Our Second Annual Criminal Justice Teach-In A Success

By Dr. Darwin Driggers and Paul Rocha

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program presented its Second Annual HCC Criminal Justice Teach In on February 22 and 23, 2012, with assistance from the Criminal Justice Student Association. It was last year’s successful Teach-In that was the deciding factor in making this year’s teach-in a two day event and inviting fifteen speakers. This year’s guest speakers were representatives from area law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice.

Our first day began with Elaine Terenzi, Chief US Probation Officer for the Middle District of Florida, who focused on human trafficking, domestic violence, and presented a power point presentation that dealt with criteria of criminals that paralleled with offender rehabilitation. During her presentation it was so very clear that childhood upbringing, social influence, peers, and positive role modeling is crucial to positive personality development. Then Rocky Brancato, Director of Training for the Hillsborough Public Defender’s Office, showed slides on the roles and responsibilities of the Public Defender’s Office. In one of those slides he discussed the U.S. Supreme Court landmark case of Gideon v. Wainwright (1963) and how it is the duty of the states to provide counsel to indigent defendants charged with crimes. Chief Thomas Longo of the USF Police Department discussed property crimes and drug incidents that occur on campus as well as different units inside his department. Property crimes are a problem on campus as students rely on their bike to get them around on campus or their laptop to write reports in class. Chief Longo made the comment that he enjoys being Chief of Police because that’s where he feels he can make the biggest difference.

Special Agent-In-Charge Rick Ramirez of FDLE’s Tampa Region then spoke and stressed the need for a four year college career, and ten years or more law enforcement experience to become a FDLE special agent. SAC Ramirez expressed that there are four fundamental values for all FDLE agents: integrity, respect, quality, and service. SAC Ramirez was very enthusiastic and upbeat and often joked with the students keeping the mood positive. Warden Mary Holcomb of the Hernando Correctional Institution (FDOC) discussed working in both female and male prisons. She spoke of overcoming male inmate attempts at dominance over her as a female. Warden Holcomb discussed the challenges that the FDOC has had during its entire history. On her being successful Warden Holcomb made the impressive comment, “to be accepted I knew I had to be the best”. US Coast Guard Deputy Sector Commander Peter Martin informed students about the authority of the coast guard and discussed illegal smuggling of drugs and firearms. He showed students pictures of the different units of the United States Coast Guard and answered questions the students had.

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Announcements

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

Greetings to our readers:
Welcome to the fourth issue of the second volume of HCC’s Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program newsletter, Criminal Justice Today. 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. Reichard, Editor and Program Manager

Announcements

Use the Criminal Justice Web Site and Program Guide for all your advising needs:
www.hccfl.edu/cjt

HCC Criminal Justice Program on Facebook
www.facebook.com
A View From the Bench... Vehicle Searches

By Judge Nick Nazaretian

Florida residents wake every day with both their Federal and State Constitutional protections. However, throughout the day these protections may change as you proceed with your daily activities. Your right to privacy protection from government intrusion is one such ever changing process. The courts have long held citizens enjoy an expectation of privacy in their daily lives. This expectation is at its highest when you are within your home. Therefore police action at your home requires a great deal of court authorization. However persons in motor vehicles have a reduced expectation of privacy when driving or riding in a car. Windows allow law enforcement and others to view the interior of the vehicle. In addition, the courts have justified warrantless searches of motor vehicles due to their mobility within society.

The general rule for car searches is that the police must possess probable cause to search in order to conduct a valid motor vehicle search. While there is a reduction of the level of privacy in a motor vehicle, the traditional level of probable cause must be present to justify a search. The police are allowed to search your vehicle in some cases with less than probable cause. This occurs at roadblocks for alcohol consumption, consent of the car owner, searches following the drivers arrest as a search incident to an arrest and inventory searches. The court's next analysis with car searches will be the scope of the search. How far and exactly where can the police search within your car? Assuming your vehicle has been stopped legitimately and probable cause exists to search, the general rule concerning scope of a vehicle search dictates that the area of the automobile to be searched depends upon the nature and size of the object that is the goal of the search. For example, searching for a stolen laser printer would permit a trunk search, but not a search of the ash tray.

