

## Ontario Articulations

The University supported Criminal Justice Ontario Articulations through support of a week-long recruitment trip (over 1100 miles traveled) to strengthen our agreement in criminal justice, and other disciplines as well. Dr. David Myton met with students, faculty and staff at Sault College, Cambrian College, Canadore College, Fleming College, Humber College, Conestoga College, Fanshawe College and Lambton College. Dr. Paige Gordier coordinated updated articulations with each institution which are now posted on the school's website:

<http://lssu.edu/criminaljustice>

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## The School of Criminal Justice remains strong:

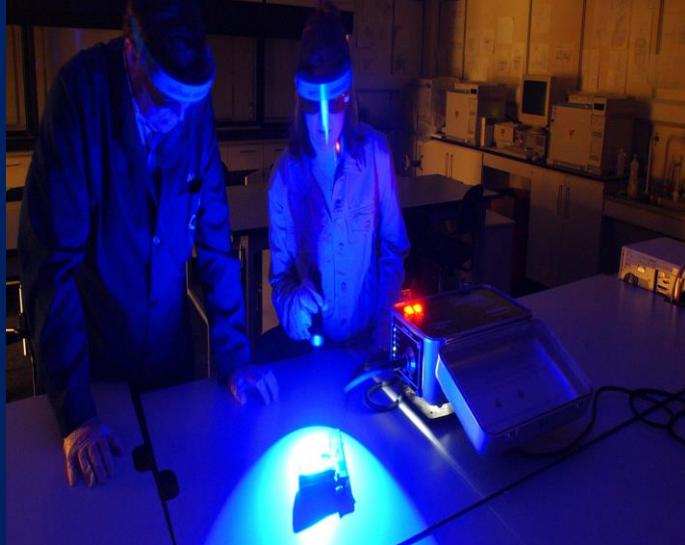
The University's support and commitment to the School of Criminal Justice remains strong and has been demonstrated through many actions and changes in the past academic year. During 2016-2017 the School of Criminal Justice has undergone a substantial programmatic restructuring. These changes increased degree options for students, reduced student out-of-pocket expense, and reduced the number of degrees while maintaining important options for students to specialize within their academic degree program.

The BS Criminal Justice degree was restructured around a set of common core requirements and completion of at least one required concentration. What had previously been 8 closely related but independent degrees will now be a single degree program.



## CJUS 201 Firearms Training

The school implemented a curriculum change to CJUS 201 Firearms Training to allow the course to be repeated for credit, and to allow non-criminal justice majors (for example, students in Forensic Chemistry , or Fisheries and Wildlife) to take the course. This change increased course enrollment from 32 to 52 students (fall to spring). A special section developed for faculty/staff scheduled for fall 2017 filled within hours of the announcement.



## Criminalistics lab, moving back to Norris 214

### BACHELOR PROGRAM

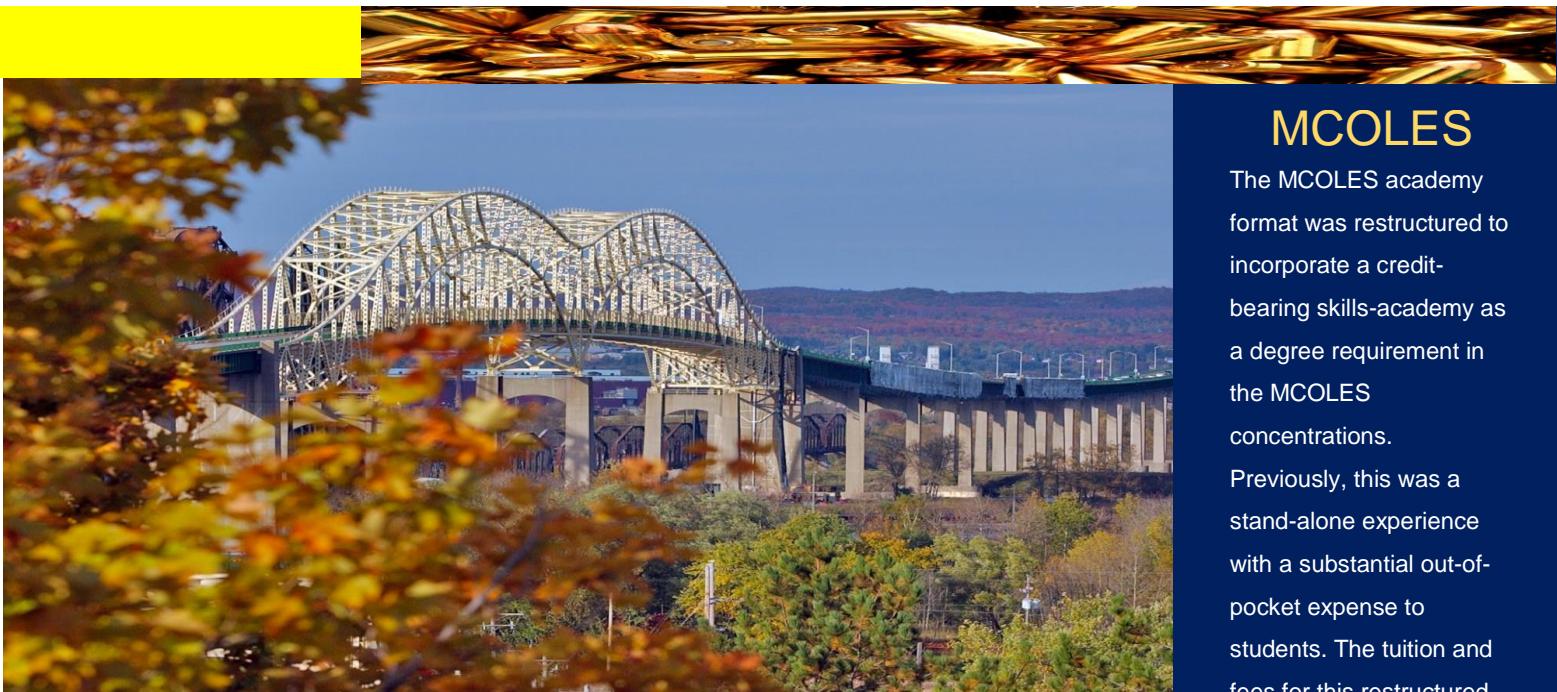
BS Students complete at least one concentration (other than MCOLES) from areas that include: generalist, law enforcement, criminalistics, public safety, and homeland security. All BS students can now incorporate law enforcement officer (LEO) certification with their academic degree through addition of the MCOLES academy concentration.

