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Rick Ramirez, Special Agent in Charge Tampa Bay Region, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

11:00 am
Jane Castor, Chief of Police Tampa Police Department

12:30 pm
Mordecai Dixon, Program Manager, 2-1-1 and Suicide Prevention Services, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

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Major Michael J. Thomas, Commander Troop C, Florida Highway Patrol

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Harrison Cowan, Senior Medical Examiner Death Investigator Hillsborough County Medical Examiner Department

By Dr. Michael T. Reichard

On February 26, 2015, Hillsborough Community College’s Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program will present its Fifth Annual “Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In.”

This event, which has been patterned after the national Great American Teach-In, has become a highly successful annual event in its first four years. This year the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program will once again feature numerous guest speakers from our local Criminal Justice agencies.

The event will be held at the Ybor City Campus YPST Building, Room 314, with speakers scheduled from 8:00am to 5:00pm on February 26, 2015.

Speakers will be scheduled every 90 minutes throughout the day. Great effort has been made to bring to our students, staff, and guests many of the leaders of our local criminal justice system.

Our speakers will include Tampa’s Police Chief, Jane Castor, who is joining us for the fifth year in a row. The regional heads of FDE, and FHP will also be attending. A Hillsborough Circuit Judge and officials from the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner and Crisis Center of Tampa Bay will round out our speakers.

This event is open to everyone.

THIRD ANNUAL GREAT HCC CRIMINAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN IS COMING

New Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Student Handbooks are now available

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A View From the Bench… Jury Selection

By Judge Nick Nazaretian

Spring greetings to all of our readers.

Welcome to the latest edition of the “View from the Bench”. In this edition we will continue our journey through the criminal court room. Our last edition dealt with Florida’s grand jury structure. This edition deals with the juror selection process.

“Voir dire” means “to speak the truth”. It is a legal phrase that refers to a procedure of selecting fair and impartial jurors. This French phrase describes the process through which potential jurors from the venire panel are questioned on their potential prejudice or bias towards issues in the case. This term is also used to describe when an opposing counsel questions the competency of a witness (usually a proposed expert) prior to the witness being able to render an expert opinion. An example of this type of voir dire is in the film “My Cousin Vinny” when Ms. Vito was being questioned by the prosecutor on her expertise in auto repair. We will deal with this type of examination in future editions that deal with the expert witness in a criminal trial.

Our journey begins with an analysis of the 6th Amendment of the United States Constitution: “In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.”

The 6th Amendment guarantees its citizens the right to have his or her case heard by an impartial jury. The goal being to have independent people coming together, hearing the facts of a case then applying the correct law from its state to the facts and then rendering a fair and just verdict for both sides. This is especially true in our media-drenched society. As the jury is summoned through their jury summons (issued by the Clerk of Court) and first appear as the venire panel, they are subjected to being called into the court room for voir dire questions. Both the prosecutor and defense attorney get to ask questions of the potential jurors. Each question is aimed at determining whether the potential juror can be fair and impartial as it relates to the case. The attorneys can’t describe the facts of the case but can discuss the accusations against the defendant in general terms. The prosecutor goes first as they have the burden of proof in criminal cases. The attorneys take good notes on the potential juror’s answers to the multitude of questions posed by the attorneys and in some cases, the judge.

Once the questions are completed, the jurors are asked to leave the room and then the attorneys voice any and all objections they have on the potential jurors. These objections come in the form of challenges. The challenge for cause is used when a juror has made a representation that they can’t be fair under any circumstances. Perhaps a juror has said they won’t follow the law or maybe they were a recent victim of a crime similar to that what the case is about- instances in which their ability to be fair and impartial under any circumstances. Those would also be two reasons a challenge for cause could be granted. It is possible a juror who said something that reflected their bias or prejudice could be rehabilitated enough to remain a potential juror, this is often not possible. The preemptory challenge (limited in Florida to 6 in felony trials and 3 for misdemeanor trials) is an objection an attorney may use to strike a witness from the panel and give NO reason for the potential juror’s dismissal. These are limited for obvious reasons (as noted above). They are also limited in their use as it relates to race, gender, religion, and sexual orientation. Therefore, if the opposing party to your challenge voices an objection to the strike, the striking party must give a neutral reason (non-race, religion, gender or sexual orientation motive) for the strike.