It essential to remember before getting behind the wheel of your car, that driving is a privilege not a right. The State of Florida extensively regulates your motor vehicle. This privilege may be revoked upon certain violations of the law. As the driver of your vehicle, you are responsible for who and what is in your vehicle.

Criminal judges face these questions and issues everyday in court. These determinations help keep our society free from criminals while at the same time protecting innocent citizens from illegal government intrusion. I invite you to the court house to see your criminal justice system in action. You are welcome anytime.

The author acknowledges the use of Criminal Procedure and Constitutional Protections, 2nd edition, Pearson Custom Publishing. "View from the Bench" will return next time with Search Warrants.

Nick Nazaretian is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminal Justice Program and is a Circuit Court Judge in Hillsborough County.

New Internships with the Medical Examiner’s Office

Criminology and Criminal Justice Technology students will now have the opportunity to intern with the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner’s Office. Our students will have two options when applying for an internship with the Medical Examiner. First, the Autopsy Technician internship will allow our students to shadow, and assist, when appropriate, pathologists and medical school students as they register human and non-human remains into the medical examiner’s facility, process identification information, photograph remains and document trauma, and prepare agency records. Through this internship, students will be provided the opportunity for an up close and personal glimpse into forensic procedures from a pathology perspective. Second, students will have the option to apply for Medico-legal Death Investigator internships. Here, students will shadow, and assist, when appropriate, death investigations whereby the Medical Examiner is establishing the cause of death. This internship will allow student to be exposed to how witnesses are interviewed as well as to death scene related crime scene photography, inspecting bodies, examining the scene, and documenting the chain of custody of evidence.

Criminal Justice Internship Applications & Information
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/criminal

Criminal Justice Field Studies Applications & Information
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/criminal

Criminal Justice Directed Research Applications & Information
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/criminal

“...The jury, passing on the prisoner’s life, May in the sworn twelve have a thief or two Guiltier than him they try.”
William Shakespeare Measure for Measure
CJSA Honors Fallen Clay County Deputy David White

By Paul Rocha, CJSA President

On February 23, 2012 members of the Criminal Justice Student Association and along with special attendees Chief Jane Castor (TPD), and Major Alan Hill (HCSO) joined together, with heavy hearts, in front of the flag poles of the Ybor City Campus Public Services Technology Building. The event was to pay tribute to recently fallen Deputy David White from the Clay County Sheriff’s Office. On February 16, 2012 Deputy White was killed while conducting a raid on a suspected drug house in Middleburg, Florida. Detective White was a military veteran and served with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office for nine years. A speech and poem was read by the CJSA President, followed by attendees bowing their heads in silence as Taps was played by HCC Music Student James Coyne in remembrance of Deputy David White. Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice many law enforcement officers have given for their communities.

Criminal Justice Speaker Series... Det. Eric Houston, TPD Homicide

By Valentin Gallegos, CJSA Trustee

On April 4, 2012, Detective Eric Houston, a detective with the Tampa Police Department Homicide Unit spoke to a full room of attentive criminal Justice students about homicide cold cases. While speaking he showed slides on past open and closed cold cases. One of the cases he spoke about involved a mummified body. He told the students that if you inject the hand with saline solution it will balloon up and then the fingerprints can be lifted off of the hand. The information might take a while to come back after it goes through the networks of information. An example Detective Houston gave was DNA. It can take up to months and even years to come back unlike on TV where it comes back after the commercials. Another interesting fact he gave was that the average homicide report can be eight hundred pages long. Detective Houston gave an excellent presentation and he showed students that no victim is ever forgotten by law enforcement.

