Greetings to our readers:
Welcome to the third issue of the third 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:

hccfl.edu/cjt

HCC Criminal Justice Program on Facebook
www.facebook.com

On February 20 and 21, 2013, the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program will present its Third Annual “Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In.”

This event, patterned after the national Great American Teach-In and highly successful in its first two years, will feature numerous guest speakers from our local Criminal Justice agencies. This event will be held at the Ybor City Campus YPST Building, room 314, with speakers scheduled from 8:00am to 5:00pm on both days. Speakers will be scheduled every 90 minutes throughout both days. Great effort has been made to bring to our students, staff, and guests many of the leaders of our local criminal justice system.

The Criminal Justice Student Association will provide refreshments.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20
8:00 am  Rocky Brancato, Director of Training, Hillsborough County Public Defender’s Office
9:30 am  Robert O’Neill, U.S. Attorney Middle District of Florida
11:00 am  Morris Silberman, Chief Judge 2nd District Court of Appeals, Fla
12:30 pm  Israel Cadieux, Special Agent in Charge  Tampa Region, U.S. Army, C.I.D.
2:00 pm  Steven Ibison, Special Agent in Charge  Tampa Office, F.B.I.
3:30 pm  Alex Hall, Branch Chief, Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Florida
5:00 pm  Virginia Hernandez-Covington U.S. District Court Judge Middle District of Florida

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21
8:00 am  Major Dennis Post Southwest Regional Commander Florida Wildlife Commission
9:30 am  Rick Ramirez, Special Agent in Charge Tampa Region, F.D.L.E.
11:00 am  Thomas McFayden, Director, Central Region Residential Facilities, F.D.J.J.
12:30 pm  Colonel James Previtera Operational Support Department Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office
2:00 pm  Jane Castor, Chief of Police Tampa Police Department
3:30 pm  Shelly Tomlison Deputy Circuit Administrator Community Corrections, F.D.O.C.

The 3rd Annual Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In Is Coming

OUR NEW LOOK
As part of the college’s efforts to refine and redefine the HCC brand, this newsletter has been updated to reflect the overall HCC look. A new HCC Hawk was unveiled last month. For more information on the college’s visual identity including colors, fonts and seals, you can go to: http://www.hccfl.edu/inside-files/brandmanual2011.
A View From the Bench... The Arraignment

By Judge Nick Nazaretian

Our November 2012 article dealt with what happens to the suspect at their first court appearance. In this article, we will discuss the suspects second court appearance, the arraignment. The suspect who was first arrested on the standard of probable cause now appears before the court formally charged with a crime. Typically from arrest to being officially being charged takes about 21 days. The State Attorney's office (SAO) begins the case review process soon after the arrest. The SAO reviews the CRA (criminal report affidavit), police reports, speaks with witnesses and gathers information so as to make a charging decision or not. This process is called the intake process. The SAO has three (3) options per charge:
1) They can either officially charge the suspect with the same charge he/she was arrested for;
2) They can officially charge the suspect with a lesser charge than he/she was arrested for;
3) They can decide to not file official charges against the suspect.

The essential aspects of this charging decision revolve around the burden of proof. The suspect is arrested by the Police (representing the Executive Branch of the Government). This arrest process requires a finding of probable cause against the suspect. If the suspect is officially charged, then the SAO (representing the Judicial Branch) must prove the charge BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. This is a very important distinction. There may be enough evidence to arrest but not convict the suspect in court. These two (2) burdens of proof differ greatly. It is this difference that explains why the charges may be different once the defendant gets to court.

Once the defendant gets officially charged, he/she receives an arraignment court date. The Arraignment process involves two (2) steps:
1. The Defendant is informed of what he/she is officially charged with;
2. The Defendant has to enter a plea to each of the charges he/she faces.

The Defendant has choices of what to plead: Guilty, Not Guilty or No Contest. Guilty admits the accusation(s); Not Guilty denies the accusation(s); and No Contest neither admits or denies guilt but informs the court that the defendant wants to resolve the case. Typically, the Defendant always enters a plea of Not Guilty at the arraignment. This is due because quite often the defendant is unaware of all the particulars against him or her. This is also true if the defendant has obtained counsel at the arraignment stage. The Defendant's counsel will want to prepare his or her client's case. Therefore, the Not Guilty plea will be entered and thus counsel will have time to defend their client. The arraignment process takes only but a few minutes, but often times is only the beginning of the long journey for the Defendant through the criminal justice process. In our next issue, we will discuss the Appointment of Counsel and the Discovery process.

