Dear Spartan,

As we approach the holiday season, I am provided the opportunity to consider how thankful I am for the opportunity to serve as Director of the School of Criminal Justice since 2001. With the support of the College and University, we were able to weather turbulent budgetary periods, and to continue the excellence and leadership for which the School of Criminal Justice has long been known. An already outstanding faculty has grown and added interdisciplinary research and educational programs to core research and education in criminal justice and criminology. The faculty is supported by an incredible group of support staff, academic advisers, and specialists who demonstrate their commitment to the School.

Upcoming Events

Career Fair  
February 19, 2015  
Big Ten Rooms A, B & C  
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Spring Alumni Board Meeting  
April 28, 2015  
Baker Hall

Wall of Fame  
November 6, 2015
and our students in countless ways each and every day.

As has been the case in prior newsletters, I appreciate the opportunity to brag about the School's excellence. This is evident in faculty and student scholarly productivity and awards and alumni achievements as described in this newsletter. The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology was full of faculty and student participation. The "heart" of the Spartan family was evident at our alumni reception where our alums came together in a fund-raising effort for Jeff Cancino, one of our Ph.D. alums who is dealing with an extended recovery from a very serious health situation.

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William Cunningham was a Leader in Security & Law Enforcement Research

Faculty, staff and alumni of the School were very saddened to learn of the death of William Cunningham October 23, 2014. Bill graduated from the School of Criminal Justice in 1960 and was President of Hallcrest Systems, Inc., a leading security and law enforcement research and consulting firm. He was internationally experienced as a police and security consultant, and he formerly served as Director of Human Resources of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Bill Cunningham was a 2003 Wall of Fame honoree.

2014 Wall of Fame Honorees
The School of Criminal Justice honored four distinguished Spartans with the School's highest alumni honors at the Wall of Fame ceremony on October 10, 2014 at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing. These individuals were selected by the Wall of Fame Awards Committee to receive the School of Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumni Award. The recipients were Steven Bogdalek, Donna Hale (pictured), Dennis Halverson and William Nash. To learn more about our Distinguished Alumni honorees or to nominate an alum for the 2015 Wall of Fame please visit our Alumni page.

Fallen Hero Honored at Wall of Fame

During the 2014 Wall of Fame ceremony we honored one of our fallen heroes, Officer James Johnson, East Lansing Police Department. Chief Juli Liebler accepted the plaque on behalf of the Johnson family.

Officer James Johnson had served with the East Lansing Police Department for 11 years when he was shot and killed inside an apartment while attempting to arrest a woman for auto theft on October 25, 1984. Please visit the School of Criminal Justice Public Safety Memorial in the lower level of the Union.

Traci Ruiz Elected Board President
Alum Traci Ruiz will lead the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Board beginning December 1, 2014. Shawn Rowley will serve as the Board's Vice-President. Traci is a police officer with the Lansing Police Department. The School would also like to thank our Past-President, Paul Sparks, for his service and leadership.

Doctoral Students Present at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

Several of our doctoral students participated at the 2014 American Society of Criminology annual meeting in San Francisco CA. They presented on a wide variety of topics that included cyber crime, police legitimacy, terrorism, product counterfeiting, victimization, aggression & delinquency and community reintegration. Pictured are Seung Paek, Gio Circo, Carrie Li, Dr. Mary Finn, Beth Adams, Alison Colby and Yi Ting Chua.

Christopher Bridges Co-Authors New Criminal Justice Report

Christopher Bridges along with the Black Organizing Project of the ACLU of Northern California and Public Counsel released a new report entitled From Report Card to Criminal Record: The Impact of Policing Oakland Youth.

R. Barri Flowers Authors New Book
R. Barri Flowers is a 2006 Wall of Fame honoree, criminologist and author of the eBook bundles, *Serial Killer Thrillers*, *Killer Evidence Legal Thrillers*, *The Sex Slave Murders* and *True Crime*. He has recently published, *Fractured Trust*, a legal suspense novel about date rape. Follow Barri on Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn, Wikipedia, and his website at www.rbarriflowers.net.

Bill Terrill Receives the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Achievement Award

On October 16, 2014 Dr. William Terrill received the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Achievement Award for his extraordinary professional accomplishments. The Alumni Achievement award is the highest honor given to Penn State alumni. During his visit, Dr. Terrill had the opportunity to share his expertise with students, faculty and administrators demonstrating to students that Penn State alumni succeed.

