Employees from Federal Correctional Institution, Fort Dix Speak About Career Opportunities with the Bureau of Prisons

On April 23, 2013, employees from FCI Fort Dix spoke to students about career opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Speakers included case managers, correctional officers, educators, reentry specialists, psychologists, and individuals working in many other departments at the facility. An audience of more than 50 students viewed individual presentations from each employee and then were able to speak directly with the representatives about job opportunities with the BOP. Students were able to learn about the many careers that are available within the BOP and the ability of employees with the BOP to move to other positions within the federal government. Speakers focused on their personal path into their career and how students can prepare themselves for similar careers within FCI Fort Dix and the BOP, in general. This event marked the first example of a recent partnership formed between FCI Fort Dix and Monmouth University.

Senior Matthew Doyle Receives the Wayne D. McMurray Award for Excellence

Senior Matthew Doyle was awarded the Wayne D. McMurray Award for Excellence in May of 2104 for his outstanding work as a student within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. His research to link the effects of Superstorm Sandy with academic achievement amongst students at Monmouth was of particular interest to the Dean’s Award Committee. A Criminal Justice major, Matthew earned a GPA of 3.97 and was also the winner of several other honors during his time at Monmouth, including the 2014 Monmouth University Police Department Law Enforcement Award. Matthew has served as a research assistant for Dr. Brion Sever and is currently pursuing his Master’s Degree in Homeland Security at Monmouth.
On February 19, 2014, Alpha Phi Sigma (APS), the Criminal Justice Honors Society, held their third annual Paws for a Cause event to raise funds toward the purchase of a bulletproof vest for a K9 officer of the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Department. The event showcased the members of the Monmouth County K9 Unit through the demonstration of search and patrol techniques. On March 26, 2014, Monmouth University President Paul R. Brown and APS President Catherine Musa presented a check for $300 to Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, while members of the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office and faculty members from the Department of Criminal Justice at Monmouth look on.

**Alpha Phi Sigma Raises $300 in 3rd Annual Paws for a Cause Event for the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office**

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**Where Are They Now? 2013-2014 Graduates**

- **Laura Garcia:** BA in CJ  
  May 2014  
  JD Candidate, Rutgers School of Law-Newark Class of 2017

- **Michael Upham:** BA in CJ  
  May 2014  
  Police Officer, Winchester Police Department, Winchester, VA

- **Felicia Pappalardo:** BA in CJ  
  May 2014  
  Police Officer, Brielle Police Department, Brielle, NJ
Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. John Comiskey successfully defended his dissertation, titled, “How do college homeland security curricula prepare students for homeland security?” to receive his doctorate in education from St. John Fisher College.

Dr. John Comiskey co-chaired a FEMA panel, titled, “Strengthening Preparedness and Resilience in Higher Education Workshop: Active Shooter”

Dr. Gregory Coram, Dr. Ron Reisner, and Dr. Brian Lockwood co-authored a study, titled, “To Pay or Not to Pay?: An Investigation of the Direct and Moderating Effects of Community Context on Citizen Willingness to Fund the Police” that appeared in *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*.

Dr. Peter Liu presented a paper at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Philadelphia, PA in February, titled, “College students’ attitudes towards physician-assisted suicide.”


The Department of Criminal Justice Welcomes Several New Faculty Members

**Laura J. Moriarty**
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Professor of Criminal Justice

Dr. Moriarty joins Monmouth University from her post as a tenured professor and vice provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), a public research university serving more than 30,000 students. As Monmouth’s chief academic officer, Moriarty will have broad responsibility for leading the university’s academic life across eight schools and five centers of distinction. Moriarty has more than 25 years of higher education experience, with 16 years of progressive administrative responsibility.

**Nicholas Sewitch**
Instructor

Professor Sewitch is a retired Middlesex County (NJ) Assistant Prosecutor. During his 29 years as a prosecutor he served as chief of the Homicide and Fatal Crash Investigation Units. He also served as Municipal Prosecutor Supervisor, Coordinator of the Middlesex County DWI-Traffic Safety Task Force, Coordinator of the Middlesex County Drug Recognition Expert Program, and Legal Advisor to the Hostage Recovery Team. Professor Sewitch is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College where he majored in Sociology and American Studies, and Seton Hall University Law School.