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.

Alpha Xi Delta - HCC Chapter, American Criminal Justice Association

By Jenny Meneses, AXD President

As President of Alpha Xi Delta, HCC's chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association, I wanted to personally welcome students to consider joining our association. The primary mission of Alpha Xi Delta/ACJA is to improve criminal justice through educational activities, foster professionalism in law enforcement personnel and agencies, promote professional, academic, and public awareness of criminal justice issues, encourage the establishment and expansion of higher education and professional training in criminal justice, provide a unified voice for professionals in, and students of, criminal justice, promote high standards of ethical conduct, professional training, and higher education within the criminal justice field. As a member, students will receive a membership certificate, membership card, membership pin, ACJA sticker, national journals and newsletter, access to job information, and acknowledgement for exemplary academic achievement. If you are currently pursuing a program of study in Criminology/Criminal Justice and would like more information, please contact our faculty advisor, Cindy Moore, at cmoore49@hccfl.edu. Applications for membership are available in the reception area in YPST. Thank you for considering joining our association and becoming actively involved at HCC.

By Jenny Meneses, AXD President
By Chad Hawkins, CJSA Member

On January 31, 2013, the Criminal Justice Student Association welcomed Sergeant Pam Perry and Corporal Ken Vetzel from Hillsborough County Animal Services to speak to our students. Sergeant Perry and Corporal Vetzel work in animal investigations and they informed the students of the epidemic in Florida of animal abuse. Students were able to view first hand several case files on animal abuse. Students also watched a recorded video of a dog fighting ring. Sergeant Perry also discussed the "Cat Lady", who was a type of person that suffers from compulsive hoarding of animals and may have tendencies to abuse animals as a result.

There is a growing problem with dog and cock fighting rings around the Tampa Bay area. Mexican cartels have even shipped dogs to the Tampa Bay area because in some local counties the laws are deficient in animal abuse. The HCAS recently caught national attention for saving 26 pit bulls from a Plant City home that was involved in illegal dog fighting.

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ERNEST H. DINKEI, JR. M.S.

Mr. Dinkel had the honor of serving in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer and retired as a Colonel after 30 years of service. His military assignments have taken him throughout the United States and worldwide including Panama, Vietnam, Europe, Korea and the Middle East. These assignments included duties as Provost Marshal (Chief of Police) for three major Army installations, and Group and Battalion Commander of Military Police and Criminal Investigation (CID) units. Additionally, he served as an instructor at the United States Army Military Police School and the Army War College. His numerous awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two awards of the Legion and Merit, and two awards of the Bronze Star Medal.

His education includes a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Physical Education from East Tennessee State University and a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science from The George Washington University. Additionally, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the DEA Police Officers course, and numerous criminal justice specialized courses. He has also completed a Fellowship in Forensic Medicine and is also a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

In addition to his military teaching experience, he has taught at Pikes Peak Community College, and, for the past seven years, at Southwest Florida College.

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 3-6 months in advance to guarantee a seat. Applications for Directed Research should be submitted to Dr. Neal and applications for the Internship and Field Studies should be submitted to Dr. Reichard. Students are not allowed to register for these courses until their application is approved.

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

Our Internships... US HHS Inspector General’s Office

By Dr. Michael Reichard

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General’s Office of Investigations has internship positions available in its Tampa office. The Office of Investigations is responsible for conducting and coordinating investigative activities related to fraud, waste and abuse in the more than 300 HHS programs. They are responsible to investigate Medicare and Medicaid fraud, child support enforcement matters, and mismanagement by applicants, grantees, and contractors or by HHS employees in the performance of their official duties. Investigations often result in criminal, civil, or administrative action. The Inspector General’s Office of Investigations is staffed with criminal investigators known as Special Agents, who are federal law enforcement agents with the power to carry firearms and make arrests.

