

Alumni

Mark Alley (CJ '85), former Chief of the Lansing Police Department (LPD), gave an inspirational speech to the senior Law Enforcement students about interviewing and getting a job. In his speech, which was humorous, insightful, and full of practical, winning suggestions, he quoted Lee Iacocca who reportedly said, "The main thing in life is to keep the main thing the main thing." His presentation was well received by the Law Enforcement students. Mark retired as the Chief of the LPD to begin a new career in risk management for an internationally recognized firm.

Nicholas Doktor (CJ '08) graduated from the Criminal Justice Generalist program with a minor in Homeland Security/Forensics at Ferris. He continued his education at Northeastern University and will graduate later this semester. Nick has applied for employment with the FBI, ICE and ATF. He currently is in the application process with NCIS. Nick took the ICE Special Agent Exam over the summer and scored a 98, which will probably qualify him for an interview. This past summer, Nick completed an internship with the U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, and Office of Investigations in Chicago. He said it was one of the best experiences he had. Nick was able to draw on many of his experiences and lessons from Ferris' Criminal Justice program, and he definitely credits his education and experiences at Ferris for the knowledge he has acquired.

Brian Gaskell (RLM '09) has accepted a job as the Assistant Director of the Fayetteville Recreation and Parks Department Senior Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Kiven Head (TVP '94) recently signed a contract with a film production company in Denmark to pen the screenplay for a yet-to-be-named horror film. The story centers on a group of American medical students studying abroad, who get caught up in a horrifying epidemic. Kiven is also in the process of seeking investors for another film he wrote and plans to direct called *The Undertakers*. The film features Richard Hatch (*Battlestar Galactica*), J. LaRose (*Saw III*), Edwin Neal (*The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*) and Lindsey Haun (*True Blood*). For a sneak-peak at a marketing trailer for the film, visit www.TheUndertakersMovie.com

Danielle Jackson (RLM '08) works as a Rehab Trainer at the Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of MI. She also works for the Health Fitness Corporation filling in every once in a while doing health screenings around Michigan and Ohio.

Nicholas Kuiper (TDMP '06) is now enrolled in the MA program in Broadcast and Cinematic Arts at Central Michigan University and is a winner of a Harold Fellows Scholarship which the National Association of Broadcasters sponsored. Only three of these scholarships are awarded each year from applicants enrolled all across the country. For information see: <http://www.beaweb.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3677>

Allison LaPreze (SOE '09) was hired at the Clarksville, Tennessee school district to teach first grade with a starting salary of \$35,118 and full benefits (medical, retirement, etc.). She interviewed twice via telephone and was on the job on December 11, 2009. Allison is a vibrant and well-prepared individual. She also is technically proficient and has an engaging personality. They hired her sight-unseen. They were impressed with her university preparation as evidenced by her credentials and references.

Melissa Manzagol (AVP '92) hosted the DVD Release and Premiere for "Addicted to Ice: The Michigan Ice Biking Adventure" at the Grant Fine Arts Center on March 26, 2010. Melissa produced this 100% Michigan-made independent production through her company, Carom Productions, based in Big Rapids.

Andrew Tingley (TDMP '04) is an adjunct faculty member and co-founder of the successful Creo Productions in Grand Rapids. He created a video entitled 100,000 Airplanes and Melodies over Monroe for the 2009 Art Prize in Grand Rapids.

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Sara Stolarski, a 2003 TDMP graduate, recently served as the Art Department coordinator on “HawthorRNe” which runs on TNT. Her main tasks were to coordinate the sets and to assure that they stayed within the budget. The show was a hit in the first season and promised to be an even better hit for this year. Great work Sara! To find out more about the show, [\(CLICK HERE\)](#).

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III named **Timothy P. Murphy** to be deputy director. Murphy graduated from the Criminal Justice program in 1983 and previously served as the associate deputy director. Mueller recognized Murphy for his “exceptional leadership” and his ability to meet “tough challenges head on.” Murphy entered the FBI as a special agent in 1988 and worked in Newark, N.J.; Tampa, Fla.; Washington, D.C.; and Cincinnati, Ohio, before moving to the FBI headquarters. He managed a variety of investigative matters including counterterrorism, organized crime, technical operations, and surveillance programs.

The Ferris State University Athletics Department received a bronze medal by the National Association of College Marketing Association (NACMA) for a television commercial directed by **Derek Rottman**. Rottman’s video about 2009-2010 Bulldog Hockey was seen on ESPN, TBS, Fox News, Big Ten Network, and USA during home games.

East Grand Rapids Recreation Director **Fred Bunn** (RLSW) was the overall winner of the first Lake Macatawa Duathlon. The Duathlon consisted of 22.8 miles of biking and 4.8 miles of running. Bunn said that the duathlon was “good for me because running is my major background.” He ran in the Olympic Trials for the U.S. marathon team in 2000.

The City of Lansing named Criminal Justice graduate **Teresa Szymanski** to become chief of police after another Ferris CJ alum, **Mark Alley**, retired. Alley made two visits to the Big Rapids campus during the spring semester, giving a motivational speech on job hunting to Law Enforcement Academy recruits, and then speaking at their commencement banquet.

Jim Bourdlais (CJ 2008, MS CJA 2008) “brought home the gold” from the Thunder Valley Games for disabled athletes. Bourdlais captured first-place honors in his class shot put, discus, javelin, and archery, and finished second place in weight lifting. He is on his way to qualifying for national status for his class in these competitions.

Robert Maiorana (BS CJ 2009, MS CJA 2010) is moving to East Lansing where he will be attending Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. The faculty members from CJ know that he will do well.

Casey Halifax Wooster (Business Education 1988) is the special assistant to the dean of the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University. She is married to FSU alumnus **Scott Wooster**, has two Springer Spaniels, and is a future Ferris mom with a daughter planning to come to Ferris State University in 2011.