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2018 Conference Program

THURSDAY, February 15, 2018				
8 :00 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast APS Hospitality Suite Sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma and Voice & Ink Enterprises, Inc. Forensic Consultant			
9:15 am - 11:00 am	Student Mixer/Happy Hour Presented by Dr. Tamara Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato & Dr. John McLaughlin, Fairmont State University	Churchill		
	Chapters place your Yearbook on designated table for 4:00 pm judging	Churchill		
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Lunch on your own			
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Student Registration for Opening Ceremony	Churchill		
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Alpha Phi Sigma Opening Ceremony Procession of Alpha Phi Sigma National Board Orleans Parish Sheriff Office, Young Marine Color Guard National Anthem by Cathy Barth, ACJS Manager Greeting by Nicole Leeper Piquero, ACJS President	Churchill		
	Keynote Speaker, Special Agent George J. Cazenavette, Drug Enforcement Agency Agent Cazenavette will speak about the Opioid Epidemic			
Following Speaker	Forensic Workshop & Registration for Crime Scene Investigation	Churchill D		
4:15 pm-	Crime Scene Investigation—Presented by National Advisor Andrea Joseph Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces	Churchill D		
4:00 pm-	Alpha Phi Sigma Judging of Yearbooks	Churchill		

	FRIDAY, February 16, 2018	
7:15 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma and Voice & Ink Enterprises, Inc. Forensic Consulta	

ACJS President Reception (APS Students are encouraged to attend)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

7:15 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma and Voice & Ink Enterprises, Inc. Forensic Co	APS Hospitality Suite
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Criminal Justice Knowledge Scholarship Test Administered by Dr. Tamara Wilkins, Minnesota State University, Mankato & Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University Open to all Alpha Phi Sigma Undergraduate and Graduate Students	Churchill D
9:30 am - 10:45 am	Panel: Crime Prevention Through Rehabilitation: A Parolee's Perspective Grover Cleveland Alexander III, John W. Eddings, and Allen Shepard	Churchill
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Student Luncheon Sponsored by ACJS - No Advisors Students <u>MUST</u> be Registered with ACJS to Attend Luncheon	
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Criminology Knowledge Scholarship Test Administered by Dr. Deanna Shields, Fairmont State University	Churchill D
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	College Bowl Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University	Churchill

FRIDAY Continued

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Chapter Advisors Meeting

Executive Director, Dr. Regina Shearn

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3:45 pm Alpha Phi Sigma Presentation and Judging of Chapter Goals & Theme of the Year

Churchill

SATURDAY, February 17, 2018

Sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma and Voice & Ink Enterprises, Inc. Forensic Consultants

9:30 am - 10:45 am T-shirt competition Churchill

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Join us for a Light Lunch Sponsored by the first Alumni Circle and Golden Alumni Churchill

National Capital Region Alumni Circle. President Tasha Butler

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Professional Panel on Crime Prevention, NOLA for Life Churchill







Responsibility HouseMike Martyn, Executive Director



The Apex Youth Center

Rev. Lisa Fitzpatrick, Executive Director

3:15 pm Alpha Phi Sigma Business Meeting
Roll Call & National Officer's Reports

Churchill

Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarships & Awards

V.A. Leonard Scholarship, Regina B. Shearn Scholarship, Paper Competition, Member of the Year Award, Advisor of the Year Award, Chapter Goal Awards, Star Chapter, Community Service Project Award, Outstanding Yearbook Competition, Web Page Contest, Chapter Grants, Advisor Grants, Distinguished Lifetime Award & Random Scholarships

Following National Board Meeting (Board Members ONLY)

All National Board members and newly elected National Advisors <u>must</u> attend conference closing meeting

Alpha Phi Sigma merchandise booth

New Merchandise Available



Churchill D

Honor Regalia Order Form will be available at merchandise booth. Forms must be filled out and payment accompany order. Romina Rodons will check membership and fill Honor Regalia orders. Only Advisors may pick up Honor Regalia.

