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Weekend Masters Programs at Shippensburg University and Mercyhurst College Graduate the Class of 1999

Congratulations go out to the Class of 1999 in the Shippensburg University Weekend Masters Program who were graduated during commencement ceremonies held at the University on Saturday, May 8, 1999. The 22 members of this year's graduating class include: Nancy Christman of Tioga County, Savannah Daniels of Pennsylvania Drug Testing, Inc., Kisha Evans-Roberts and Andrea Tieg of Philadelphia County, Jennifer Fetrow of Perry County, Kelly Franklin and Chad Ishler of Bradford County, Andrew Gier and Joseph Martelucci of The Impact Project, Craig Gilinger of Montgomery County, Joseph Greco and Paul Zona of Carbon County, Todd Hall of York County, Rob Henderson of Delaware County, Guillermo Jalil of No More Drugs, Inc., Don Kenney of the Schaffner Detention Facility, Kristine Kitko of Clearfield County, Dan Klarsch of Lebanon County, Catharine Kovacs of Lehigh County, Brian Lafty of the Bucks County Detention Facility, Danielle Lambert of Cambria County, and Lori Trexler of Somerset County.

Our Mercyhurst College class member is Chris Davis of Mercer County who was graduated at commencement ceremonies held at the College on Sunday May 23.

Our current graduates have completed a very demanding academic program while achieving outstanding grades. It has been a pleasure working with them and on behalf of the Commission and faculty we offer them our congratulations on an outstanding achievement and wish them the very best in future endeavors.

The Shippensburg University Class of 1999 is the sixteenth to complete the program and brings the total number of graduates to 328. Chris is our thirty-first graduate from the Mercyhurst College Weekend Masters Program that began in 1986.

For more information about the weekend program at Shippensburg University please contact John Lemmon, 717 532-1149.

1999 JCJC Annual Conference will be Three Days

The Annual Training and Awards Program, sponsored each year by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, will begin Wednesday afternoon, November 3, 1999. This year's program will be a three-day event for the first time. The program has been expanded to accommodate the opening plenary session on Wednesday afternoon, featuring a discussion on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the juvenile court. The discussion will be held in the Whitaker Center for the Performing Arts, a new state-of-the-art facility attached to the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, site of the annual conference and program.

On Thursday afternoon, at the conclusion of the Youth Awards Program, the conference will feature "A Centennial Remembrance: 1899-1999" produced by the Raven Radio Theatre of the Air. The producers will present a unique "live" radio broadcast, circa 1935, that tells the story of Jane Addams and the creation of the juvenile court in Chicago. Performed by conference

volunteers with period microphones and a variety of imaginative sound effects, "To Be The Child's Friend" recreates an important period of American history. The Annual Awards Program and Dinner on Thursday evening, and Resource Day—1999, on Friday morning, will conclude the annual training and awards conference.

Complete information regarding the program will be distributed late this summer.

Positions Available with Cornell Abraxas

The South Mountain Multi-Service Campus between Chambersburg and Gettysburg is seeking full-time youth workers, counselors, a treatment supervisor, and a life skills teacher. Also available are part time positions as summer intern, summer teachers, and a temporary position as a driver.

All positions require at least 21 years of age and a high school diploma/GED. Additional education and experience is helpful. Some positions require a bachelor's degree. Benefits for full-time employees include medical, dental, vacation days, sick days, holidays, 401(k), FlexSpending, tuition reimbursement and free meals.

Please forward your resume or call for more information:

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Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund

The Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research and the Shippensburg University Foundation established a scholarship program in 1986 to benefit undergraduate Criminal Justice majors at Shippensburg University. From 1986 - 1998, more than \$10,000 in scholarship funds has been provided by graduates and friends of the Weekend Masters Program. The money has been used to present \$1,000 awards in the form of tuition support to worthy undergraduate students majoring in Criminal Justice with an interest in juvenile justice.

The Center plans to make a similar award in 1999. As usual, we are counting on graduates of the Weekend Masters Program for their support. Donations from any person in the state's juvenile justice system will be gratefully accepted, also.

Many past recipients of this scholarship have gone on to careers in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, including Michelle Geib of Perry County Juvenile Probation, a current member of our Weekend Master's Program Class of 2000.

The fact that past award winners have served or are currently serving as juvenile probation officers in Pennsylvania attests to the value of the scholarship program. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please make your check payable to the SU Foundation, Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund, and mail to Shippensburg University Foundation, SU, 1871 Old Main Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299.

National Institute on Drug Abuse has Web Site Available

www.nida.nih.gov is a web site that connects users to a myriad of statistics, reports, facts and updates about illegal and legal drugs, abuse patterns and about the Institute itself.

The welcome section of the site allows users access to "NIDA Notes," the Institute's bimonthly newsletter that covers substance abuse treatment and prevention research, behavioral research, health services research, and research on AIDS. This section also contains the NIDA Infobox which contains fact sheets on drug abuse.

The Publications section is the place to visit if you want to access NIDA's announcements, communications, publications, Director's report, monographs or teaching resources, while the What's New section has current news releases and current scientific meeting announcements and summaries.

The Information on Common Drugs of Abuse section contains a great deal of information pertaining to many drugs including acid(LSD), anabolic steroids, cocaine, and Ecstasy. Users accessing this section can also reference a chart that lists street names, medical uses, delivery systems, and other information concerning commonly abused drugs.

The web site also offers a search feature that lets users find specific information on a certain topic, along with links to related sites. Wwww.nida.nih.gov is a fully comprehensive resource on drugs and their impact.

New Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Appointed in Erie and Venango County



On April 15, 1999 President Judge Michael Palmisano appointed Robert J. Blakely as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer with the Erie County Juvenile Court, replacing Thomas Antolik who resigned to accept a position with Perseus House. Blakely has worked in the juvenile system for more than 20 years, having worked in the juvenile department for the past 18 years. Initially, he worked as a line probation officer, and for the past nine years has served as a supervisor with the department.

Blakely, who is married and has three children, holds his undergraduate degree from Penn State University and received his master's degree from Mercyhurst College in the JCJC sponsored program. He has been active in mental health issues impacting on youth and in detention programming.

For the future, Blakely looks forward to overseeing a department which is in the process of moving to expanded quarters in the courthouse. He will pursue enlarging the school-based probation program and intends to

continue work on expanding the community justice centers initiative (featured in last month's *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice*). Blakely further intends to work toward increased collaboration with the mental health system in Erie County, to better serve the youth who require services from both systems.

Venango County

Robert E. Daugherty was recently appointed as the Director of Adult/Juvenile Court Supervision Services in Venango, and will oversee the operation of both adult and juvenile probation services in this capacity. Daugherty held the positions of DUI Coordinator and Director of Intermediate Punishment for Venango County prior to his recent appointment. He holds a degree in Criminal Justice from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and can be reached at 814-432-9620.

COPCVO Sponsors 7th Annual Victim's Rights Rally

April 25 to May 1, 1999, marked the observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As part of Pennsylvania's recognition of this event, the Coalition of Pennsylvania Crime Victims Organizations (COPCVO) held its seventh annual victims' rights rally on the steps of the Capital on April 26, 1999. The theme of this year's rally was, *VICTIMS' VOICES: SILENT NO MORE*.

Victims of crime, victim advocates, survivors, balanced and restorative justice coordinators, juvenile justice representatives, and law enforcement personnel attended and/or participated in the rally. Balanced and restorative justice coordinators attended the rally to pay tribute to those who have experienced the pain of victimization and to show their support for the rights of crime victims.

Luzerne County juvenile probation officers accompanied 21 juvenile offenders to the rally. Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Sandra Brulo believed it would be a good experience for these young non-violent offenders to hear the victims' perspective on the personal impact of crime. Speakers for the event included Suzanne Beck-Hummel, President of COPCVO; Lynn Shiner, Manager of the Victims Compensation Division of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD); and Mary Achilles, Pennsylvania's Victim Advocate. Pennsylvania's State Police Commissioner, Paul Evanko, read the Governor's Proclamation on Victims Rights.

Numerous crime victims shared their stories and poems with the attendees, which served as a powerful reminder of why victims of juvenile crime must be considered clients of our juvenile justice system.

Mary Achilles presented a booklet of poems, artwork, and essays created by victims throughout Pennsylvania. Copies of the booklet, titled *Victims' Voices: Silent No More*, can be obtained by calling PCCD at 717-783-0551 ext. 3092 or downloading the document from PCCD's homepage: www.pccd.state.pa.us

York County School Districts Implement Communities That Care

Over the last year Communities That Care has become a delinquency and violence prevention model utilized by several York County School Districts and their communities. In 1996 the Healthy York County Coalition, a county-wide collaborative of human service agencies, health services, business, law enforcement, and local government, as well as other entities, identified violence as a major health issue in the county. The Coalition recognized that violence must be addressed by schools and communities working together to effectively implement violence prevention strategies. As a result, in 1997 the Coalition applied for and received funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to initiate CTC in York County.

In order to facilitate the process, the Coalition decided to implement CTC in a manner which defined school districts as the community. This did not imply that the school districts were solely responsible for the CTC process; all towns, boroughs and townships within the school district, as well as businesses, religious organizations, and citizens within each district had equal responsibility.

The Coalition originally planned to involve five school districts in CTC implementation. However, nine of the county's sixteen public school districts expressed interest in CTC. Eight of the districts completed Key Leader, Risk and Resource Assessment, and Promising Approaches training and are currently writing or have written delinquency prevention

plans, which will include funding for CTC efforts. These districts are York City, West York, Spring Grove, Dallastown, Red Lion, Eastern, Southeastern, and Southern.

Two districts have submitted plans. Dallastown is intending to institute Families and Schools Together (FAST), a Promising Approach which focuses on high-risk school students and their families. Spring Grove will be instituting a multi-faceted plan which includes a review of school curriculum for substance abuse and social competency, the development of a community delinquency and substance abuse campaign, and the creation of a community center with appropriate programming for families and children living in the district. The remaining school districts will be submitting delinquency prevention plans to PCCD in early June.

Recently the Coalition has received added funding to train more school districts in CTC. Four more York County school districts are participating: Central York, Northern, Northeastern, and Dover. Also participating is the Camp Hill School District in Cumberland County. These districts have completed Key Leader training, with follow-up training provided.

Budget Signed for FY 1999-2000

On May 5, 1999, Governor Ridge signed Act 1-A, known as the General Appropriation Act of 1999. It included \$5,651,000 in the JCJC grant-in-aid appropriation for the improvement of juvenile probation services; \$2,000,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANFBG) funding to support juvenile probation emergency services; and a \$10,000,000 appropriation for specialized probation services, including school-based, community-based, intensive supervision, and aftercare services pursuant to standards adopted by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

The Specialized Probation Services appropriation was increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for FY 1999-00. The additional funding must be used to support new specialized probation services positions and associated operational costs. All counties have been sent specialized probation information and documents to be completed and forwarded to the JCJC. When individual county funding requests are approved by the JCJC for this additional funding, awards will be made through the regular grant-in-aid process. Call Keith Snyder, at 717-787-5634 if you need more information.

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