Laderosa were interviewed by Fox 22 TV of Bangor concerning the question of equal pay for women. For many years it has been an ongoing battle for women to be paid the same as men working the same jobs. Currently with laws changing and work place protections for women possibly changing there is increased focus on this issue. Professor Wilcox stated "Women typically don't negotiate as often as men do, though this does not excuse the injustice." She believes that it is up to the companies to take a stand. The advice from Drew was, "if you are not questioning things, you are doing yourself a disservice."



Assistant Professor John Michaud represented Husson at the Annual Sherriff's conference at the Samoset Resort in Rockland on March 29-30. There were 120 Law Enforcement officers representing 16 counties. The motto of the conference was "One Team, One Mission." As Husson's criminal justice program grows Professor Michaud uses opportunities such as this to explain our program, inform people of educational opportunities, and to seek job opportunities for our graduating students.

Professor Fairbank was interviewed for a news piece about the "dark web". She is a former United States Army Staff Sergeant with expertise in cyber security. According to Professor Fairbank the "dark web" is accessible by anyone and it is very difficult to investigate crimes that utilize it.