Guest Speakers & Presenters



Special Agent George J. Cazenavette IV of the Drug Enforcement Administration is a New Orleans Native and a Graduate of Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Special Agent Cazenavette was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy upon completing the Navy ROTC program at Tulane University and

served four years active duty. After completion of his naval service, he was hired by the DEA and his first office assignment was St. Louis, MO. While in St. Louis, Special Agent Cazenavette spent time in several enforcement groups, including the Mobile Enforcement Team. Special Agent Cazenavette was transferred to New Orleans in November of 2002 where he became the Demand Reduction Coordinator for the New Orleans Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration until January 2007. Special Agent Cazenavette then was assigned to the New Orleans Field Division FIT (Financial Investigations Team). In May 2016, Special Agent Cazenavette once again became the New Orleans Division Demand Reduction Coordinator.

Panel: Crime Prevention Through Rehabilitation: A Parolee's Perspective

Their sentences add up to 4 lifetimes and 1,199 years in prison
Their incarceration totaled 88 years
Their life of freedom (after parole) totals 24 years



Grover Cleveland Alexander III
Sentenced to life and 250 years
Served 27 years in prison
Paroled 11 years—Had Parole removed in 2015



John W. Eddings
Sentenced to 3 life sentences and 904 years
Served 43 year*
Paroled 8.5 years (5 as a free man)
*includes 4 years in juvenile facilities



Allen Shepard
Sentenced to 40 years in FL (5 in GA) consecutive
Served 18 years in prison
Paroled 8 years

Professional Panel on Crime Prevention



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Conference News

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

23 conference scholarships totaling \$2,964 will be raffled during the conference at specific events. The more events you attend, the better the chances to win.

Scholarships are available to Alpha Phi Sigma collegiate members only. <u>No visitors, alumni, or advisors</u>. Membership status of winners will be checked.

Conference Scholarships amounts are as follows:

One \$500 Four \$250 Four \$100 Fourteen \$76

Honor Regalia Orders

Advisors who wish to pick up Honor Regalia orders at the conference <u>MUST</u> place order in advance. Advisors may preorder regalia and pay when the regalia is picked up at the conference in New Orleans.

Because the conference is so early in the year, regalia must be ordered prior to February 3, 2018. Regalia and merchandise are shipped to the conference and orders must be included in the shipment.

2019 Chapter Dues Waiver

A minimum of 5 members must attend 5 of the listed events to qualify for the waiver of the 2019 chapter dues. Only these events qualify for dues waiver.

- Student Mixer/Happy Hour
- Alpha Phi Sigma Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker
- Crime Prevention Through Rehabilitation: A Parolee's Perspective
- Introduction to Golden Members & First Alpha Phi Sigma Alumni Circle
- Alpha Phi Sigma Presentation and Judging
- Professional Panel on Crime Prevention, NOLA for Life
- Alpha Phi Sigma Business Meeting & Scholarships and Awards

The Chapter Advisor is a member.

Conference Sponsors & Contributors





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News from Headquarters

CHAPTER DUES

According to the Alpha Phi Sigma standing rules, the chapter dues of \$50.00 are due to the National Headquarters on January 1, 2018. Chapter dues not paid to National Headquarters by March 1, 2018, will have a \$10.00 late fee assessed.

Types of payments accepted are: university, chapter, or cashier's checks, money orders, and credit/debit cards. Please call Headquarters at 954-262-7004 to receive a PayPal invoice or to pay with the chapter's debit /credit card.

Chapters that pay their dues by <u>January 1, 2018</u> will have their university and chapter name placed on the Conference Commemorative T-shirt which will be available for purchase online or at the National Conference in New Orleans, LA, February 15-17, 2018.

Chapter Advisors that pay the chapter dues before January 1, 2018 will receive a complimentary 2018 conference T-shirt.

Mail chapter dues to: Alpha Phi Sigma, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33314

Activity & Financial Reports

The following items are to be submitted to National Headquarters by the dates indicated:

- 2017 Financial Report Due April 1, 2018. If applying for the Chapter Goal Award or Chapter Star Award, both Chapter and Financial Reports have to be postmarked by January 30, 2018.
- 2017 Activity Report Due April 1, 2018. If applying for the Chapter Goal Award or Chapter Star Award, both Chapter and Financial Reports have to be postmarked by <u>January 30, 2018</u>.
- Please submit current Chapter By-laws to Headquarters.
- A sample of chapter by-laws can be found on-line to use as a guide. Go to our website and click on "Resources" then By-laws Template.

