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Letter from the Chair

So many things have happened this year, and exciting changes are on the horizon. I am particularly pleased to announce that we will launch a new major in Criminal Justice in AY 2022–23.

We currently offer a BA in Criminology, which is optimally suited for students who plan to attend graduate school or law school. The BA in Criminal Justice focuses more intentionally on administrative issues, professional development, and community justice, and it is

designed for students who plan to directly enter a CJ-related profession upon graduation.

Students interested in criminology have diverse career interests (*see photos Left-Right*). Lexi Basler is majoring in Criminology and Chemistry with a minor in Psychology. She is interested in doing laboratory work in forensic chemistry, fingerprinting, and/or toxicology.

Samantha Lohman is majoring in Criminology and Psychology and is earning a

certificate in Wrongful Convictions. She plans to work as a Probation and Parole Officer in St. Louis, MO.

Brock Lamkin is majoring in Criminology and Psychology with a minor in Cyber-Risk Management. He is in the process of being hired for the Springfield Police Academy.

Aja Domineck is triple majoring in Criminology, Psychology, and Sociology and earning the Learning to Lead certificate. She plans to become a Forensic Psychologist.

Alex Solomon is majoring in Criminology and Clinical-Behavioral Neuroscience with minors in Advanced Scientific Analysis and Community Health. She will attend law school at Washburn.

I also want to take a moment to thank alumnus Dr. Charles Coller, who donated his professional book collection to our department. Our students and faculty thank you, Charlie!

Please sit back and enjoy the newsletter. It's a great issue!
-Dr. Vickie Luttrell, '86



The Voice of a First-Year Student: Serenity Sosa



My name is Serenity Sosa, and I am finishing up my freshman year here at Drury. I am from Olathe, Kansas and chose Drury because of the wide breadth of academic programs. The smaller class sizes are advantageous in fostering strong bonds between classmates and professors.

I am currently majoring in Criminology and minoring in Political Science, and have thoroughly enjoyed the classes I have taken so far at Drury. The behavioral sciences have always sparked an interest for me, and I am working hard to achieve my career goal of becoming a Federal Supervisory Agent. I am interested in working for the Behavioral Analysis Unit in the interest of preventing serial homicide and apprehending perpetrators.

In my time here, I have been elected as a Freshman Class Senator for our Student Government Association, as well as Media and Public Relations Coordinator for Black United Independent Collegiate. I am currently ranked 11 in my class, listed on the Dean's list, and enrolled in Drury's Honor Program.

Looking to the future, I am excited to announce my position as a Residential Assistant on the 2022–2023 staff as well as my position as a 2022–2023 Orientation Leader. Becoming a Drury Panther has positively shaped me in many ways, and I know when I graduate, I will be able to say that I felt my voice was heard and that I made a difference here.

The Voice of a Graduating Senior: Ahilyn Aceves

Drury has always been a special place for me because I have been encouraged to do everything I love. I knew going into college I would be a special case wanting to combine my passions of theatre with my behavioral science majors. However, from day one of my freshman year I have always been able to participate in the theatre seasons while pursuing my majors.

My time here has opened so many opportunities and fun options I never believed I would have been able to do. Drury has taught me that my ideas and my passions are important and can be utilized in my interactions with others and in my potential future careers.

When I began to think about options after my time at Drury,

I was a little scared. I knew a little about what I wanted, but I needed to take a leap and try for things. After talking with Dr. Eastman about my plans, I felt much more confident and was excited about my future. That kind of support is something I have always felt from the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Now I will be graduating with degrees in Criminology and Psychology along with minors in French and Theatre.

After Drury I will be attending New York University in a two-year Shanghai-New York pathway for a master's in social work. I am excited about my future, and I am so grateful for everyone who helped me get here.



Judge Warren White Scholars



Emily Armour

Emily Armour is a sophomore at Drury who graduated from Nixa High School in 2020. She is majoring in Criminology with minors in Political Science and Advanced Scientific Analysis. Her involvement on campus includes membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, Behavioral Sciences Club, and Student Government Association as a sophomore senator.