Students interning in the Inspector General’s Office of Investigations will be involved with support activities related to current investigations. HCC students have been interning at the Office of Investigations for many years now. You will have the opportunity to work with, assist, and observe the work of a federal investigative agency and participate in the investigation of crimes that include multi-million dollar frauds and government corruption. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Michael Reichard at mreichard@hccfl.edu.
Course Profiles... Introduction to Victimology

By Dr. Mindy Neal

“What about the victim?”

While this may seem like a mundane question, it is one that is often overlooked by our criminal justice system. The plight of victims of crimes is certainly not new, but the philosophy that embraces the plight of victims as a justice priority is. In the last thirty to forty years, the process of isolating victims or relegating them to nothing more than wit-

nesses for the state, began to change. With the rising crime rates of the 1960s and 1970s, came an increasing interest in the impact of crime and the criminal justice process on victims. Social movements (crime victim movements) emerged, which developed into a broad alliance of activists, support groups and advocacy organizations that lobbied for increased rights and expanded services for victims, educated the public, trained the criminal justice professionals and caregivers, designed and evaluated criminal justice policy, and developed innovative programs. A few of the major contributions in this process were the Civil Rights Movement, The Women’s Movement and the Law and Order Movement. The guiding principle of each was the belief that victims who otherwise would feel powerless and enraged can regain a sense of control over their lives through practical assistance, mutual support and involvement in the criminal justice process. A call for change was established and the public, politicians and the criminal justice system listened. As public sentiment grew for the victim’s plight, social scientists developed an interest in the victim as well. A new field, called Victimology, was established to investigate all aspects of victims of crime, from prevalence and demographics to needs and perspectives. Victimology is the scientific study of the physical, emotional, and financial harm people suffer because of illegal activities. How we look at crime and the criminal justice system has been transformed by simply asking the question “what about the victim?” Today, any student who wants to be informed in crime and justice must understand what we know about the victims of crimes.

Students at Hillsborough Community College can do just that by taking the course Introduction to Victimology. In this course we cover the history of the victim’s movement, the creation of victimology as a social science, as well as take a balanced and comprehensive view of the important controversies and dilemmas in the criminal justice policy and practice regarding victims today. The material covered provokes students to think carefully and critically about the importance of the victim’s movement for criminal justice policy.

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

Profiles of our Alumni...

Yasser Dandashly

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies faculty take pride in tracking the many successes of our alumni. We appreciate the opportunity to highlight the continued academic and professional accomplishments of our former students. This issue will highlight alumnus Yasser Dandashly.

Yasser graduated from Hillsborough Community College in 2010 and continued his undergraduate education at the University of South Florida where he completed dual degrees in both Criminology and Economics.

In speaking to Yasser, he explains that there was some indecision regarding career selection when he first enrolled at HCC. However, when he enrolled in the Criminology courses at HCC, he realized he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. When Yasser reflects on his educational path, he emphasizes the importance of building relationships and taking advantage of opportunities. Specifically, Yasser states that, “the relationships you can build with the professors due to small class sizes, and the one-on-one interaction you have with the staff is probably one of the most beneficial experiences I had while at HCC. To this day, I maintain the relationships I built with the professors at HCC, some of which wrote letters of recommendation that were pivotal in my job search. I also encourage students to take advantage of HCC’s internship program and the other various volunteer opportunities that are available as this was a key component to my opportunity to join a state agency. Last, HCC allowed me to easily transition to a large state school and the classroom rigor and academic expectations prepared me well for success at the undergraduate level and perhaps, the graduate level in the future.”

Today, Yasser holds the position of OPS Financial Investigator with the Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division which is the, “enforcement authority for all multi-circuit violations of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. The Division protects consumers by initiating investigations against entities that employ unfair methods of competition or unconscionable, deceptive and unfair practices in any trade or commerce.” Yasser was offered this position as a result of an internship he held with the Office of the Attorney General. Again, the faculty are pleased to share Yasser Dandashly’s academic and professional success and we look forward to witnessing his professional accomplishments in the future.