Student Profiles... Congratulations to Paul Rocha

Paul Rocha is a Criminal Justice major who is currently in his last two semesters and is the current President of the Criminal Justice Student Association. Paul was recently sworn in as a City of Tampa Police Officer (Reserve). This process took one year to complete from initial application and background investigation to actual hire date. Paul completed the HCC Law Enforcement Academy in 2009 and the Reserve Officer Holdover training at the Tampa Police Dept. Paul is now completing the Field Training Evaluation Program and is assigned to District 2 (Busch Gardens) and performs duties on the evening shift from 3pm-3am. The reserve unit Paul is assigned to is due to participate in the security deployment for the upcoming Republican National Convention (RNC) in August 2012. Paul plans to eventually become a full time police officer with Tampa Police. Congratulations and good luck to Paul Rocha.

New Law Enforcement Internships with the Florida Wildlife Commission

HCC now offers Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement internships. FWC officers provide protection to residents and visitors and enforce resource protection and boating safety laws in the woods and on the waters of the State. FWC officers have full police powers and statewide jurisdiction. They patrol rural, wilderness, inshore and offshore areas and State parks. Officers also enforce federal marine fisheries and wildlife laws. There are six regions throughout the state responsible for uniformed patrol and investigations.
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Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program

Direct Program to Student E-Mailing is here

“The law values human life more than people do.”
Mark Ober, Hillsborough State Attorney

Hillsborough Judge William Fuente

Rocky Brancato, Director of Training, Hillsborough Public Defender Office

Elaine Terenzi, Chief Federal Probation Officer, Tampa

Commander Peter Martin, Deputy Sector Commander, US Coast Guard

U.S. District Court Judge James Moody, Jr.

HCSO Major Allan Hill

U.SF Chief of Police Thomas Longo

FDLE Tampa Region Special Agent-In-Charge Rick Ramirez

Hillsborough State Attorney Mark Ober
Judge William Fuente, 13th Judicial Circuit, reflected to the students that he was never going to be a lawyer and instead had hopes of becoming a doctor. He outlined to the class the specific aspects of the criminal justice process from elements of probable cause, the arrest, preliminary hearing, arraignment, pre-trial conferences, plea negotiations and ended with the sentencing alternatives. Our final speaker on our first day was Jon Loftheim, Regional Detention Director for FDJJ, who was accompanied by Colette Anzotto and Asst. Supt. Shannon Burch. These three individuals all mentioned one important thing, which is in their mission statement: “to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.”

Our second day began with Special Agent In Charge Steven Ibison of the FBI in Tampa, who showed a video of the agency’s one hundred year history. He discussed worldwide and domestic terrorism and its effects on social structure. He also discussed human trafficking and how humans are exported and transported within the United States. SAC Ibison made a final comment to students: “all of you have a job and that is to be successful in life.” United States Attorney Robert O’Neill, Middle District of Florida, then addressed the students by revealing the top federal cases that are prosecuted in the Middle District of Florida: human trafficking, public corruption and importation of large amounts of cocaine and heroin. He pointed out the most recent corruption case prosecuted where a county commissioner received a lengthy federal prison sentence.

Chief Jane Castor of the Tampa Police Department then spoke and presented data on the reduction of burglary, auto theft and robbery crimes in Tampa. She discussed positive aspects of TPD in terms of new hires, reserve officers, special and existing units, and how they impact the decline in crime and she talked about concerns with the upcoming RNC. Major Alan Hill, Commander Of Training for HCSO, focused on a step by step layout of the process of hiring new deputies, from the basic application, the testing, a two week special training in the SOT program, and then the Police Academy. He made clear Law Enforcement is a passion and must be a career.

Hillsborough County State Attorney Mark Ober was a very inspirational speaker indicating that all those employed in the Criminal Justice System must give back to our communities by being effective role models. Mr. Ober reflected that there are 100,000 adults in Florida prisons and 13,000 juveniles in the juvenile system. “People’s freedom and peace within our communities are up-permost, and those who disturb this order will be prosecuted and imprisoned”.