APPLICATIONS and FORMS



Membership Applications were revised January 1, 2018

Please use new applications.

The new membership application may be found online at http://www.alphaphisigma.org/applications-1.html

Older applications will no longer be accepted.

- Must use current application forms available on our web site at: http://www.alphaphisigma.org/applications-1.html
- Applications must be submitted on <u>white paper</u> only (for scanning purposes we must use white paper).
- Original application with advisor's signature must be submitted in ink.
- Applications are editable, all forms <u>MUST</u> be typed.
- Application fee is \$50.00 per student.
- A new designation "students who take online classes only" has been added to membership application. Fee is \$60 and includes shipping and handling. This is OPTIONAL and Advisor must verify, approve, and sign application.
- Applications must be received prior to applicant graduating.
- Membership begins when Headquarters mails Certificate of Membership.

Welcome National Advisors

Alpha Phi Sigma recently held elections to fill three positions on our Advisory Board. The National Advisor positions were filled by Chapter Advisors who campaigned to be elected to the National Advisory Board. We welcome them to our National Board and look forward to working with them during their two-year term. We also would like to thank all the candidates for their enthusiasm and steadfast support of their chapter and Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters.



Andrea F. Joseph, J.D.
Chapter Advisor—Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

My experience in working in the field and teaching criminal justice gives me a unique perspective from which I can serve you as a National Advisor. Additionally, I have attended every APS National Conference since Toronto in 2010, I'm a Golden Alumni of APS, and I have prior experience as a National Advisor. One of the most important jobs for a National Advisor is to help plan the National Conferences and I want these to be the best experience for you as possible.

The Alpha Chi Alpha chapter has been the recipient of numerous Alpha Phi Sigma awards, scholarships, and has showcased the Moot Court at the National Conference in Denver, CO. At the 2017 conference in Kansas City, our chapter won first place in the Crime Scene Investigation and this coming conference in New Orleans will prepare and lead the Crime Scene Investigation. I was nominated by my chapter and had the honor of receiving the Advisor of the Year Award twice. I am committed to you, the APS members. It would be an honor to serve you as a National Advisor.



Kristina M. Lopez, Ph.D.Chapter Assistant Advisor— Pi Omega Chapter at University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Dr. Lopez, who has been serving as the University of North Florida Assistant Chapter Advisor since our inception in 2014-2015, is highly committed to the National Honor Society and offers the qualifications needed to meaningfully contribute. She is very organized and detailed oriented and fully capable of assuming responsibility assignments to maintain *Alpha Phi Sigma's* smooth day-to-day operations. She brings great enthusiasm to her professional endeavors and will certainly contribute through vibrant participation at the national conferences.

In our inaugural year, our first student chapter president, for example, participated in and finished second in one of the national scholarship competitions. She has also assisted with the development of an Alpha Phi Sigma guest speaker series wherein the student members of our chapter invite an emerging discipline scholar to share their work on campus. Through her work, this event now has become a recurring annual Alpha Phi Sigma activity that receives sponsorship from our College Dean for speaker travel expenses, honorarium, and social reception. She has also launched a chapter philanthropic event wherein students collect support for service animals in a local mental health offender themed reentry program.

As a student member officer of Alpha Phi Sigma, she appreciates and will maintain the traditions and processes of our organization.



Ivy Yarckow-Brown, M.S.Chapter Advisor of Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

Ivy Yarkow-Brown has been serving as the Faculty Advisor for Sigma Mu Sigma, the Missouri State University chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society since 2006. When Ms. Yarckow-Brown began as the advisor there were only eight members in Missouri State University's chapter, which was not an active student organization on campus. To date, she has overseen the induction of over 300 members in just over ten years. The Sigma Mu Sigma chapter is also now a very active student organization sponsoring multiple fund-

raisers for non-profit organizations each academic year and hosting numerous events as well. Ms. Yarckow-Brown is also the creator and coordinator of the Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference which was held for 8 years in Springfield, MO.

Ms. Yarkow-Brown served as National Advisor from 2016-2017 and used her conference coordinating skills to help in the planning and organization of the 75th Annual National Alpha Phi Sigma conference in Kansas City, MO, where Ms. Yarkow-Brown was single-handedly responsible for securing and scheduling the color guard, the keynote speaker, the reintegration workshop, and more for that event. Additionally, under her advisement, Missouri State University developed a presidential slate for the National presidency campaign for Alpha Phi Sigma in the spring of 2017.