Ms Cindy Moore is a full time member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.
Criminal Justice Students to Attend Leadership Forum

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies faculty are pleased to announce that Ms. Jenny Meneses and Ms. Tamara Bagby have been selected to represent HCC at the 2013 Florida Leadership Forum on Faith and Values. Both students are leaders of our Criminal Justice student associations. Ms. Jenny Meneses is President of Alpha Xi Delta, our new Chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association. Ms. Tamara Bagby is the Secretary of the Criminal Justice Student Association. The forum will be held March 1-3, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida. Here, student leaders who represent colleges and universities from across the state, will interact with leaders from business, government, sports, and the arts and collaborate on ways to intersect work, faith, and values as a means to impact and lead our communities. We look forward to sharing their experiences in Tallahassee in our next edition of Criminal Justice Today.

Congratulations to Jenny and Tamara!

Ms. Cindy Moore is a full-time member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.
Criminal Justice Activities

What’s Coming Up

HCC Great Criminal Justice Teach-In
February 20 & 21, 2013, All Day, YPST 314

CJSA Speaker - DEA Special Agent Goldfinger
March 6, 2013, 2:30pm, YPST 320

CJSA Event - FDLE Tour - March, Date TBA

Alpha Xi Delta Speaker - Les Joughin III
April 3, 2013

CJSA Speaker - Maryln Shamblin, TampaBay Crisis Center
March 27, 2013, 2:30pm, YPST 320

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Summer 2013 Class Schedule is now available at:

Criminal Justice

What’s Going On

CJ News

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

Spring Speaker for Alpha Xi Delta... Les Joughin III

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

Alpha Xi Delta is pleased to announce that Les Joughin III will speak to its members as well as our larger HCC student community on the Ybor City Campus on April 3, 2013.

Mr. Joughin is a Tampa native and has 25 years of experience in both business and commercial litigation. Mr. Joughin’s areas of experience include business disputes, class action defense, commercial mortgage foreclosures and receiverships, and construction and intellectual property litigation. Mr. Joughin is a certified circuit court mediator (Florida Supreme Court) and has been recognized in Super Lawyers Magazine, Florida Trend’s Legal Elite, and in The Best Lawyers in America. An honors graduate of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Mr. Joughin will speak to our students about law school preparation at the undergraduate level, the law school admissions process, practicing law in the state of Florida, and the future outlook for students seeking a career in the legal profession. Specifics on time and room location will be publicized in the YPST building in March. We hope all HCC students who are interested in a career in law will join members of Alpha Xi Delta for this informative session.

Ms Cindy Moore is a full time member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.

ALPHA XI DELTA

New Board

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Ms. Cindy Moore

NEW COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program has Student Learning Tracks which are designed to offer our students recommendations as to the electives they should choose, based on the Criminal Justice Career they are seeking. Students can, however, take any criminal justice elective to meet their elective course requirements for graduation.

The course requirements to graduate with an A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice can be found at:

Advising Notes
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.

New Courses... Seminar on Gangs

By Jada Bush, M.S.

Gang violence is one of the most serious problems in contemporary public safety. According to the National Gang Center, approximately 3,550 jurisdictions across the United States have a problem with gangs, including Hillsborough County. In response to this rising trend of violent crime and dangerous offenders, we will offer a new Seminar Course, Introduction to Gangs, taught by Professor Jada Bush.

This class will more than scratch the surface of the gang issue. It will provide information on the history of gangs, how to identify gang activity in your community including gang specific colors, clothing, symbols and signs. Traditional gang patterns as well as non-traditional, hybrid gangs will be included into this curriculum, as well as their use of violence, drugs and guns.

Introduction to Gangs will provide a national overview of major types of gang activity around the United States. It will address not only the “what” of gangs, but also the “why” and “how.” It will examine reasons why youth join gangs and discuss community gang assessments and responses. In addition, it will provide information on appropriate prevention, intervention and suppression responses to gangs. Students will see what is being done to combat gang violence right here in Hillsborough County.

Professor Bush has attended over 200 hours of specialized gang training around the United States. She will introduce the Gangs Seminar for the first time this fall at HCC Ybor campus. For more information, you can contact jbush16@hccfl.edu.

This new course will be offered as: CCJ-2936, Seminar in Criminal Justice, Topic: Introduction to Gangs

Jada Bush is a Senior Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program

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