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Future Milwaukee Leadership and the Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff

IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME. That's how Inspector Kevin Carr of the Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff explains his decision to become more involved in the community through the Future Milwaukee Leadership Program. In 2002 Inspector Carr had 22 years of law enforcement experience, including a couple of promotions, and his children were attending college. "I felt it was the right time in my life to be able to give something back to the community," he said.

"I needed to find a vehicle to provide me with some direction and experience to channel my interests," Kevin remarked. He first learned about Future Milwaukee from his mother, Carole Sample, who was on the board of directors at the time. Kevin decided to apply for the program because it offered a good opportunity to enhance his leadership skills and make a difference in the greater Milwaukee area through civic engagement.

When Kevin speaks to Future Milwaukee participants today, he likes to let them know that before Future Milwaukee he was not on any boards of community organizations. During Future Milwaukee Kevin was selected as a Rotary Club Fellow and he remains a member of the Downtown Rotary Club today. "After Future Milwaukee, I was asked to be on the Future Milwaukee Board and I also became a member of community organization boards that interested me, where I could provide some value to the organization and the community," he said. Kevin currently serves on the board of directors for: National Alliance for Mentally Ill, Urban Ecology Center, Justice 2000, and Safe and Sound. Most recently,



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Alumni Profiles

RONALD SMITH

Bachelor of Arts in Professional Communication '05, Masters in Leadership Studies '09

"I quit school at age 22 because it wasn't my season," Ron explains. He went on to work for *Newsday*, the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Oregonian*. But when Ron came back to Milwaukee, he started to think about finishing what he started. "The College of Professional Studies was a lifesaver—I don't think I would've finished without it," he says. Now he can't get enough of school.

While attending the College of Professional Studies, Ron received professional promotions. Most recently, he has been promoted to Assistant Managing Editor/News Operations at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Ron graduated with his master's in Leadership Studies this past December and is thinking about pursuing a Ph.D. "You should always invest in yourself," he says.

"Now that I've earned a master's in Leadership Studies, I am more appreciative of the College's emphasis on ethical decision-making and critical-thinking skills that I have developed. These skills helped me get promoted during tough times at my newspaper and will only enhance my chances for further advancement in the future—at work and in the community."

"The College of Professional Studies has been the best investment I've ever made. The faculty, staff, and students have a spirit of excellence that flows outside the classroom and into the community. The College teaches us that earning a degree is meaningless if you can't transfer your knowledge to helping others. My experience has been empowering and transformational."



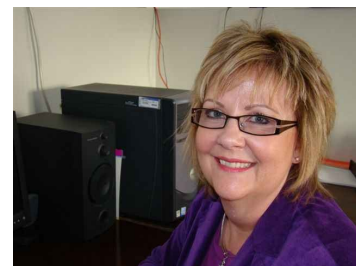
Assistant Managing Editor/News Operations,
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

VICKIE BERGQUIST

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Law Studies '09

After looking at three different universities that offered degrees in the field of criminology, Vickie Berquist selected Marquette's College of Professional Studies because it offered exactly what she was looking for, including flexibility in scheduling and smaller class sizes. Vickie also valued the benefit of having instructors who work in the field they're teaching. "In addition to theoretical information, instructors also provide the reality of what's out there and what you need to know to achieve your goals in your particular field," said Vickie.

"Without a doubt, my life has been enriched as a result of my experiences at Marquette," she said. "This degree in Criminology and Law has been tremendously beneficial in my position as Regional Ombudsman for the State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care. More than 60% of my job responsibility is case investigations, which can involve interacting with a variety of other organizations and law enforcement agencies at times. The knowledge, skills, and confidence I have gained have totally enriched my advocacy skills and effectiveness." In addition, by attending classes with other professionals, Vickie has been able to network and engage in discussions that have strengthened her professionally and personally.