US District Judge, James Moody Jr. discussed many aspects of the Federal Trial and Appellate Courts and the roles each level plays in the federal system. Our final speaker was Lead Chief Probation Officer Timothy Niermann of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and he discussed the overall concepts of supervision of juveniles on probation and community supervision and its similarity to adult felony supervision.

The Second Annual HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In was a resounding success and all of our speakers, students, faculty, and staff attending were enthusiastic and enjoyed it.

Dr. Darwin Driggers is a senior adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and the Faculty Advisor for the Criminal Justice Student Association; Paul Rocha is President of the Criminal Justice Student Association.
CJSA Joins With Home Depot Again in Community Service

By Alex Craver, CJSA Trustee

On February 4, 2012, the Criminal Justice Student Association worked together again with Home Depot to host their monthly Kids Workshop. The Home Depot by Gandy hosts this event the first Saturday of each month so that kids and their families can work together to build creative pieces out of spare wood materials. This month, the kids were able to paint in a variety of different colors. The turn out in attendance was massive. The Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) helped by signing each individual child up for the event and assisted the children and their families put together their projects. We not only had current members of the club participate, but even past members. If you have an interest in participating in this event, please contact CJSA advisor Dr. Driggers.

Our Instructors... New Faculty Join Our Program

Christopher Sabella is a Circuit Judge with the 13th Judicial Circuit, appointed by Governor Bush in 2006. Judge Sabella is a Tampa native and an alumnus of Jesuit High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida State University where he majored in Psychology and his Jurist Doctor Degree from Stetson Law School in 1992. Upon graduation, he began working for the Hillsborough County Sheriff as legal counsel. In 1996, Judge Sabella was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida where he handled civil and criminal asset forfeiture cases and prosecuted federal criminal cases. In 1998, he returned to the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office as the Deputy Chief Legal Advisor. Judge Sabella has conducted training to thousands of state and federal officers through the Multi-Jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force in the areas of conspiracy prosecutions, courtroom testimony and constitutional law. In 2004, Judge Sabella was appointed, as the Florida Association of Police Attorneys representative to the Governor’s Task Force on Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force and then as a subject matter expert on the FDLE committee that developed the state curriculum for the “Investigation and Supervision of Officer Involved Shootings.” While working for the Sheriff, he defended both the agency and individual officers in civil rights and other law enforcement-related liability cases in State and Federal Court. In his last two years with the Sheriff’s Office, he was the lead attorney defending the agency in the aftermath of the Sabrina Aisenberg missing baby case. He supervised several detectives conducting the ongoing investigation and following new leads in the disappearance of Sabrina Aisenberg. In July 2010, Judge Sabella was recognized by Tampa Bay Magazine as Tampa Bay’s Top Lawyer in Law Enforcement. Since Judge Sabella has been on the bench, he has been an instructor at the HCC Law Enforcement Academy and he has presided over hundreds of hearings and trials.

Philip Thompson, M.S.

Mr. Thompson is a retired Police Chief from the Dade City Police Department where he served twenty years as Police Chief in his hometown. Mr. Thompson is a thirty four year veteran of law enforcement and he was also employed by the Brooksville Police Department, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Thompson is also an Adjunct Instructor in Criminal Justice for Saint Leo University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology in 2001 from Saint Leo University and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University in 2006.

Did You Know:

In 2011, 12% of the population reported being a victim of identity theft and 10% reported being victimized by a computer internet-based crime.

Sourcebook of Crim Just Statistics

REMINDER

A.S. Programs now have an Advisor located at the YPST Building: Jodi Haller Room 138

C R I M I N A L  J U S T I C E  T O D A Y
So You Want To Go To Law School?