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE

The requirements for the AS and minor in corrections were streamlined to eliminate up to 9 credits of required coursework, and to incorporate existing courses like ethics which are used by all majors. This stream lines this program and makes the school more efficient in its use of resources. The Associate degrees in law enforcement and homeland security were restructured to also include an option to incorporate the MCOLES academy. New articulations with Michigan community colleges will allow students to earn degrees from both the CC and LSSU through reverse transfer agreements, and to complete their LEO certification through LSSU. Our associate degree is stackable with our BS degree, allowing officers to pursue degree completion through our approved online BS program.

LSSU MCOLES Academy welcomes our new Deputy Director, Sergeant Bradley Clegg, of the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Clegg is also a Lake State graduate.





## MCOLES

The MCOLES academy format was restructured to incorporate a credit-bearing skills-academy as a degree requirement in the MCOLES concentrations.

Previously, this was a stand-alone experience with a substantial out-of-pocket expense to students. The tuition and fees for this restructured academy will now qualify for financial aid support, and the degree requirements have been reduced to incorporate the academy within the standard 124 credit degree.

## MCOLES 39<sup>th</sup> Academy

MCOLES enrollment in 2015-2016 was 13 cadets, and in 2016-2017 there were 11 cadets. We are projecting a 2018 Academy class of 33 cadets.

We are currently in our 39<sup>th</sup> Academy, with the cadets in the Skill Completion portion of the program. Graduation will take place at the end of June.



## VirTra Simulation System

The School of Criminal Justice invested over \$51,000 in funds from the Perkins Grant (based on our associate degree program) and non-general designated funds to upgrade our VirTra decision making and virtual tactical training simulator. This system will be permanently installed in NOR211, adjacent to the pistol range.

The system incorporates a multi-weapon platform that develops students' ability to react quickly and efficiently to sudden and unexpected scenarios. The scenarios are not all about "shooting the bad guy", this system is designed to provide learners a safe environment to practice their skills of de-escalation.

System operators control the simulation so that the actions of the potential violent subject, or a person in crisis, will change based on the learners response to the particular situation.



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## Recent Events

- **Grand Rapids Police Department Alumni (left photo)**

Our graduates are now working all across the state, including those shown below at East Grand Rapids Public Safety, Wyoming PD, Kentwood PD, Kalamazoo Public Safety, and the US Marshall's Service. We would enjoy sharing the success of other alumni - send us your pictures!

**Front Row (L-R):** Captain Michael Maycroft (BS CJ 1995), Officer Eric Hornbacher (BS CJ 1996), Officer Dave Johnston (BS CJ 1992), D/Sgt. Scott Vogrig (BS CJ 1995), Detective Jeff Freres (BS CJ 2000), Detective Lucas Nagtzaam (BS CJ 2000)

**Back Row (L-R):** Detective Alan Ort (BS CJ & Fire Science 2000), Supervisory Deputy US Marshal Steve Hetherington (BS CJ 1992), Officer Nathan Fynewever (BS CJ 2004), Officer Aaron Westrick (BS CJ 2006), Detective Robert Wiersema (BS CJ 1996)

**Not Pictured:** Detective Josh Cornell (BS CJ 1993)

This photo was taken on January 5, 2017 in the lobby of the Grand Rapids Police Department by **GRPD Sgt. Terry Dixon**.

- **Peace Officer Memorial, held at LSSU May 18<sup>th</sup> ,2017**

A memorial bell waits to be rung 86 times for each law regional law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty since 1885. More than three dozen state, federal, and provincial law enforcement agencies and departments from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, northern Wisconsin, and northern Ontario attended a peace officers memorial ceremony May 18 at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The event, held in conjunction with National Police Week, established by President Kennedy in 1963, also included a wreath-laying by families of slain officers and the transfer of a traveling memorial plaque from Marquette to Chippewa counties. (LSSU/John Shibley)



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