After graduating, Emily plans to attend law school. She hopes to practice criminal law on the prosecutorial side. Her criminal interests usually fall into the federal and international side of things with a focus on organized and white-collar crime. She would love to clerk for a Supreme Court justice after graduating law school, especially for her favorite justice Clarence Thomas. Her dream job would

be working for the federal government in Washington DC or somewhere in the South.

She has a passion for people with autism and people with mental disabilities and hopes she can work with them to feel healthy and joyful in their lives. She would love to work in her community once she has a law degree to bring justice to people with disabilities.

In her free time, Emily enjoys solving puzzles of various kinds and reading books. Her favorite read so far is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. She also likes to spend time with her twin brother who is also attending Drury majoring in Architecture. The two like to eat lunch together on campus and debate the smartest choices for their futures. Emily is very excited to see how her journey at Drury continues and what will come after.



Emily Hiebert

Emily is a sophomore and graduated from Park Hill High School in Kansas City, Missouri in 2020. She is majoring in Psychology, minoring in Business and Spanish, and getting a Holistic Health and Well-Being certificate. She is involved in Zeta Tau Alpha and serves as Treasurer on their Executive Council. She is also an Orientation Leader and a member of Drury's Student Union Board.

Her interests include getting outdoors whether it be hammocking, hiking, kayaking, or anything else. She enjoys doing yoga and engaging in meditation and mindfulness practices. She also loves listening to podcasts and reading books when she can make time. Emily's favorite part about Drury is the ability to get involved in many different organizations as well as

the many leadership opportunities within them. She also loves the smaller class sizes because it makes it easier to connect more personally with her professors and peers.

For her future, she can see herself getting her Yoga Teacher certification and traveling to different places to teach yoga. Eventually, she would like to become a Psychotherapist or Yoga Therapist to help others by integrating her passion for mental health and holistic healing. She would like to have her own practice one day in Missouri or move out to Colorado.

Emily looks forward to continuing to develop her knowledge in different areas and figuring out what she wants to do, and she is enjoying the journey to get there. She thanks her family, friends, and professors for their continued support and guidance.

Career Paths for CLBN Majors are Diverse



Tayte Kozlowski (*below*)

Tayte Kozlowski graduated from Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri. She is a member of the Drury Track and Field team, and a recent Judge Warren White scholar. Tayte is majoring in Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience and minoring in Biology.

In the future she hopes to explore concepts of wellness, especially as it relates to self-directed habits and neuroplasticity. The CLBN major was of particular interest to Tayte because of the emphasis it has on research practices and the applicability of the degree to so many fields of graduate study.

She is looking forward to building on her educational foundation from Drury University as a future researcher or practitioner in a healthcare field, such as clinical psychology or advanced practice registered nursing. In her free time, Tayte is learning to play the ukulele and has joined an intergenerational ukulele club.



Skyler Williams (*above*)

Skyler Williams is a senior at Drury and is from Nixa, Missouri. She is majoring in Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience, minoring in Advanced Scientific Analysis, and getting a certificate in Interactive Design. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Psi Chi Honors Society.

She is completing a nine-month internship at Sharlin Health Neuroscience Research Center studying the efficacy of various pharmaceutical drugs on numerous neurologically based conditions, such as Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's. She is involved with pharmacokinetic lab research, along with being an unblinded clinical rater for neuropsychiatric testing within the current pediatric migraine study at the clinic.

After graduating from Drury, Skyler plans on pursuing graduate school with an interest in neuropharmacology, where she hopes to work with pediatric populations in general fields of neurology and cognition.



Lauren McQuerter (*above*)

Lauren McQuerter is from Springfield, Missouri and graduated from Glendale High School. She is currently a junior studying Biochemistry and Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience with a minor in Advanced Scientific Analysis. After graduating from Drury, she plans to attend Saint Louis University School of Medicine through Drury's early acceptance program to become a Child Psychiatrist with a specialization in autism spectrum disorder.

Lauren is currently in the Drury Honor's program, Psi Chi International Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and is a tutor for the Ozark Literacy Council where she tutors in reading.

This semester she began working in one of the biology professor's research labs studying the gooseoid gene of the inner ear in chicken embryos and plans to participate in Drury's Research Experience in the Natural Sciences this coming summer.