Regional Ombudsman,
Wisconsin Board on Aging and
Long Term Care

Vickie is most proud of following her heart. "I already have two degrees, but since I was a young girl I have thought about getting a degree in criminology so I could work in the field of criminal justice," she said. At this point in Vickie's life, she continues to consider this career opportunity. Her Marquette degree has opened the door to new possibilities.

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Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent William Andrekopoulos asked Kevin to participate in a task force to determine the future of North Division High School, which has helped him learn a lot about the MPS system. In addition, Kevin volunteers at St. Ben's and serves meals to the community each Monday evening.

After participating in the Future Milwaukee Leadership Program, Kevin spoke with Sheriff David Clarke about the value of the program and how it can help employees become more effective through a better understanding of the Metro Milwaukee community. "With 1,400 employees and a budget of \$140 million, the Sheriff's Office requires effective leadership at every level of the organization," he said. "Since 2004, we have been identifying employees who are a good fit for leadership positions in our agency and sending them through the Future Milwaukee Leadership Program. Future Milwaukee has provided me and other employees of the Sheriff's Office with an eye-opening and in-depth perspective on many of the issues confronting Milwaukee."

"Future Milwaukee provided me the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people that were working toward a common goal through project work. The Future Milwaukee curriculum also assisted me in my career of public service with the opportunity to become a board member of a nonprofit organization and enlarge my network of contacts within the community."

Captain Peter R. Jaskulski

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, County Correctional Facility-Central

"The program opened my eyes to the plethora of organizations helping people in Milwaukee. By attending Future Milwaukee I have met people who I never would have encountered in my life circle. Future Milwaukee has given me food for thought."

Sergeant Janet Haas

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, Program Director of the Community Justice Resource Center

"The Future Milwaukee Program gave valuable insight into many of the hardworking and valuable nonprofit resources in the community. In law enforcement, we often do not see the behind-the-scenes efforts of the many community-wide social service professionals and volunteers. For myself, the Future Milwaukee Program opened a career and lifelong discussion into solving urban problems."

Lieutenant James D. Cox

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

Applications for the 2010-11 Future Milwaukee Leadership Program are being accepted through June 15, 2010. Apply online at www.futuremilwaukee.org.

WANTED: ADULT STUDENT REFERRALS

Do you know someone who wants to gain an edge in the highly competitive job marketplace with leadership skills and vision to last long past the next promotion or career change? Now's the time to encourage a family member, friend, or business colleague to check out Marquette's values-based education programs designed for busy adults.

Information about our programs and financial aid options can be found on our Web site at www.marquette.edu/cps or individuals can contact recruitment coordinator Lori Kazaks at 414-288-7118 or lori.kazaks@marquette.edu.

Celebrating Women in the College of Professional Studies

Over 90 people attended Marquette University's Centennial Celebration of Women event hosted by the College of Professional Studies on February 22. The program, "Women Leaders Touching the Lives of Milwaukee's Underserved," included a panel discussion with women from the College who assist Milwaukee's underserved—including the elderly, mentally ill and urban poor:



- **Katie Cox, Grad '04, Urban Literacy Special Projects Coordinator, Cardinal Stritch University**
- **Paulina de Haan, Graduate Student, Community Coordinator, Safe Streets Initiative, Law School**
- **Tracy Johnson, Future Milwaukee '07, Executive Director, TEMPO Milwaukee**
- **Stephanie Stein, Grad '02, Director, Milwaukee County Department on Aging**

The discussion was moderated by Eva M. Soeka, Director, Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and Center for Dispute Resolution Education.

The Dean's List: Fall 2009 Honorees

The **Dean's List** recognizes undergraduate students in the College of Professional Studies for their hard work and dedication to their academic pursuits. Students must be **degree-seeking** and **enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits** in two 8-week sessions and/or a 16-week term, and successfully complete coursework with a **grade point average of 3.75 or higher**.