By Dr. Mindy Neal

While earning an Associate in Science Degree from HCC’s Criminal Justice Studies Program, our students are offered nine different tracks from which to choose as a focus for their studies. Among these tracks is the pre-law track. Many of our students are now expressing interest in this track as well as in eventually attending law school and earning a law degree. To those students who think they might want to go to law school, my advice is quite simple: make your expectations and be proactive in your planning.

A law degree is not simply a career choice; it is a field of study that offers a wide range of career options to a student. It is for this reason that I think a law degree is a great goal to have. However, be prepared for a long, expensive, and often difficult, road. After earning a bachelor’s degree, law school is another three years of full-time study and four years if you are a part-time student; both are a big commitment. Because there are so many options with a law degree, I encourage students to do their own research and be proactive in their career planning. Do you want to be a litigator in the courtroom or work outside the courtroom? Do you prefer civil law or criminal law? Do you aspire to be a judge one day? You may not wish to practice law in the traditional sense at all, but rather work in the government, politics or academia - all of which are options open to one with a law degree, a true benefit of the degree.

Once you have determined that law school is for you, do your research and know what it takes to get into law school. Because the competition to get into law school is fierce and there are more applicants than seats, you must be pro-active in your planning. First, you must have a bachelor’s degree with a good GPA; admission boards will look at how rigorous your coursework was and how well you did in it. Second, you must take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), which is administered four times per year, usually February, June, October and December. You will take your initial LSAT in your junior year to ensure that you have time to retake it if necessary. Desired LSAT scores vary from school to school, so you will need to research the school’s requirements when you are applying. Lastly, you will submit a personal statement when applying to law school. This is your opportunity to let the law school committee know who you are and your significant accomplishments in life that set you apart from the other applicants.

If you have chosen a career in law and know that law school is something to which you aspire, I encourage you and wish you luck. It is a degree that has opened many doors to me in my career and ultimately led me to where I am today – a professor of law at HCC, a job I love and would not have but for my law degree.

Dr. Neal is a full time member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Criminal Justice Careers... Profiling and Profilers

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

Students who enroll in the Forensic Psychology course offered by the Criminal Justice Studies Program are often surprised to learn that the field encompasses a broad array of specialties. Specific misconceptions about the professional roles of “criminal profilers” are fueled by sensational depictions in popular media through shows such as Criminal Minds, The Mentalist, and CSI. Therefore, an objective of the Forensic Psychology course is to outline the professional responsibilities of criminal profilers, the education expected of those who wish to pursue this role, and the anticipated career opportunities. Criminal profiling requires one’s ability to predict patterns and narrow the range of suspects based upon the characteristics of a crime scene. Criminal profilers assess potential psychological and behavioral traits as well as geographical and demographic information to formulate hypotheses about who may be responsible for crimes that extend beyond that of serial murder. Generally, those who work as profilers are forensic psychologists who have earned advanced degrees and state-specific licensure. Furthermore, most criminal investigations do not necessitate the need for a criminal profiler; hence, profiling is generally only one aspect of the forensic psychologist’s overall job responsibilities. In other words, full-time employment opportunities for those who wish to exclusively devote their career on criminal profiling is uncommon. However, focusing on criminal profiling as one aspect of one’s career in forensic psychology can be a rewarding way to contribute to the criminal justice profession.

Cindy Moore, M.A., is a full time member of the faculty of the Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Our Graduates... Profiles of our Alumni...