For all cases in Florida (except first degree murder charges where there are 12 jurors) there are 6 jurors chosen for a jury trial. Usually the judge will have the attorneys select at least one alternate juror in case a juror is dismissed from the case. The alternate is not told they are the alternate to avoid any chance that the juror will not pay full attention. It is quite common that you may be called for jury service and go through this process and not be selected. This is not a reflection of you as a person. There may be a myriad of reasons why you were not selected (from your background, work experience, people you know, your life experience or just the fact that where you were sitting the challenges were used up prior to considering you). Therefore, should you go through the process and not be selected, please do not feel your time was wasted. It absolutely was not; serving on a jury panel is invaluable to our system of justice in this country. Once you are selected, you will be sworn in and the trial will begin. In our next edition, we will discuss the opening statement. Until then Court is in recess.

Nick Nazaretian is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and is a Circuit Court Judge in Hillsborough County.
Our Instructors... Profiles of our Faculty

Edward Croissant, M.A.

Ed Croissant has been a police officer for the City of Tampa for 22 years and has worked uniform patrol, community oriented policing, and street anti-crime. He is a police instructor in firearms, weapons of mass destruction, human diversity, police cycling, and general police topics. He is a member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers, the International Association for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals, Intelligence and National Security Alliance and the International Police Mountain Bike Association. Previously he served in the U.S. Navy on active duty for almost 9 years and he is presently in the U.S. Coast Guard reserve where he serves as Maritime Law Enforcement Specialist Warrant Officer. While serving in the Coast Guard, he has participated in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Corporal Croissant holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Saint Leo College, a Master of Arts in Homeland Security and Graduate Certificate in Organizational Management from American Military University. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and the Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development Course. Mr. Croissant has a published article in The Journal of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security International titled “Are we really losing our Civil Liberties or is it just an inconvenience?” and in Law Officer Magazine, December 2009 “COP – The New Paradigm of Community Oriented Policing” and is a contributing author to the “The Complete Guide to Police Cycling” second edition.

CJSA Tours... The TPD Communications Center

By: Leo Cadogan, M.S.

On December 10, 2014, following the CJSA awards ceremony, CJSA members took a field trip to the Tampa Police Department Communications Center. Over 20 students attended and were given a tour of TPD’s state of the art Communications Center. It was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience for all who attended. We were able to see firsthand how the 911 emergency system works in Tampa.

Mr. Leo Cadogan is a senior Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and Assistant CJSA Club Advisor.

Our Instructors... Profiles of our Faculty

William Iler, Jr., M.S.

William B. Iler, Jr., is the owner and president of Iler & Associates, Inc., providing private investigations and corporate security. Previously he was the corporate security manager for TECO Energy. He managed security, criminal and internal investigations, and physical security for the company in the U.S. and Central America. He also served as the company’s liaison to local, state, federal, and judicial agencies and U.S. Embassy staff and international security consultants. He served for 20 years with the Tampa Police Department, where he was a supervisor, worked homicides, vice control, Organized Crime, and developed the Street Anti-Crime and Undercover Surveillance Unit. He has also instructed at the Police Academy and other local universities. Mr. Iler is a retired Lieutenant Commander of the U.S. Naval Reserve and served in Intelligence and Security and as an anti-terrorism training officer. He earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Rollins College, a Bachelor of Arts in Social & Behavioral Sciences from USF, and an Associates degree in Police Science from H.C.C.
CJSA End of Year Awards Banquet

President Megan Marquetti, “this was by far one of the most successful events the CJSA has had in years.” During the ceremony each student received a gift bag with club shirts, pens, holiday season goodies and a Certificate of Participation.

There were 5 special awards given to the club’s Executive Board Leadership. The recipients of the special awards were:

- Megan Marquetti: Superior Leadership Plaque and Gavel
- Malasia Jackson: Exceptional Leadership Plaque
- Krystal Cruz: Exceptional Leadership Plaque
- Melissa Gardner: Outstanding Dedication Plaque
- Lindsey Drake: Outstanding Dedication Plaque

Additionally, four of the Executive Board members also received special awards for excellence (each with 2 movie passes and a $25 gift certificate) from the Student Government Association (SGA).

By Leo Cadogan, M.S.

To recognize the hard work and dedication of the CJSA students throughout the semester, the Executive Board led by Megan Marquetti, Malasia Jackson, Krystal Cruz and Melissa Gardner, scheduled the first annual end of year banquet award ceremony.

The Criminal Justice Student Association’s “First Annual Awards Banquet” was held on the 5th of December, 2014 at Bernini’s in Ybor City. The event was a complete success and was attended by 28 club members. As noted by the club president Megan Marquetti, “this was by far one of the most successful events the CJSA has had in years.”

