Quarterly Newsletter of the California Association of Administration of Justice Educators

# CAAJE

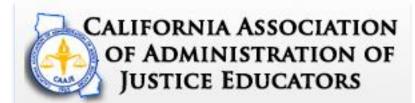
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What is CAAJE?

The California
Association of
Administration
of Justice
Educators,
CAAJE, is a
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organization
dedicated to
supporting
public safety
education,
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Since 1965,
CAAJE has been
at the forefront in
promoting
education,
knowledge,
training, and
leadership in
Administration of
Justice/Criminal
Justice education
in California.





# A Message from Kathy Oborn, your CAAJE President

## Hello everyone, CAAJE is back!

I would like to commend all of you for choosing to teach in the field of criminal justice. It's a unique calling! It takes someone very special to be a criminal justice educator. The best teachers are capable, dedicated, passionate, and hardworking along with having an interest in making a substantial difference for the future of our students.

It's clear to me that our jobs have gotten tougher over the years. We have been constantly reminded how the criminal justice system is "broken". Many of you have expressed concerns regarding the difficult challenges you have faced in your classrooms making sense of significant social issues such as gun control, prison overcrowding, use of force situations, and diversity......among others; it hasn't been easy!

#### WHO WE ARE

California's community colleges do a great job providing education and training for a variety of public safety options. Did you know?

- 96 campuses offer certificates/degrees in Administration of Justice (2105.00)
- 32 campuses offer certificates/degrees in Corrections (2105.10)
- 3 campuses offer certificates in Probation and Parole (2105.20)
- 12 campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Industrial* and *Transportation Security* (2105.30)
- \* 13 campuses offer certificates/degrees in Forensics, Evidence, and Investigation (2105.40)
- 29 campuses offer certificates/degrees in Police Academy training (2105.50)

# CAAJE Board 2018-2019

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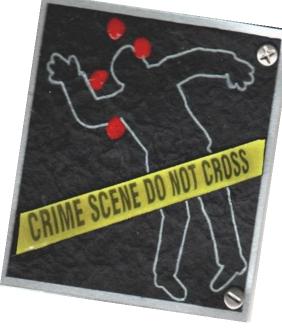
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#### **EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS**

According to statistics provided by the California Employment Development Department the occupational projection for employment as a Police and Sheriff Patrol Officer is only 7.3% annually between 2014-2024.

Yet there is a 31.8% projected increase in the hiring of Forensic Science Technicians along with a significant demand for security guards between 2014-2024.





#### **TRANSFER**

Largely due to the Student Transfer
Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440)

(ADT's) signed into legislation in 2010, we
have seen an over 60% increase in our
students transferring to a CSU in the
following disciplines: Criminology,
Sociology, and Social and Behavioral
Sciences since 2008.

### WHAT CAN CAAJE DO FOR YOU?

CAAJE was started back in 1961 as a networking organization for Police Science faculty in which retired police/sheriff types would get together and ruminate over their students and the ever changing curriculum. Today the academically correct term could be considered "sharing best practices". But beyond that, like working in law enforcement, CAAJE became analogous to a fraternal order.

CAAJE currently has a voice in several arenas around the state. We have representation on the Chancellor's Public Safety Committee, P.O.S.T. Advisory Committee, and with the ASCCC (Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges).

Can we fix the problems that you are having on your campus such as low enrollment? Chances are that we cannot, but we can dialogue with one another and perhaps develop stategies for increasing enrollment for your program by learning from others about how they increased their numbers.

The CAAJE website is designed to be a resource for criminal justice faculty. In addition to our website we hold yearly conferences in the Spring in which subject matter experts share their knowledge and experience.

If you choose to join CAAJE, which gives you full access to the CAAJE website, the dues are \$25.00 per year which covers costs associated with maintenance of the website and materials.



HOW TO JOIN CAAJE



# P.O.S.T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE May 2018

P.O.S.T. has been looking at the effects
AB2069 (a proposed bill that would amend CA employment discrimination law to protect medical marijuana users) would have on law enforcement and academies. P.O.S.T.'s response is that it will ultimately be an HR hiring issue within individual departments.

AB931 - the Use of Force Amendment will insert the word "necessary" into the language which will result in some training implications.

In an effort to streamline their operation P.O.S.T. has now moved "testing" to their Training Bureau.

P.O.S.T. met with the Public Safety Dispatch Council and is working on updating that curriculum. They are also finalizing an ADA Reasonable Guide that details what would be a reasonable consideration and what would not.

# **CAAJE TEACHING TIP:**

Have students create a word cloud about a chapter or an article or even a classroom lecture. Word clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text or lecture. Students can create their clouds with different fonts, layouts and color schemes.



Do you have any teaching tips that you would like to share for our newsletters? If so, please email me at <a href="mailto:obornkm@piercecollege.edu">obornkm@piercecollege.edu</a>.



Stay turned for our next newsletter which will address how Guided Pathways and the proposed 115<sup>th</sup> College will affect our programs.