**Alexis Hayton**
Instructor

Ms. Hayton received her B.A. in Criminal Justice from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in 2002. After graduation, she relocated to Washington, DC and worked as a litigation paralegal at Williams and Connolly, LLP for a little over nine years. In 2012, she graduated with her M.S. in Criminal Justice, with a duel concentration in Criminology and Probation, Parole, and Corrections from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. She is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut.
On May 3, 2014, more than 45 students presented the results of their research studies to an audience that included Provost Thomas Pearson, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Stanton Green, the faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice, and the friends and families of the presenters. After the opening remarks, Professor Al Gorman and Dr. Peter Liu presented several students with departmental awards for their accomplishments (see below for more details). The faculty members and administration in attendance were very impressed at the analytical rigor and wide breadth of research questions posed at the Colloquium.

Students Present Original Research at Senior Seminar Colloquium

The audience listens as a student presents the results of their research.

Former Provost, Dr. Thomas Pearson, makes his opening remarks before the student presenters and audience at the 68th Senior Seminar Research Colloquium.

Department of Criminal Justice Student Award Winners

Meredith Hauck
Outstanding Graduate Student Academic Performance

Matthew Doyle
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Academic Performance

Catherine Musa
Outstanding Service and Leadership

Christopher Ehrola
Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award
Student Internship Experiences: Two Students Discuss Their Internship Experiences

Garry J. Clemente  
Sayreville Police

My internship over the summer at the Sayreville Police Department was an extremely interesting and rewarding experience. Although my studies in my first three years as a Criminal Justice major at Monmouth have greatly aided my initial foray into the law enforcement field, the internship provided me with an invaluable insight into the inner workings of a police department. My mentors at the department were enormously kind and helpful in seeing that I accomplished all of the goals I set for myself for the duration of my stay with the department. Any nervousness that I experienced on my first day were alleviated within minutes and everything the officers there did was to make me feel welcome.

As an intern I had the opportunity to handle everything from Victim Identification Forms (VINE's), Temporary and Final Restraining Orders (TRO’s and FRO’s), Fingerprint Cards and criminal investigation photos. All of the documents supplemented what I have been learning thus far at Monmouth and went further to show me a cornerstone of law enforcement; Paperwork. Internships are, after all, inherently monotonous and tedious. However, each day at the department, you never know what you will get to experience. For example, some of the photos I was tasked with organizing led to the arrest of a murder suspect in a case that had been cold for over 20 years. When I was told what I was looking at, I didn’t expect to open a newspaper several weeks after the conclusion of my time there, and see that an arrest had been made in the case. While my contribution to that end was minute, probably infinitesimal, I can’t help but feel a modicum of pride and accomplishment in knowing that I was involved in that smallest of ways.

All in all I am extremely grateful to have had the chance to fulfill my internship requirement for graduation with the Sayreville Police Department.

James E. Carney  
New Jersey State Police

The internship opportunity Monmouth University created for me with the New Jersey State Police Academy has proven to be a highly valuable and irreplaceable experience. Although attending college has increased my overall knowledge, nothing compares to the amount of information I acquired through hands-on experience and observation as an intern. Throughout my time as an intern I was able to observe many daily occurrences of the New Jersey State Police that the general public does not have access to. An internship with the New Jersey State Police has definitely increased my overall knowledge regarding the organization. In addition, I have been able to obtain many tips and strategies from employees of the State Police about how to increase my chances of becoming a trooper one day. Overall, my experiences as an intern will prove to be valuable in my future career goal of becoming a trooper.

Prior to beginning my internship I compiled a list of goals and objectives that I wanted to complete throughout the experience. Some of my goals included gaining an insider’s view on how the organization functions from within, determining how classroom knowledge transfers over into real-world application, and learning how to become a trooper. I would argue I successfully completed my first major goal of obtaining a unique inside view of the New Jersey State Police throughout my time as an intern. Additionally, the skills I have learned in the classroom at Monmouth University prepared me for a successful internship experience and the knowledge was transferable. In general, I believe a lot of concepts and values learned throughout my college experience have been helpful in my real-world interactions thus far.