Superstar Interns



Mihael Kirby

I am a Psychology and Sociology double major with a minor in Advanced Scientific Analysis and a certificate in Professional and Visual Communication. I am a member of the Behavioral Sciences Club and Allies, and I have also been accepted into the Psi Chi National Honor Society. Though I wasn't born here, I have lived in a house near downtown Springfield, Missouri since I was two. This city is my home, and I planned to go to Drury since I was 10 years old.

This spring, I got the opportunity to be an intern at the Beyond Healing Center, which opened in 2020. The organization is dedicated to helping people heal who have experienced trauma; they attend therapy, do body work, such

as yoga and massage therapy, attend retreats, and more.

As part of my internship, I am helping to develop a continuing education course in the form of an embodiment journal, which will assist therapists who attend the center's Somatic Integrative Processing (SIP) trainings. The SIP model has been fascinating to learn about because it pulls in aspects from the existing models of adaptive information processing, attachment and neurodevelopment, and polyvagal theory. Using SIP in case conceptualization allows for intricate connections between past and present experiences to be made, which facilitates healing.

I'm excited to use what I've learned at the Beyond Healing Center both in graduate school and hopefully in private practice.

Trenton Van Horn

I am currently a junior at Drury University. I am majoring in Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience, double minor-ing in Physics and Law, and pursuing the Justice Denied: Wrongful Convictions certificate. I graduated from Ozark High School and have lived in Ozark, MO my entire life.

Part of studying at Drury means that you are exposed to many different subjects, topics, and schools of thought. I have always been interested in both medicine and law, but my interest in law has continued to grow as I completed law-oriented classes for my academic programs.

While interning with MRD Lawyers, I have learned and built off the content I was taught in lecture and am able

to see the application of these concepts in real time. My personal responsibilities have ranged from maintaining client contact and being involved in setting up client meetings and small consultations, to working on case discovery and case analysis. I have also been invited to the courtroom to watch a few hearings. There has been a lot of emphasis on teamwork, as it takes a team to ensure a favorable outcome throughout the lengthy process, from the time our clients hire us to their trial hearing.

It has been very rewarding to apply and make use out of what I have learned in lectures at Drury, and I have been extremely grateful to witness the application of a Juris Doctor degree and soak up the advice of some exceptionally talented individuals.



Drury Leadership Academy - DLA



Dr. David Derosssett, Associate Professor of Sociology, teaches a 2-week summer class on protest movements for the Drury Leadership Academy (DLA), which draws material from his college-level Social Movements course.

DLA is a program for high school students conducted by Drury's Center for Gifted Education since 1981. Students watch films and engage in discussions about the history of social movements since the 1960s, interact directly with local activists who participate as guest speakers, and complete a group assignment to develop a social movement organization focused on an issue that interests them.

For the group assignment, students create a mission statement that identifies the social problem they want to address, explain why the issue is important, and outline their vision for a society that successfully resolves the problem. They also develop and present an issue

campaign designed to win a tangible change that would result in real improvement in people's lives.

In the 2021 section, three extraordinary students, Sydney Tune, Mallorie Shelton, and Anneka Johnson, all from local high schools, created an organization called Crimson Wave with the mission of "erasing the polarizing lines of period poverty and lessen the financial burden on menstruators across Missouri." The group created a remarkably professional looking website for their organization, which highlighted a well-researched campaign to pressure lawmakers to lower the Missouri tax on period products to make them more accessible, regardless of income.

If you would like to learn more about Sydney, Mallorie, and Anneka's proposed protest movement organization, its mission, and outcome goals, you can view the Crimson Wave website at <https://5693397.wixsite.com/crimsonwave>

Drury University Law Enforcement Academy

Dr. James Scollione, Visiting Assistant Professor of Criminology, is an instructor at the Drury University Law Enforcement Academy where he teaches the behavioral health unit. This unit covers the basic symptoms of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders.

Research suggests that one-in-five Americans have a mental health disorder. Research also suggests that individuals involved with the justice system have higher rates of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders compared to the general population. Given this reality, it is important for law enforcement cadets and students to be aware of the general signs of behavioral health disorders, how to respond to a behavioral health crisis, and how and when to refer individuals with a behavioral health disorder to a treatment provider within applicable laws.

