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To Inform and Reward

Just about every day, newspapers nationwide report on a crime that has been committed. Very often the story is straightforward: who is the victim, what happened and whether or not there are any suspects. Less often is there a story which puts the crime in a larger context and even less often than that is there a story about how the criminal justice system affects the country's level of crime. To broaden and enhance the public's understanding of issues related to crime, John Jay held the First Annual Guggenheim Symposium on Changing the View of Crime in America in December. The two day conference brought together journalists, practitioners, politicians and academics from around the country to learn from each other in order to improve the level of crime reporting in the United States. President Jeremy Travis and Jack Rosenthal, President of The New York Times Foundation, presented the first "Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting Awards" of \$1,000 each to David Bernstein of the *Boston Phoenix* for his August 19, 2005 article, "The Worst Homicide Squad in the Country" which examined particularly low homicide clearance rates in Boston. Sarah Huntley, Lou Kilzer and Linda McConnell of the *Rocky Mountain News* won for their February 2005 series, "Battered Justice," which exposed serious flaws at all levels of the criminal justice system when handling domestic violence. The symposium was sponsored in partnership with the University of Southern California's Institute for Justice and Journalism at the Annenberg School for Communication and Criminal Justice Journals of the University of Pennsylvania.

Student Highlights

They work with disabled students, they mentor their peers, they serve in student government, they tutor students, they volunteer to help others, and they maintain high academic standards. They are the recipients of John Jay's Thurgood Marshall Scholarships that were awarded last month to 20 students. Named after the country's first African-American Chief Justice who fought vigorously against discrimination in education and championed the rights of criminal defendants, the scholarships are meant to encourage students to pursue legal activism and foster an awareness of the issues faced by minorities and the poor in the criminal justice system. Although official policies of segregation in schools are a thing of the past, great disparities based on wealth still exist as witnessed first hand by Carolina Almarante, one of the scholarship recipients. She had attended a junior high school in Washington Heights and subsequently attended an affluent boarding school in Wellesley, MA. The differences, she notes, were striking. Almarante, who now does volunteer work at her former junior high school, transferred from SUNY Buffalo to John Jay where, she says, there is a great deal of support for students who aspire to public service careers. As a BA/MA student, she is majoring in Criminal Justice Administration and Planning. She is greatly concerned at the level of misinformation about basic legal rights that currently exists in poor communities and hopes to eventually pursue a career in law.

The other 2005/2006 winners are: Tatyana Ananyeva, Eddie Danner, Vrindavan Gabbard, Ashli Hudacek, Victoria Ivanova, Dainia Lawes, William Lee, Aurelia Morales, Dominique Morgan, Michael Olavarria, Beatriz Oliva, Raymond Ratti, Miguel Reyes, Somalia Samuel, Maximilian Schlubach, Debbie Scott, Joseph Simone, John Spalding, Sibylle von Ulmenstein.

Alumni Spotlight




Daniel Cabrera (BS '88 & MPA '93)

The professional lives of some John Jay alumni closely resemble those that many of us only see in action novels, movies and television shows. Special Agent Daniel Cabrera, Jr. of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is one such alumnus. The Bronx native returned to New York in 1981 after active duty with the US Air Force. While working on rackets investigations in the Manhattan District Attorney's office, he began his studies at John Jay. Cabrera went back to the Air Force in 1984, this time as a civilian, all the while continuing his education at the College. There is no question, he notes, that his degrees from John Jay helped him advance in the Federal system and were particularly useful when his responsibilities included the career development of Federal agents – 1811s as they are called – who carry weapons and conduct investigations.

His duties with AFOSI have included command and undercover assignments as well as counterespionage operations. Serving stateside at the time, he recalls that during the Cold War counterintelligence was more of a "gentleman's game" more like playing chess. "It was easier to pick out the bad guys back then," he says.

During the course of his career, Cabrera also served as an Air Force Legislative Fellow assigned to the US Senate Judiciary Committee's Sub-Committee on Administrative Oversight. In this capacity, he provided investigative expertise to the Senate's Department of Justice Oversight Task Force. His job was to look at the Department of



Justice's (DOJ) investigation into espionage at US nuclear laboratories by the People's Republic of China, the Wen Ho Lee investigation. Cabrera was also involved in reviewing DOJ's investigation into the handling of the siege of the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas.

In 2002, Cabrera was sent to Turkey as the Special Agent-in-Charge at the Incirlik Air Base just as the United States was preparing for war with Iraq. Located near the Syrian border, Cabrera lived in the Turkish installation for two years in a conservative part of the country where strict curfews and marshal law had been imposed. "As a westerner, you had to be very careful," he notes.