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WELCOME

New Chapters

Hartwick College, Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter Oneonta, NJ

Rider University, Pi Gamma Beta Chapter Lawrenceville, NJ

Berkeley College, Lambda Alpha Epsilon Chapter Verona, NJ

University of Wisconsin -Platteville, Pi Beta Omega Chapter Platteville, WI

Saint Vincent College, Pi Beta Psi Chapter Latrobe, PA

University of Mount Union, Pi Beta Chi Chapter Alliance, OH

Golden Alumni

Christopher Utecht

University of Cincinnati, Gamma Theta Pi Chapter Fredonia, WI

Reactivated Chapters

Western Carolina University, Alpha Rho Omega Chapter Cullowhee, NC

Harris-Stowe State University, Phi Gamma Chapter St. Louis, MO

St. Thomas University, Alpha Delta Pi Chapter Miami, FL

Honorary Members

Prof. Trevion Stokes, California State University – Northridge Pi Beta Omicron Chapter, Reseda, CA

Prof. Mark Fruehauf, University of Wisconsin – Superior Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, Superior, WI

Chief Nicholas Alexander, University of Wisconsin – Superior Alpha Delta Gamma, Superior, WI

> Dr. Barbara Smith, Hartwick College Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Maryland, NY

Prof. Frank Watkins, Jr., Indian River State College Pi Beta Iota Chapter, Vero Beach, FL

Dr. Patricia Profeta, Indian River State College Pi Beta Iota Chapter, Vero Beach, FL

New Faculty

Dr. Victor Thompson, Rider University, Pi Gamma Beta Chapter, Lawrenceville, NJ

Dr. Gary Feinberg, St. Thomas University, Alpha Delta Pi Chapter, North Miami Beach, FL

Dr. Debbie Goodman-Lerner, St. Thomas University, Alpha Delta Pi Chapter, North Miami Beach, FL

Dr. Andy Bain, University of Mount Union, Pi Beta Chi Chapter, Alliance, OH

Dr. Paul Reynolds, University of North Texas, Dallas, Kappa Eta Chapter, Austin, TX

Dr. Ryan Ceresola, Hartwick College, Pi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Oneonta, NJ

Dr. Cristina Guarneri, Berkeley College, Lambda Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Woodland Park, NJ

Dr. Sarah Daly, Saint Vincent College, Pi Beta Psi Chapter, Hunker, PA

Dr. Nancy Gartner, University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Pi Beta Omega Chapter, Platteville, WI

Dr. William LeSuer, University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Pi Beta Omega Chapter, Platteville, WI

Dr. Michael DeValve, Fayetteville State University, Eta Epsilon Chapter, Fayetteville, DE

Dr. Gregory Koehle, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Iota Sigma Chapter, State College, PA Prof. Joan Rivera, Indian River State College, Pi Beta Iota Chapter, Vero Beach, FL

Dr. Eric Gamino, California State University, Northridge, Pi Beta Omicron Chapter, Northridge, CA Prof. Frankie Ishizaki, University of Guam, Lambda Psi Chapter, Yona, GU

Dr. Mustafa Demir, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, Nu Eta Chapter, Plattsburgh, NY

Dr. Molly Smith, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Omega Delta Chapter, Little Rock, AR

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Alpha Phi Sigma Around the World

THANK YOU... CONTRIBUTING CHAPTERS

It is great to know what is happening around the world with Alpha Phi Sigma chapters, members, advisors, and alumni. Featuring information such as articles and stories from around the world in *The Docket* allows the readers to remain in touch with the organization and its members and allows chapters to be inspired by what others are doing.

If you have an article you wrote or news about your local chapter, you may share it with all members by having the article/story appear in *The Docket*. Please email me stories, news, and photos to ajansen@alphaphisigma.org

Adriana Jansen, M.S., Editor

*Must be an active chapter to contribute. Article/story subject to approval.

Advertise in the Docket

A lpha Phi Sigma is committed to helping our members maintain communication through our publication, *The Docket*. Advertising a Graduate Program in *The Docket* allows members further insight into opportunities available for graduate/law school.