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

Semir graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology in the Summer of 2010. Interestingly, in 2001, at the age of twelve, Semir and his family moved to Tampa, Florida, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, to explore a new life and opportunities. He did not know English when he initially enrolled in middle school at Memorial Middle School in Tampa. Semir later graduated from Hillsborough High School in 2007 and then chose to pursue his A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology at the Ybor City campus of HCC. Following his graduation from HCC, Semir enrolled at the University of South Florida and will complete his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice in May 2012. After graduation in May, Semir has been selected to spend the summer in Istanbul, Turkey where he will teach English to children. In October, he plans to move back to his home city of Gracanica, Bosnia and Herzegovina and pursue a career in policing or with SIPA (State Investigation Protection Agency). Semir states that the academic rigor at HCC and the internship experience with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s office prepared him well for continued academic success. When Semir leaves Tampa in October, he states that he will miss the beautiful and historic Ybor campus, but will remember the positive academic experiences and the intellectually challenging interaction with faculty and student peers. He said he looks forward to returning to Bosnia and Herzegovina so that he may “give back” to his community by sharing his worldview experiences and serving the community through law enforcement.

Cindy Moore, M.A., is a full time member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.
REMINDER

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

For A Complete List of Criminal Justice Textbooks:
http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/textbooks.aspx

C R I M I N A L  J U S T I C E  T O D A Y

More New Internships Offered Effective Fall 2012

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Criminology and Criminal Justice Technology students will have the opportunity to work closely with personnel who are investigating allegations of animal cruelty, abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Students may assist, when appropriate, impounding animals in distress, investigating dangerous dog allegations, interviewing citizens, and preparing reports and maintaining agency records. Student interns will become significantly knowledgeable regarding county ordinances and Florida state laws relating to animals.

THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY

The Spring of Tampa Bay is one of the largest certified domestic violence shelters in the nation. The Spring provides leadership initiatives to protect victims and pursue action against the abusers. They offer life-saving services and are actively involved in restoring family peace. They offer a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, outreach, legal assistance, transitional housing, thrift operations, youth education, juvenile offender program, and the Love Shouldn’t Hurt program. Criminology and Criminal Justice Technology student interns will have the opportunity to assist in the administrative functions of the agency.

AMI KIDS

AMI Kids is a national non-profit organization which provides positive opportunities for young adults. AMI Kids is considered one of the most effective juvenile justice and alternative education programs in the country. The needs of the youth are generally met through several program options such as the residential program, day treatment program, infinity alternative school, the WINGS program (a program focusing on the needs of young woman), or through family treatment. Our student interns will have the opportunity to work closely with counselors who are managing cases and to work with administrative personnel.

Criminal Justice Speaker Series... Lt. Susan Ball, HCSO Jail

By Valentin Gallegos, CJSA Trustee

On February 15, 2012, the first speaker of the Criminal Justice Program Speaker Series spoke. The speaker was Lieutenant Susan Ball who gave an informative and energetic lecture about the detention side of law enforcement. Some of the interesting points of the lecture were that Falkenburg Road Jail was originally built to house 3300 inmates and currently holds 3072 and the jail is split into pods that hold about 72 inmates with one deputy to watch them all. That is when Lieutenant Ball explained why the training that you go through before getting hired is so important. The training for a detention deputy is about 2 years. In that time span the Trainers try to see if you have what it takes to be in this line of work; for example when you have to take action against an inmate, will you fight, freeze, or take flight. She explained that another plus to working for H.C.S.O Detention is the starting salary is forty-four thousand dollars. They offer life-saving services and are actively involved in restoring family peace. They offer a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, outreach, legal assistance, transitional housing, thrift operations, youth education, juvenile offender program, and the Love Shouldn’t Hurt program. Criminology and Criminal Justice Technology student interns will have the opportunity to assist in the administrative functions of the agency.

Our Instructors... Profiles of your Faculty...

Kenneth Minton, Ed.D.