CJSA Joins SGA Welcome Back Bash

By Leo Cadogan, M.S.

The Ybor City Campus Student Government Association (SGA) “Welcome Back Bash” was held on Tuesday, January 27, and Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 11:00am until 1:00pm. The event took place in the plaza at Ybor City Campus. It was free for all HCC students who provided their Student ID.

This event was to welcome all HCC-Ybor City Campus students back to school for the Spring semester.

The Student Government Association and other HCC club members, including the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) attended this event. The “Welcome Back Bash” provided the opportunity for different clubs at HCC-Ybor City Campus to set up their own tables and show what their clubs are all about. It gave the students a chance to learn about the different clubs on campus. The CJSA board members participated in this event to interact and tell students at HCC about our goals and upcoming events. The event was an opportunity for us to recruit new members for the club. “We signed up over 10 new students” proclaimed club president Malasia Jackson.

The SGA also provided music, dancing, a positive atmosphere, fun and food. The event was organized by the SGA staff. There were giveaways for everyone who attended, which just added more fun to the event. Students were able to interact with other HCC college students, meet new people, and enjoy themselves with the music and activities presented at the event.

For A Complete List of Criminal Justice Textbooks:

http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/textbooks.aspx

“Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.”

By: Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. 26th U.S. President and former NYC Police Commissioner

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HCC Graduates Largest Homeland Security Class in Partnership with the U.S. TSA

HCC PRESS RELEASE

In partnership with U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Hillsborough Community College graduated its largest homeland security class to date. An achievement ceremony was held February 9th at the Hillsborough Aviation Authority Board Room starting at 10 a.m.

“The entire TSA leadership team is proud of our officers for their dedication, commitment and successful completion of this program,” said Kim Hutchinson Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Training and Workforce Engagement with TSA Headquarters and who will be the keynote speaker on 13th. “We appreciate the partnership with HCC that allows our people to grow in their careers and service to our nation.”

The 36-person graduating class is one of the largest TSA has had nationally from an airport the size of Tampa International Airport. The program is a collaboration between HCC and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which allows TSA officers the opportunity to receive a TSA certificate of achievement and an HCC College Credit Certificate in Homeland Security. Officers can also continue coursework to complete an associate degree in criminal justice with a homeland security emphasis.

“We are proud to be one of the latest colleges to join the TSA associates program,” said Dr. Michael Reichard, HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Manager. “Partnering with our local agencies provides more educational opportunities for current and future students.”

In 2008, TSA began partnering with local community colleges throughout the country. Since its beginning, nationally, more than 3,800 officers have enrolled in training programs, 1,364 have successfully completed the nine-credit certificate program, and 750 have gone on to continue their college education.

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HCC Faculty and Staff Recognized by the TSA

The United States Transportation Security Administration recognized Hillsborough Community College and its faculty and staff at its February Achievement Ceremony graduating 36 of its officers and employees from our Homeland Security Program.

Kim Hutchinson Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Training and Workforce Engagement from TSA Headquarters in Washington DC presented Hillsborough Community College with an Appreciation Plaque for our Homeland Security program. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to Dr. Michael Reichard, HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Manager, Ms. Jodi Haller, Ybor City Campus A.S. Advisor, and HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice adjunct professors Richard McCafferty, Edward Croissant, and Bret Bartlett, the HCC faculty members who taught the TSA courses.

Some of our TSA graduates pose with Adjunct Professor McCafferty (In the Center)

TSA Officers graduating at the Achievement Ceremony

Dr. Michael Reichard, HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Manager, receives a Plaque awarded to HCC from TSA officials from Washington, DC.
Did You Know:
The rate of violent crime in the U.S. declined slightly from 26.1 victimizations per 1,000 persons in 2012 to 23.2 per 1,000 in 2013.
The rate of property crime in the U.S. decreased from 155.8 victimizations per 1,000 households in 2012 to 131.4 per 1,000 in 2013.

From the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Questions, please contact Dr. Michael Reichard, Criminal Justice Program Manager at: mreichard@hccfl.edu

HCC Criminal Justice On YouTube

HCC’s Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program’s 2013 and 2014 Teach-Ins are each featured in YouTube Presentations created by students from our Radio-Television Program:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3uZa2S-GcE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUHQGYZfwuk
What’s Coming Up
Criminal Justice Activities

Criminal Justice Student Association

Next CJSA Membership Meeting:
Wednesday March 4 at 4:45pm in YPST room 320

CJSA plans to tour FDLE Tampa Headquarters on Friday, Feb 20 at 10:00am

What’s Going On
Criminal

NEW CLASSES COMING

DSC-2570………Introduction to Cyber-Terrorism
DSC-2932………Seminar In Homeland Security And Terrorism

CJ News

Criminal Justice Student Shirts Available

Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program
students can purchase program based HCC logo polo shirts at the Ybor City Campus bookstore. The cost is $26.70 including tax.

