President Atwater Addresses Criminal Justice Students

By Dr. Darwin Driggers

On Thursday, September 23, 2010, Criminal Justice students were able to attend a presentation by President Ken Atwater in Room 314 at the YPST building.

The event lasted well over an hour. Also in attendance were Campus President Dr. Shawn Robinson, Dean Jack Evans, Dr. Michael Reicher and Dr. Mindy Neal. Classes taught by Dr. Darwin Driggers and Mr. Fitzeroy Williams were combined for the event. Dr. Darwin Driggers, the newest edition to the full time Criminal Justice faculty, met Dr. Atwater during new-faculty orientation and invited him to come to Ybor City Campus and give a presentation to some of the Criminal Justice classes.

Dr. Reicher opened the event and provided everyone with information about the program, such as the different degrees offered, new courses being planned, our new On-line degrees, and our program based advising.

Dr. Atwater addressed the room filled with over 80 very interested students and faculty, with a voice that was strong, friendly, and captivating. Dr. Atwater went through his career in education and his accomplishments. He stressed the importance of education for today’s student in terms of greater earning potential over a life time and spoke of how students made a wise and common sense decision to attend HCC. He spoke about the present and future growth of HCC and its economic impact on the local community yearly.

Attired in his dark blue green suit and very polished black business loafer wing tips (yes, with no socks), Dr. Atwater took a series of questions from the students. Dr. Atwater asked the students the reasons that they were attending HCC and the Criminal Justice Program at Ybor City Campus? Some of the responses included that the instructors are awesome, that we offered a wide range of diversity in our courses, that they were attracted to the smaller type campus and that the tuition is less than at a four (4) year institution. Other questions that were raised were about the possibility of HCC becoming a four (4) year institution, problems with registration, adding more classes and more sports programs like a football team and the future of the Ybor City Campus and HCC in terms of an additional campus and new buildings.

Throughout Dr. Atwater’s presentation, he smiled and laughed and really made a connection. Dr. Atwater concluded by asking all students who were in attendance, “Do this one thing for me...complete you education”.

Dr. Driggers is a full time professor with the HCC Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program.

Greetings to our readers:
Welcome to the very first issue of HCC’s Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program newsletter which we have called Criminal Justice Today.
We hope to issue our newsletter twice each during fall and spring semesters.
This is a collaborative effort of the faculty and students of our program and hopefully will have something of interest for everyone.
Dr. Michael T. Reicher, Editor and Program Manager

Criminal Justice Web Site
hccfl.edu/cjt

HCC Criminal Justice Program on Facebook
www.facebook.com
The Criminal Justice Student Association
Back Bigger and Better Than Ever ....

The Criminal Justice Student Association is now accepting new membership applications for Academic Year 2010-2011. The Club will be scheduling new events and will be going in new directions.

As of 9/28/2010, "We have over 60 applications, and we have only been recruiting for less than two weeks; I really feel we are going to go big with this club this year...really big!", stated Dr. Darwin Driggers, a faculty advisor to the Club.

Membership in the club will help our students make and interact with new friends, associates, and contacts. It will also be a way to get our students involved with community service projects, helping more youth find direction, furthering their resume, meeting mentors, and just simply gaining more knowledge into the field of Criminal Justice.

An orientation meeting will be held during the week of 10/5/2010, to announce the new board and discuss future events. Any student wishing to join and become a member or who is interested in serving on the board or trustees should please contact Dr. Darwin Driggers, room 134 at the YPST, or driggers@hccfl.edu

Tragedies Strike the Criminal Justice Community

Deputy Mark A. Longway of the Hillsborough Sheriff’s Office died on September 21, 2010 in a traffic crash while driving his patrol car. Deputy Longway was assigned to the Homeland Security Division/ Port Security.

Deputy Longway, 48, joined the Sheriff’s Office in July 2004. He served in the Patrol Division before being reassigned earlier this year to the Port Security detail.

Deputy Longway was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having earned numerous medals and accolades during his military service. He served our nation for 21 years. Mark decided to become a deputy after hearing about a hiring initiative while at MacDill Air Force Base. He knew he wanted to continue serving his fellow citizens.

Deputy Longway was an outstanding law enforcement officer. Among his accomplishments: he once helped save a suicidal man from jumping off the roof of a business.

Deputy Longway leaves behind a wife, children, and a grandchild...Deputy Longway, thank you for your service to our nation and to our county.