Tina Erdmann

Carrie Rohde

Kevin Kaminski

Shirley Sciacca

Harry Kraemer

Naomi Staniszewski

Kelley Mewissen

Aric Zabel

ONLINE Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management

Beginning Fall 2010, the College will offer a FULLY ONLINE Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management. This program offers law enforcement officers an opportunity to strengthen their leadership and management skills in order to better serve their departments and their communities while putting themselves in a good position for promotion.

The graduate certificate program requires completion of four courses (12 credit hours) taught by experts in the field of criminal justice. Officers completing this one-year graduate certificate program may apply all 12 credits earned to Marquette's Master of Arts in Public Service with a specialization in Criminal Justice Administration.

"The Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management is an ideal educational opportunity for the aspiring law enforcement executive. The combination of the graduate certificate and the Master of Arts in Public Service has had a profound impact on my career, contributing to significant career advancement and personal enlightenment."

Mark Waters, Master of Arts in Public Service and Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management '07, Captain of Police, Menomonee Falls Police Department

Applications for the fall semester are being accepted now. For more information and to apply online, visit www.marquette.edu/cps and click on "Graduate Programs." If you have questions, please contact recruitment coordinator Lori Kazaks at 414-288-7118 or lori.kazaks@marquette.edu.

The Value of Student Internships and Practicums

Would you like to develop or enhance your job skills to complement your area of study and become more competitive in the job marketplace?

The College of Professional Studies grants credit for student internship opportunities for our undergraduate programs and practicum opportunities for our graduate programs. Students identify an opportunity, submit the appropriate forms for approval, and work with a college internship coordinator as well as a supervisor at the employing company, agency or organization throughout their experience.

Kelly Young, Professional Communication Student

Internship: Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, 911 Dispatch Center

Kelly decided to do an internship for credit because it would allow her to complete her undergraduate program with a double minor and make her degree more marketable. After discussing her goals with her advisor, Kelly contacted the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and scheduled a meeting with the 911 Dispatch Center Supervisor to propose her internship and determine the areas where she could be of greatest assistance. Through this internship, Kelly was able to gain knowledge and experience by assisting with data entry and community H1N1 clinics, listening in on calls, and working on other assigned projects.



"Just like many adult learners, I wear numerous hats in life as a mother, wife, student, and employee working 50+ hours a week," said Kelly. "During my internship I worked an average of 11 hours per week and tried to mix up my hours to get a feel for each of the 911 Dispatch Center shift activities while also fitting this into my home life."

Through this internship opportunity, Kelly experienced the great importance of communication in action and made connections in her related field of study. "I was very honored to have learned so much through this internship and meet so many great people who truly care about helping others," she said.

Kim Swenor, Master of Dispute Resolution Student

Practicum: Lincoln Village Neighborhood Mediation Center

"I knew once I graduated with a master's degree, having little or no relevant practical experience would hurt in a job hunt," said Kim. After talking with program director Eva Soeka about her goals and a potential practicum to gain hands-on experience, it was determined that Kim would help with the creation of a mediation center in Lincoln Village. With the support of a practicum advisor and her professors, Kim will be doing marketing projects for the center and meeting with neighborhood leaders to gain referrals to the center.



"I anticipate doing the bulk of the marketing work for a week or two prior to the first mediation date, with on-going marketing for the duration of the project," said Kim. Depending on the need, Kim may work at the mediation center as little as once a month or, should it become a great success, as much as once or twice a week. To balance her family responsibilities including three sons ages 10, 7, and 5, with school work and this practicum, Kim will also work part-time in the evenings.

"A practicum is a course that can be tailored to the student," remarked Kim. "This opportunity focuses on exactly what I hope to get out of my education and put it to work, literally. Additionally, a practicum affords you an education unlike any other student, which will give you unique experiences for your resume, as well as for your life."

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Graduate Degrees and Certificates - Leadership Studies, Dispute Resolution, Public Service, Law Enforcement Leadership and Management

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Future Milwaukee Leadership Program - Nine-month development program to enhance leadership skills, develop a deeper understanding of community issues, and get practical experience in implementing community solutions.



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