Kenneth Minton is a Senior Adjunct with the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program. He is a retired Deputy Sheriff from Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, where he served 18 years as a Law Enforcement Deputy, Field Training Officer, and Crime Scene Detective and remains a Reserve 1 Deputy. He formerly served in the U.S. Army, including 14 years as a Special Agent with the Criminal Investigations Division and 8 years with Military Intelligence, retiring with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. He is a current Adjunct Instructor with Saint Leo University, as well as Hillsborough Community College and previously was on the Adjunct Staff of the University of Maryland and Central Texas College. He has an Associate in Arts in Law Enforcement and Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). In 2011, he was awarded a Doctorate in Education (Instructional Leadership, with a Concentration in Higher Education), by Argosy University.
What’s Coming Up
CJSA & CJT Activities

4/17/2012
CJSA Dog Food Donation Event with the Tampa Police K9 Association

4/21/2012
Paint Your Heart Out Tampa (Home repair and rehabilitation)

4/27/2012
Prison Tour/ Hernando Correctional Institution

4/18/2012 and 4/25/12
CJSA Guest Speakers

What’s Going On
New Internships

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program has entered into agreements with the following local government agencies to provide our students with some new internship opportunities:

- Hillsborough Medical Examiner
- Florida Wildlife Commission
- Hillsborough Animal Control
- The Spring of Tampa Bay
- AMI Kids

By: Ms. Jada Bush, M.S.

Domestic and Sexual Violence is a new course that was offered for the first time during the Spring 2012 academic term. This course is designed to examine the various expressions of violence within the family structure. Students will study the psychological and social causes of domestic and sexual violence, recognizing its signs, and studying its effect on its victims as well as programs and policies for prevention and treatment. Upon successful completion of this course, students will understand the nature, extent, causes, and consequences of the different types of domestic violence, and the theoretical perspectives on domestic violence. The class incorporates practical, social, political, and moral issues connected to intervention and prevention of domestic violence as well as psychological, sociological, and legal issues related to sexual abuse. Also studied are the different sex offenses under law and typologies of the violent sex offender. Knowledge and training in this subject area is necessary for criminal justice students as well as practitioners who work in criminal justice professions such as law enforcement, corrections, and law. This course will provide the tools and skills to assist victims and their families, to effectively enforce family violence laws, and to prevent further abuse. This course encourages open dialogue on topics such as child abuse, spouse and partner abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic homicide. Students are provided the opportunity to demonstrate how theory can translate to action through policy, as well as the importance of research in this field and data collection methods. Current events are incorporated into each class to produce a dynamic and engaging learning experience relevant to diverse areas of academic interest. The issues of domestic and sexual violence affect people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, and socioeconomic backgrounds. These issues have direct physical and emotional consequences for tens of thousands of victims, family members, and children. Domestic and sexual violence clearly impact the community as a whole. These criminal acts present a challenge for multiple disciplines, particularly those in criminal justice fields.

Jada Bush is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and works with the Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice.
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.

Our Partnership with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

By Dr. Darwin Driggers

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program has partnered with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. As many students know, a representative from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay has been coming to many of our criminal justice classes to introduce the agency as a whole and to recruit volunteers as mentors. Danielle Laughlin, Director of Partnership Development, has made presentations to many of our criminal justice classes and at Criminal Justice Student Association meetings. Mrs. Laughlin has also conducted a training session for mentor volunteers here at the Ybor City Campus.

In each presentation, Mrs. Laughlin talked about the many children (ages 5-12) in Hillsborough County who live in a one parent home environment and who are in great need of positive role models in their young lives. She explained that there are two different types of mentoring. One type of mentoring is site based, which is done at an assigned school for one hour a week. The second type of mentoring is community based, which is where you spend time outside with an individual child for nine hours per month. Children can be taken to local beaches, movies, theme parks, city, county and state recreational parks and other local activities that benefit the youth in terms of positive interaction with the mentor.

Mrs. Laughlin explained that all applicants are given a prior record/background investigation prior to approval as a mentor. Mentoring with the Big Brothers Big Sisters is really fun, educational and most of all rewarding. "It is really amazing how much positive impact that mentors have on our youth, as they go through personality development", Mrs. Laughlin explained. For further information please visit Big brothers Big Sisters website at www.bbbssf.org She encouraged any of our students who wished to volunteer to contact her by email at danielle.laughlin@bbbsfl.org.