Back in the States, Cabrera is currently the AFOSI Fellow to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Alexandria, VA. He manages the IACP's seven worldwide regional offices and coordinates the Association's international executive policing conferences. No matter where his international travels have taken him, he is always impressed by the recognition that the College receives worldwide.

Cabrera also serves as the First Vice President for the Hispanic-American Police Command Officers Association. He will become president of the 26 year-old national organization in 2007.



Book and Author Lecture with Dr. Katherine Ramsland

Monday, February 6, 2006 6:00 pm

The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to present *The Human Predator: A Historical Chronicle of Serial Murder and Forensic Investigation* with author Dr. Katherine Ramsland.

John Jay College
Gerald W. Lynch Theater Lobby
899 Tenth Avenue, NYC
RSVP 212-484-1103

Annual Malcolm King Breakfast

Friday, February 24, 2006 9:30 – 11:00 am

The African-American Studies Department is pleased to invite you to the Annual Malcolm King Breakfast with guest speaker Gil Noble, host of WABC TV's "Like It Is".

Tickets are \$30.00 (payable to John Jay College, African-American Studies Department). Mail to: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Attention: Professor Kwando Kinshasa, 445 West 59 th Street, Room 3227, NY, NY 10019.

John Jay College
Gymnasium
899 Tenth Avenue, NYC

Call 212-237-8764 for further information.

Graduate Lecture Series

Monday, March 6, 2006 5:30 – 6:30 pm

The Graduate Forensic Science program is pleased to host the Spring 2006 Lecture Series "The Integration of the Forensic Sciences in Investigation."

James Doyle, Attorney at Law and author of *True Witness: Cops,*

Courts, Science, and the Battle against Misidentification will be the guest speaker.

John Jay College
899 Tenth Avenue, Room 630, NYC

The First Annual Patrick V. Murphy Lecture

Monday, March 20, 2006 6:00 pm

Police Commission Raymond W. Kelly of the New York City Police Department will be the inaugural speaker.

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Gerald W. Lynch Theater
899 Tenth Avenue, NYC
RSVP 212-484-1396

Graduate Open House

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Faculty and staff will be available to discuss graduate programs, admission, careers, and financial aid.

Visit <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/extra/openhouse/> to download the Spring 2006 Open House Survey form. Please print out the survey and bring it with you.

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Graduate Lecture Series

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 5:30 – 6:30 pm

The Graduate Forensic Science program is pleased to host the Spring 2006 Lecture Series "The Integration of the Forensic Sciences in Investigation."

Charles S. Hirsch MD, Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, will be the guest speaker.

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445 West 59 th Street, Room 1311, NYC

Annual Job Fair

Thursday, April 27, 2006 4:00 – 7:00 pm

The Office of Career Development is pleased to invite alumni to participate in the Job Fair. Participants should wear traditional business attire and bring at least 10 copies of their resume.

The Office of Alumni Affairs is seeking alumni volunteers to conduct mock interviews and provide immediate feedback to students.

John Jay College
445 West 59 th Street, NYC

Contact Tom Doyle 212-237-8441 for further details about the Job Fair or Tricia Garcia 212-484-1103 to volunteer.

Graduate Lecture Series

Thursday, May 4, 2006 5:30 – 6:30 pm

The Graduate Forensic Science program is pleased to host the Spring 2006 Lecture Series "The Integration of the Forensic Sciences in Investigation."

Peter A. Pizzola, PhD, Director for the NYPD Police Laboratory will be the guest speaker.

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445 W. 59 th Street, Room 1311, NYC

Alumni Day Reunion

Saturday, June 17, 2006 *Save the Date!*

The 2nd Annual Alumni Day program is designed to offer formal and informal, thought provoking, reflective and entertaining events which will appeal to John Jay alumni of all ages and interests.

Alumni will be able to opt in or out of events as they wish and may want to use the day as an ideal opportunity to meet up with old friends on an informal basis. Families are welcome. Invitations will be mailed Spring 2006.

Call 212-237-8547 or 212-484-1103 for further information.

In Memoriam 2005

Two New York City police officers and members of the John Jay community were gunned down in 2005 within two weeks of each other. Officer Dillon Steward was killed on November 28, 2005 as he and his partner pursued a driver in Brooklyn. Officer Steward had attended John Jay's police certificate program. Officer Daniel Enchautegui (BS '01) was off-duty when he interrupted a break-in and was shot on December 10 in the Bronx. They are among the 153 officers killed in the line of duty in the United States in 2005.

Faculty

Dr. James J. Fyfe, Distinguished Professor
Dr. Wilda Anita Chevers, Assistant Professor, retired
Dr. Theodore Alexander Gill Sr., Provost, *Emeritus*
Mr. John Stead, Dean of Graduate Studies, *Emeritus*

Alumni

Harold C. Baker
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Hazel Jackson-Porter
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