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Deputy Longway’s death follows on the heels of the murders of Tampa Police Officers Curtis and Kocab and the near fatal crash of Deputy Deborah Walker.

HCC Criminal Justice Goes Facebook

By Dr. Mindy Neal

The HCC Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program is now on Facebook. When you want to know information about the program, you can now access the most current and up-to-date information via Facebook. In addition, any questions you have about the program can be asked on our site as well. Become a fan today and spread the word to all of your fellow students and Facebook “friends” that we have a page. Simply type in “HCC Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program” and you will find our page. We cannot wait to become “friends” with you.

www.facebook.com
Our Courses - A Preview... Serial Killers

By Dr. Mindy Neal

Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy - familiar names that certainly intrigue and definitely captivate our attention. Because of the public's fascination with serial murder, one can find a number of movies and television shows based on them: American Psycho, Dexter and Criminal Minds to name a few. To sort out fact from fiction, in CJ 2614 Serial Killers, you will have the opportunity not only to learn and identify specific serial killers in history, but you will also learn about the phenomenon of serial murder in general.

What is the FBI definition of a serial murder and does it differ from mass murder? What are the biological and psychological factors in serial killings? Is there a psychopathy and/or psychosis involved? What is the mind of a serial killer like and what makes them tick? What are the different motive typologies involved with serial murder? Are there any warning signs? Are there general characteristics common to serial murderers? This course tries to answer these questions. We will study the nature and differences between male serial killers, female serial killers and team serial killers.

Of course, no class on serial killers would be complete without studying criminal profiling. In this course we study the history of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit pioneered at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. In addition, we apply the BSU's organized/disorganized method to serial killers we study in class.

While this course is certainly informative and educational, for those of us with a fascination regarding profiling and serial killers, it is also fun!

Dr. Neal is a full time professor with the HCC Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program.

Criminal Justice Careers... Crime Analyst

By Ms. Amber Warnock

Crimes, interviews, evidence, offenders and victims; these are all pieces of a crime puzzle that can be very complex. In order for justice to be served, all the important pieces must be organized and analyzed in order to show the big picture. The Crime Analyst is responsible for making sense of all the pieces of puzzle, linking crimes together, identifying offenders and predicting where the next crimes will occur.

This exciting and rewarding profession is not as well known as some other areas of law enforcement but equally important. While detectives are in the field conducting interviews and forensics personnel are processing a crime scene, crime analysts work in the office taking each new piece of information and identifying where it fits in the puzzle. Analysts make associations between crimes and people and use geospatial tools and other various sources to identify offenders and potential victims. In short, analysts turn basic information into useful intelligence.

HCC offers courses to prepare students for this exciting area of Criminal Justice. Students will have an opportunity to gain knowledge into this highly coveted field.

Amber Warnock is a Criminal Intelligence Analyst with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. She holds a Master's of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is one of our Adjunct Professors.

Our Instructors... Profiles of your Faculty... Dr. Driggers

Dr. Darwin Driggers serves as a Professor with the Criminal Justice Degree Program at the Ybor City campus. He formerly served as a Correctional Services Consultant with the Florida Department of Corrections, and had been with FDOC since May of 1978. During his career, he had served as a Correctional Probation Officer, Court Officer, Court Case Co-Coordinator, and Correctional Services Assistant Administrator, where he was responsible for the training for all certified probation officers in Hillsborough County. He also was a member of the Department's Post Trauma Support Team, which offered counseling to staff members who have been through an immediate crisis event. He earned a Masters of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Nova Southern University and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from The University of Sarasota (University of Chicago). He has taught Sociology/ Family and Marriage as well as Criminal Justice as an adjunct here at HCC for over ten years before being hired full time. He has also taught at the International Academy and for the Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction.

Contact Dr. Michael Reichard for more information on our Crime Analyst courses.

Dr. Darwin Driggers
The latest addition to our full time faculty
Our Instructors... Profiles of your Faculty

Rick Ramirez is an Adjunct Professor with our Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program. He is also the Assistant Special Agent In-Charge (ASAC) and Chief of Investigative Operations for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center. Mr. Rick Ramirez oversees the day to day operations in the criminal investigations division, domestic security, mutual aid, and the Protection Operations Services for the Governor and his family while in Tampa.