See our website at:
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/cjt-store.aspx or contact the Ybor City Bookstore for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Program is looking to add new courses on Gangs and on Federal Law Enforcement and Federal Investigations.

Keep an eye out for announcements.

New Criminal Justice Instructor Polo Shirts are now available at the Ybor City Bookstore

Advising Notes

Students who have earned or are close to earning one of our College Credit Certificates should also apply for graduation by using the “Application for Graduation” option in WebAdvisor.

Our College Credit Certificates are:

Crime Scene
Criminal Justice Technology Specialist
Homeland Security Specialist.

Students can earn one of these College Credit Certificates at the same time and while earning their Associates Degree by taking the required classes.

CJSA... Profiles of Our Officers

By: Leo Cadogan, M.S.

Megan Marquetti:
Megan has been dedicated to the CJSA for her entire three year period at HCC. Megan was elected club president for the fall semester and has performed flawlessly. Through her leadership, unwavering dedication and commitment she has been responsible for the increased student participation in the club. Megan is now employed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). Megan has been an Intern with the Hillsborough County Sheriff Office all while maintaining a 3.3 GPA. Megan has been accepted to attend the University of South Florida (USF) next semester.

Malasia Jackson:
Malasia was Vice-President of the Criminal Justice Student Association this past fall and became president this spring semester. Malasia has performed in an outstanding manner as the vice president and is one of the key reasons for the expansion of the club this year. Through her hard work and undying efforts she has made a definite positive impact on the program, all while being an excellent student and a member of the distinguished Dean’s List. Additionally, Malasia has dedicated over 1500 hours of community service for several organizations. Malasia is the Student Leader and holds the rank of Captain for the Tampa Police Explorer program. She organized our recent trip to the Tampa Police Department Communications Center that took place on Dec 10, 2014.

Krystalanna Cruz:
Krystalanna was elected as the sergeant at arms for the Criminal Justice Student Association for the fall semester. She is now the club vice president for the spring 2015 semester. Krystal has performed exemplary in each role she has undertaken for the program. Over the last two years, Krystal has been one of the key students and hard workers who has ensured success within the club. In addition to her duties to the club, Krystal has excelled in all areas as a student including being a member of the Dean’s List.

Melissa Gardner:
Melissa was elected secretary of the Criminal Justice Student Association in the fall semester and is continuing in that role in the spring 2015 semester because of her expertise and hard work. Melissa has proven to be a tireless club member who always goes the extra mile for the program. She was responsible for arranging the club’s guest speaker in November who came in from “The Spring” to give the students and faculty a briefing on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse within Tampa and regionally. She is an active member and volunteer of the 77/Crew, which is a group dedicated to assisting victims of Domestic Violence. Melissa has produced unique designs for awards and certificates for the program.

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Our Mission

The Criminal Justice Technology Undergraduate Studies Program is an undergraduate college program at Hillsborough Community College in which students can earn an Associate in Science Degree, an Associate in Applied Science Degree, a College Credit Certificate, as well as an Associate in Arts Degree in various Criminal Justice fields. Our graduates are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation, the court system, and law.

The Criminal Justice Technology Undergraduate Program offers students a broad background in history, philosophy, organization, management and operation of the criminal justice system. This Program can be the start of a career in law enforcement, probation, corrections, crime scene and law.

Practicum Course Applications

In order to graduate, A.S. students are required to take (1) CCJ-2910, Directed Research and (2) CCJ-2940, Criminal Justice Internship, or CCJ-2949, Criminal Justice Field Studies.

Students wishing to register for these courses must submit an application in advance of registering. Applications should be submitted at least 6-9 months in advance to guarantee a seat. Students are not allowed to register for these courses until their application is approved.

Applications for the Internship and for Field Studies should be submitted to Dr. Reichard.

Applications for Directed Research should be submitted to Ms. Moore. Ms. Moore requests that within 2 weeks of submitting your application for Directed Research you email her at cmoore49@hccfl.edu to check on the status of your approval.

The applications and procedures can be found at: http://www.hccfl.edu/cjt

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