As part of Drury's Badge to

Bachelor's Program, Scollione also worked with colleagues to develop two new certificate programs, which launch in Drury GO in AY 2022-23.

Students pursuing the Community Policing Certificate will learn about conflict resolution and de-escalation tactics, indicators of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and its associated myths, victimization, the influence of drugs on human behavior, cognitions, and emotions, and biopsychosocial theories of substance addiction.

Students pursuing the Corrections Certificate will examine historical issues that shaped contemporary corrections, evaluate constitutional and ethical issues facing criminal justice professionals, understand the culture of gangs and their influence, and prepare future leaders to work collaboratively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.



In the News: Where the Liberal Arts and Hot Topics Meet

We expect our graduates to demonstrate an understanding of the scientific foundations and core concepts of their disciplines, value a diversity of opinions and perspectives, and make evidence-based decisions about issues and problems that arise in their personal and professional lives.

To this end, the Department of Behavioral Sciences partnered with the Humanities & Ethics Center to host a panel event called, "Critical Race Theory: What is it?" Panelists included Dr. Marlin Barber, a historian from Missouri State, Drs. Ginney Norton and Rich Schur from Drury, and Dr. Kyler Sherman Wilkins, a sociologist from Missouri State.

The CRT event took place on November 22, 2021, in Drury's Diversity Center, which is housed in the Historic Washington Avenue Baptist Church on Drury Lane. The event was well attended and as promised, it

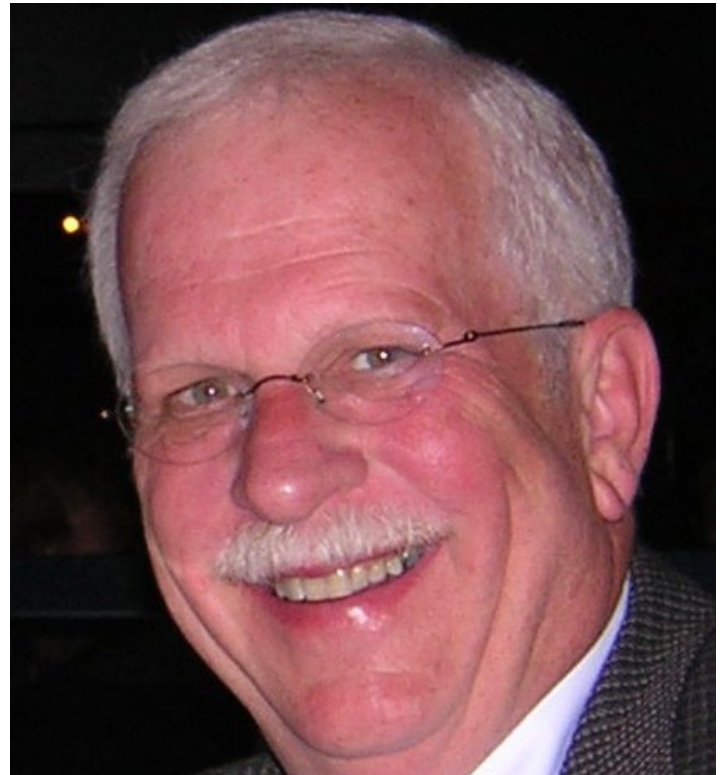
was an enlightening and engaging evening.

On March 24, 2022, Women & Gender Studies and the Humanities & Ethics Center co-sponsored a second panel event, "Intersectionality: Improving Allyship." Intersectionality, a fundamental topic across the behavioral sciences, is a paradigm that addresses the multiple dimensions of identity and social systems as they intersect with one another and relate to inequality, such as racism, genderism, heterosexism, ageism, and classism.

Panelists included Nikki Pastor ('22), who also organized the event, Jalen Shaw ('23) of Allies, and Drs. Ginney Norton and Dave Derosssett from Drury. The event was held in Reed Auditorium in the Trustee Science Center.

Both panel events were made possible by funding from the Victor M. Agruso, Jr. Endowment for Behavioral Sciences.