During his tenure, he was assigned as an Inspector for the Office of Executive Investigations in Tallahassee where investigations regarding Internal Affairs and Public Corruption where conducted. Prior to FDLE, he was a member of the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office where he served as a Deputy Patrolman and investigator for the Special Investigations Unit which included narcotics, vice, and major violent crimes investigations. He served as an active duty member for both the United States Navy and United States Army for several years. He is a member of the Latino Officers Association of Florida, Florida Homicide Investigators Association, and the Tampa Bay Area Chief of Police Association where he is a member of the Board of Directors. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Management from Warner Southern College and a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the U.S.F.

We will be profiling two different instructors in each newsletter.

CJT Students and Faculty to join the TPD 5k Run

By Dr. Darwin Driggers

On Saturday, October 9, 2010, the 16th annual TPD Memorial 5k run/1 mile walk will take place. Dr. Darwin Driggers will be there with a group of our Criminal Justice students. Interested runners and walkers will meet at the Lykes Gas Light Park at 7:00am for registration (5k-$25.00/1 mile-$15.00). The 5k will start at 8:00am and the 1 mile walk will start at 8:45am.

Photos will be taken of the "HCC/CJ Bunch" for submission to both the Hawkeye and a future issue of Criminal Justice Today. There will be T-Shirts for all who participate and "Finish Line" refreshments. This will be a fun event and a great cause for all HCC/CJ students. Contact Dr. Driggers for an application.

A CJT Student’s Thoughts...

By Patrick J. Giambelluca

I have been attending Hillsborough Community College for thirteen months now. I am actively pursuing HCC’s A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Technology. I currently attend HCC due to the intelligent, caring, and outgoing professors, staff, and faculty that this educational institution has to offer to its students. The transition from High School to HCC is a simple four step process. In the Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program located at HCC’s Ybor City Campus there are many more new and exciting course sections have been added for all students to enjoy, treasure, and learn from. The professors especially those in the Criminal Justice Program are easily accessible. This semester I am taking five college courses, working at HCC as a Part Time Federal Work Study Assistant, have been a Student Reviewer for a Psychology Textbook, am a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and a Trustee of the Criminal Justice Student Association. After graduation I plan on attending USF then UF and my goals include working with a law enforcement agency, being an Assistant State Attorney and possibly Congress. I want to wish the best of luck to all students in regards to their educational, personal, and career goals throughout their lifetime.
What’s Going On
On-Line Degrees

The HCC Criminal Justice Undergraduate Studies Program now offers fully On-Line Degrees in Criminal Justice.

You can now get your A.S. or A.A.S. in Criminal Justice as well as you’re A.A. Justice Administration completely On-Line without ever attending a classroom.

For more information go to:
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/online-program.aspx

What’s Coming Up
CJSA & CJT Activities

The Criminal Justice Student Association is planning two events:

1) On October 22, 2010 there will be a Halloween get-together

2) On November 11, 2010 there will be a guest speaker

More details to follow. Please contact Dr. Darwin Driggers if you would like to assist.

Criminal Justice Advising

DEGREE CODING

By Dr. Michael Reichard

Many Criminal Justice Majors are mis-coded - that means the College has you listed as seeking some other degree. That may be College error, it may be that you changed your degree without notifying Admissions, or it may have been your choice based on mistaken information. This problem could end up delaying your graduation or Advising referring you to the wrong courses. Find out how you are coded and let us know if it is wrong and we’ll correct it.

REMEMBER
Don’t Forget.....
Use the Criminal Justice Web Site for all your advising needs:
http://www.hccfl.edu/cjt

REMINDER
The Criminal Justice A.S. Degree is one of seven A.S. Degrees which can transfer to Public Universities toward a Bachelors Degree.

CJT - Tremendous Program Growth

By Dr. Michael Reichard

The Criminal Justice Program regularly looks to add new course selections to ensure our students the broadest and most diverse criminal justice education.

Since so many of our students are looking at going on to a four year degree, we are looking to add new courses designed to introduce you to the theory based courses common at the University level. We are looking at adding classes on Criminal Theory and Criminal Justice Research in coming semesters.

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“We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don’t know anything and can’t read”. (Mark Twain)
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As one student said, "I can't believe a college president could be so friendly and
down to earth". Afterwards Dr. Atwater
posed for photos with students, faculty,
and staff. Students even took pictures
with their cell phones.

Our Mission

The Criminal Justice Technology Under-
graduate Studies Program is an undergradu-
ate college program at Hillsborough Com-
munity 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 Under-
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