We offer an advertisement package for \$1300 that may be initiated at any time during the year, and will run for one full year. The package includes:

- **1.** Full page ad in the Spring, Summer, and Fall issues of *The Docket*.
- **2.** Banner and ad for one year in the Graduate & Law School Section of the Alpha Phi Sigma website www.alphaphisigma.org in the
- **3.** The ad emailed to all junior and senior members and all chapter advisors.

For additional information on advertisements and distribution of university materials at the annual National Conference, please call headquarters at 954-262-7004 or contact the assistant director at ajansen@alphaphisigma.org

Alpha Phi Sigma

WEBSITE

www.alphaphisigma.org

Look for the section on our web-site titled

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This section contains the graduate and law school programs that participate in the Alpha Phi Sigma *Docket* and Website advertisement package.

Take a look at the great opportunities to attend graduate or law school at one of these institutions.

Alumni News

Golden Alumni Bill Nay

Alumni Bill Nay was part of the American Legion Rider escort for the California visit by the American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan. Commander Rohan is the first female Commander in the 99 year history of the American Legion. Bill presented National Commander Rohan with an Alpha Phi Sigma coin.







Golden Alumni William Edward Nay presenting an Alpha Phi Sigma 75th Anniversary Coin to Lorraine Plass. Ms. Plass is the 2012 Veteran of the Year in California and is currently the Chair for AMVETS Legislative Committee for the AMVETS-Department of California. She is also the Past Commander of Post #111 of the American legion.

Alumni News

Introducing

The National Capital Region Alumni Circle

Please join us in welcoming the first Alpha Phi Sigma Alumni Circle.

The National Capital Region Alumni Circle was chartered January 2018 in the Washington D.C area.

The chartering officers are:

Tasha K. Butler, President

Gamma Omicron Chapter at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Cory Walker, Vice-president

Gamma Omicron Chapter at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Saadia Feliciano, Secretary

Gamma Omicron Chapter at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Saadia was a two-time elected Alpha Phi Sigma National President

Sabeena Khanna, Treasurer

Sabeena is an Honorary Member of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Golden Alumni Member, Bill Nay, was instrumental in creating the Alumni Circle. Nay has been working diligently for many years to have alumni come together and, as a circle, make great things happen on behalf of Alpha Phi Sigma. We all owe Bill Nay a debt of gratitude for his steadfast support and for never giving up on Alumni when things got tough and dragged on. Bill will always be a great inspiration to us all and we must recognize him as the "Alumni" who can get anything done he sets his mind to.

National Capital Region Alumni Circle Membership:

William "Bill" Nay, Golden Alumni and former Alpha Phi Sigma National Advisor Graduate San Jose State University, Iota Chapter

Dr. Regina B. Shearn, Golden Alumni and Alpha Phi Sigma Executive Director Florida International University, Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter Honorary Member and Chapter Advisor Graduate Florida State University

> Adriana C. Jansen, Golden Alumni, Alpha Phi Sigma Assistant Director Former National President and National Secretary, Docket Editor Graduate Florida International University, Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter

> > Romina Rodons, Alpha Phi Sigma Executive Secretary Florida Atlantic University, Beta Phi Chapter



NSU's Online Criminal Justice Program Named one of the Nation's Best for Veterans

Once again, **Nova Southeastern University (NSU)** has been recognized for providing students with one of the nation's top online academic programs. *U.S. News & World Report* has released its rankings of top online graduate programs for veterans, and NSU's Criminal Justice program was ranked in a tie for 21st.

"For more than 50 years, NSU has worked hard to create programs that provide academic opportunities for students that meet their varied needs," said George Hanbury, Ph.D., President and CEO of NSU. "One segment of our student population that's growing is our veterans, and we want to ensure we provide them with educational opportunities that best suit their needs as they transition back to civilian life."

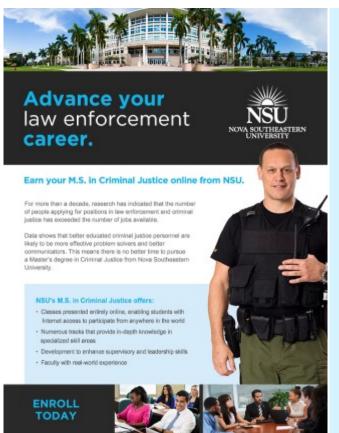
Dr. Hanbury said that this latest honor is in keeping with NSU's Vision 2020, where the university will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community and the general public as a "premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction." This is the second time NSU's criminal justice program has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* – earlier this year the online program for all students was ranked 22nd in the country.