Voice of an Alumnus: Charles Coller



Wow! The past 40 years as a psychologist has been quite a ride. Never did I think the "spirited" Dr. Bill Howard or the sedate Dr. Francis Jones, both Drury teachers of psychology, would have such an impact.

Never dreaded going to "work." Never bored, always stimulated intellectually and emotionally. I knew I needed to be a really good therapist and resource to those in need. That meant always doing whatever necessary to prepare myself to be the best I could be as a helper or partner in their lives.

Diversity made me a constant student of learning. Learning with people who have mental illnesses for 40 years. Being there during relationship problems, work problems, health issues, loss, and end of life issues. Being there for victims and

victimizers. Learning how to be a better educator of students wanting to be psychologists. Being there helping individuals grow.

Would I do anything differently regarding my life as a psychologist? Nope. Being a psychologist, you accept that it isn't always clear that you have made a difference. Change occurs slowly for most of us.

Being a husband for 50+ years and parent of two boys was/ is a real psychological learning experience. Two steps forward, one back.

The rewards? No regrets, just contentment. Having someone come up to me expressing gratitude for being there with them. Seeing those in the community living their lives better. "Producing" psychologists, counselors, or social workers. WOW!



Outstanding Graduating Seniors: 2020-21

The following students were our outstanding graduating seniors for 2020-21. Students were selected based on demonstrated academic excellence and service to the department. Summa awards were given to students whose cumulative GPAs exceeded 3.95. Our Summa award winner was Alie Pasternak. Our department award winners were as follows:

Outstanding Student in Behavioral Sciences and Animal Studies:



Nina Spitzhorn

Nina Spitzhorn is from Niederelbert, Germany and graduated from Goethe Gymnasium in Bad Ems. At Drury, she majored in Psychology and Sociology and minored in Animal Studies. She was captain of the women's triathlon team and member of the track & field and cross-country team. Nina is now obtaining her master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Colorado-Spring. She is working with Dr. Beth Daniels to research the effect of sexualized female athletes in the media on viewers and is also examining types of sexual harassment women in STEM fields experience.

Outstanding Student in Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience:



Alie Pasternak

Alexandria (Alie) Pasternak graduated from Raymore-Peculiar High School in Raymore, MO. At Drury, she majored in Clinical & Behavioral Neuroscience and Spanish and minored in Advanced Scientific Analysis and Biology. Post-graduation, Alie is pursuing her master's degrees in Social Work and Public Health at the University of Denver and Anschutz Medical Campus in Denver, CO. She also works with the American Red Cross as a disaster responder, recovery caseworker, and preparedness team member, is a student researcher on a concussion testing team, and recently completed phlebotomy training.

Outstanding Student in Criminology:



Courtney Meinhardt

Courtney Meinhardt is from New Baden, IL and graduated from Wesclin High School. At Drury, she majored in Criminology and minored in Sociology. She was Captain of Shotgun Sports, served in several positions in Kappa Delta, and was an Orientation Leader for incoming students. Post-graduation, Courtney is going to graduate school online at Northeastern University. She will complete her Master of Arts degree in December 2022 in Strategic Intelligence Analysis with a concentration in Homeland Security. She is also working at a hometown coffee shop while getting her degree.

Outstanding Student in Psychology:



John Schupbach

John Schupbach is from Monett, MO and graduated from Drury with an Associate of Science in Behavioral Science at the same time he earned his high school diploma. At Drury, he created an individualized major that blended psychology, sociology, and education, while he minored in Advanced Scientific Analysis. After graduating Drury, John moved to New York City to pursue a master's degree in Measurement and Evaluation at Teachers College, Columbia University. He is in love with his classes on linear modeling and causal inference, and currently exploring research topics in parallel trends and effect size replication.

Outstanding Student in Sociology:



Jordan Andrews

Jordan Andrews is from Springfield, MO and graduated from Central High School. At Drury, she majored in Sociology and Psychology, minored in Community Health, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She was a member of the Drury cheerleading team for four years and completed an intensive internship at the Springfield Dream Center on the city's northwest side. After graduation, Jordan has continued working in her position at the Springfield Dream Center. She works with kindergarten through eighth grade students involved in Dream Center Academy, a program focused on social and emotional learning.

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