Nancy Oesch Presents at Oxford

For the 10th year Nancy Oesch, Alum and SCJ Board Member was honored to be invited to speak at Oxford University. Her presentation was entitled *The Active Shooter.*

Nancy graduated from the School of Criminal Justice earning both her Bachelor of Science (1973) and Master of Science (1983). She is the Criminal Justice Program Director for Everest University, Orlando South Campus, Florida, responsible for all academic program development, evaluation, restructuring, and course instruction. Nancy is a 2006 Wall of Fame Honoree.

SCJAA Board Update: Paul Sparks
This is my last update as your President of our Alumni Board ends and I have a lot of information to share. This fall our Alumni Board meeting was held in the afternoon and the Wall of Fame in the evening at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. The board was honored to have faculty from our Forensics Science program provide an overview of the department. We should all be very proud of our exemplary Forensics Sciences Program at Michigan State University. It is truly impressive.

As you know, during the past several years, your Alumni Board has been vigorously pursuing a Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) initiative to develop a formal relationship between the School of Criminal Justice and MCOLES so that upon receipt of their bachelor degree our graduates desiring to enter local or county law enforcement will have MCOLES certification as a peace officer. However, in order to streamline certification students must be able to transfer credits from community colleges where they are the lead in MCOLES certified regional police academies.

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SCJ Represented at the International Association of Crime Analysts

Robyn Carter and Heather Perez attended the 24th International Association of Crime Analyst (IACA) Annual Training Conference. Robyn and Heather also represented the School as exhibitors presenting the numerous online law enforcement
certificates and its unique, one of a kind, online Masters in Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis (LEIA) Program. More than 500 attendees from nearly 10 countries were present over the course of the week. Along with many conference attendees the exhibit was also visited by several LEIA graduates. Learn more about the Masters in Law Enforcement Intelligence & Analysis program as well as our certificate programs.

The 25th Annual Training IACA Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, September 2015.

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Jennifer Cobbina Awarded MSU Service Learning & Civic Engagement Award

Assistant Professor Jennifer Cobbina received a 2013-2014 MSU Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Award at a ceremony sponsored by the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement. Jennifer was recognized for her development of the Inside-Out Program whereby MSU students are paired with incarcerated students in a semester-long course known as Examining Social Issues through the Prism of Prison. Jennifer was nominated by Dean Marietta Baba of the College of Social Science.

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School to Lead Research for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant

The School of Criminal Justice will act as the lead research agent for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program grant that will provide $1 million over three years for a Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative in Flint, Michigan.

The grant will also enable research collaborations among many universities, including Kettering University's Computer Science department, the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) Youth Violence Prevention Center and the University of Michigan-Flint's Department of Health and Health Sciences and Department of Earth and Resource Science.
Dr. Ramiro Martinez Jr. visited our campus to present his research entitled *The Role of Immigration in Violence Research: The past, present and future.*

Dr. Martinez is a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University. He authored the forthcoming *Latino Homicide 2nd edition* (2014), *Latino Homicide: Immigration, Violence, and Community* (2002) co-edited *Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics, and Injustice* (2012) and *Immigration and Crime: Race, Ethnicity and Violence* (2006). Over the past fifteen years he has received several honors and awards. Most recently he was a recipient of the American Society of Criminology DPCC’s Lifetime Achievement for outstanding scholarship in the area of race, crime, and justice.

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**A-CAPP Welcomes New Board Members**
The A-CAPP Industry Advisory Board recently welcomed new members to its ranks. These members include Stew Roberts from Qualcomm, Leah Evert-Burks from Deckers Outdoors, Scott Lindahl from Kellogg's and Ewa Abrams from Tiffany and Co. The A-CAPP board now represents eight different industries and includes leaders on the forefront of brand protection. This diversity is crucial to the A-CAPP Center developing and achieving strategic goals that are well rounded and reflective of current brand protection concerns.

Also during these events, Ron Davis was honored with the A-CAPP Pioneer Award, joining previous recipients, Rod Kinghorn and David Howard. The A-CAPP Pioneer Award recognizes those who have significantly contributed to the development of A-CAPP. Ron represents Qualcomm on the A-CAPP Industry Advisory Board and has done so since May 2011. He also serves as the board's President. Since his seat on the A-CAPP Industry Advisory Board, Ron has contributed to A-CAPP's success in countless ways. One such way was coordinating A-CAPP's first formal international partnership, with the Quality Brands Protection Committee (QBPC) in China.