This is the third year that *U.S. News & World Report* has issued these rankings, which identify programs that provide veterans with high -quality, flexible online educational options. According to the report, to be eligible, programs had to be part of an institution of higher learning that is certified for the GI Bill, be participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program or be a public institution that charges in-state tuition for out-of-state veterans. In addition, to be ranked, a school had to be part of the top 75% of schools in the overall 2015 Best Online Programs rankings by the publication (NSU was in the top 22 programs overall.)

"We've worked hard to position our criminal justice program as one of the premiere programs online and I'm very proud of this recognition," said Kimberly Durham, Psy.D., dean of NSU's Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice. "It's a reflection of the program's faculty – they are truly at the heart of what distinguishes our program from others."

NSU's criminal justice graduate program is unique as it's offered entirely online. This format allows students to participate in courses from anywhere in the world and provides flexibility in completing a master's degree while providing time for students to continue their current career if need be. NSU's master's program in criminal justice is designed for those interested in careers in several areas, including, but not limited to: police officer; detective; FBI special agent; DEA agent; Secret Service special agent; Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agent; and Federal Air Marshall.

For more information about NSU's criminal justice program, please visit us online at http://www.nova.edu/humanservices/index.html



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In December 2017, Kappa Kappa members showed their support to America's Veterans by participating in Wreath's Across America.



American Military/Public University

Kappa Kappa Chapter

Advisors Corner

Hello from the Advisors Corner. We are very excited to announce that three of your board members will be presenting at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 55th Annual Conference in February 2018. Tonya Schoenbeck, Joshua Adams, and Stephen Dearborn had abstracts approved and will present their papers at the ACJS National Conference in New Orleans. In addition, both Tonya Schoenbeck and Joshua Adams will be presenting the Kappa Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference in 2018. They will be sharing their experiences with members of the Kappa Kappa chapter upon their return. Any members that would like to know more about the ACJS annual conference and the Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference please do not hesitate to reach out to either Dr. Michael Beshears or Dr. Michael Beshears as we would be more than happy to tell you all about these conferences.

Kappa Kapa Officers

Tonya Schoenbeck, President Joshua Adams, Vice President Stephen Dearborn, Chief of Staff

Member Spotlight

This quarter's member spotlight goes out to Kappa Kappa members Amber Causey and George Schmidt IV!!

On September 25th, 2017 **Amber Causey** completed her training to be an ambassador as part of the Nebraska Coalition on Human Trafficking and the Iowa Network against Human Trafficking and Slavery for a project called "Hotel Motel" that will go out and target hotels and motels along the I-380 interstate to provide training to their staff members under a 3R system to better equip them with Realizing, Recognizing, and Responding to human trafficking.

She has been a member of the Kappa Kappa Chapter since 2013. She is very excited to get out and start providing this training. She believes that spreading as much awareness as possible is instrumental in combatting this issue.

George W. Schmidt IV is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and President of the AMU/APUS Homeland Security Network, and in November of 2017, he completed his Masters degree in Security Management. George states that, "There is no better feeling than walking across the stage with a gym filled with folks clapping while receiving something that I have earned. The pride of collecting college degrees has become an addiction for me."

George wants to become a critical asset in the protection of our homeland to assist with countering the vulnerabilities that move throughout the cyber world. He would also like to assist with developing a protection schematic to stop cyber attacks and make the Internet a safe place for our youth of today.

University of Guelph-Humber, Canada

Phi Epsilon Chapter

What's it like to be wrongfully convicted?

Jamie Nelson spent 1,047 days in jail after being convicted of a crime he didn't commit. During his time at the Millhaven Institution, a maximum-security prison, Nelson tried to hang himself, endured regular violence, and was powerless to stop as one of his sons was put up for adoption.

Nelson shared the ordeal – how it happened and how he was finally exonerated – with University of Guelph-Humber students as part of the third annual Wrongful Conviction Day, an event organized entirely by the student-run <u>Justice Studies</u> honours society Alpha Phi Sigma to explore the causes, remedies and consequences of wrongfully convicting innocent people.

"As future justice professionals, it is important to recognize the causes of wrongful convictions and how to avoid taking a course of action that unjustly removes someone's freedom and forever impacts their life," said Montana MacFarlane, vice-president of public relations for Alpha Phi Sigma.

As Nelson explained in his speech to a packed room of UofGH students, his experience in the justice system began when a friend of his estranged wife lodged a series of escalating claims of abuse against him during a custody battle. A chef by trade originally from Stratford, Ont., Nelson was first accused by this woman of physically assaulting her in 1994, before she accused him of another assault in 1996, and finally she told police that he brutally raped her the same year.

Nelson was convicted in part because of the same woman's prior claims against him. As he explained in class, he was then forced to wait years in jail before being given the opportunity to appeal. While he waited, he was left to spend more than 14 months in isolation – or "in the hole" – in part because he opted to maintain his innocence and refused to take part in a sex-offender program.

"How do you defend yourself when you're accused of a crime that never happened?" Nelson asked the students. "It's daunting, let me tell you that. It's the steepest mountain you could imagine. There are no handrails. There are no stairs. It was the hardest, steepest battle of my life.

"I knew I was innocent. My family knew I was innocent. And I would just have to move forward and demonstrate that."

Ultimately, it turned out that Nelson's accuser had accused dozens of others of similar crimes over the years. When his appeal date finally did come, the Ontario Court of Appeal reversed the verdict based on new evidence and in a matter of minutes, his years-long ordeal was over.

For students interested in pursuing employment in a variety of roles inside and around the justice system, Nelson's talk was a stirring reminder of the personal cost that can result from shoddy or unethical prosecution.

"I was a police officer for 32 years before I came to academia and it pains me to hear Jamie's story," said Dr. Glenn Hanna, Assistant Program Head of Justice Studies at the University of Guelph-Humber. "My mantra was always that our job as police officers was to bring all the evidence to the door of the court, not to push for conviction. It was also the job of crown counsel to present all the evidence and to seek a just outcome.

"Some in the system can lose sight of those obligations and I think Jamie's story will be part of my classes from now on as we discuss these topics."

Certainly, Nelson's experience resonated with students as well.

"Jamie is an amazing individual who is so passionate and open about talking about his experience," MacFarlane said.
"He was more than happy to stay back after the presentation to shake hands with everyone, answer more questions and speak more in depth about certain aspects that he may not have covered in his presentation."

Wrongful Conviction Day is just one opportunity offered by <u>Alpha Phi Sigma</u>, an honours society with a rich 75-year history in the United States.

First founded at Washington State University as an organization that helped students prepare for careers in law by encouraging academic achievement, leadership skills and an interest in social justice, Alpha Phi Sigma membership lasts a lifetime, so the professional networking opportunities continue even after students have graduated from UofGH.

"I have been a part of Alpha Phi Sigma for two years now and the connections and relationships I have in fourth year are incredible," said MacFarlane. "Looking back at my university career, Alpha Phi Sigma is absolutely one of the highlights of my time here at the University of Guelph-Humber. I have relationships and connections whom I otherwise would not have connected with.

"The volunteer aspect and feeling as though I have contributed to my community has also been a life changer."

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RELEASED

Alpha Phi Sigma Kappa Upsilon Chapter hosted the premiere of "RELEASED: When Does The Sentence End" on October 16, 2017. This documentary educates viewers about the hardships prisoners face after being released from prison back into society. After the documentary, a panel consisting of professors, released prisoners, and a police officer interacted with students, and the released prisoners shared their personal stories about how tough it is to re-enter society. For more information about this documentary, please visit Releasedthemovie.com.



ZOMBIE FEST

Alpha Phi Sigma Kappa Upsilon Chapter volunteered at the annual Georgia Zombie Fest sponsored by Drug Free Cherokee. 100% of the proceeds from the Zombie Fest went to support the programs and initiatives of Cherokee FOCUS, a nonprofit organization. Funds made at each year's event are used to help youth, young adults, and their families through collaboration of community resources, skills, and expertise. One of their programs included the Cherokee Youth Works and Drug Free Cherokee.





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