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**Department of Criminal Justice**

**Alumni Speaker Series**

May 2014 - **Dr. Debra Heath-Thornton** (1981) is the Dean of the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Her community and professional activities have included work on dispute resolution programs for adolescents, community reintegration programs for criminal offenders, and community and mental health services. She is a founding member of Family and Friends United, a western-New York community-based organization whose mission is to promote family and community harmony. She is a past president of the YWCA of Genesee County Board of Directors and a past member of the Board of Directors for Community Mental Health Services of Genesee County.

April 2014 - **Rosemarie Eby-Collom** (1991) once believed that she would be a police officer. As she proceeded through the classes in the Criminal Justice Program at RIT, she had second and third thoughts about her career path. After some soul searching, she followed her passion for the law and became a paralegal. She has over twenty years of experience in the local legal community. Rosemarie then joined the federal court as a Deputy Clerk, working as a Case Administrator for the United States District Court, Western District of New York. Currently, Rose is the Rochester Jury Administrator, processing and handling all jury selections for the Rochester Divisional Office for all Criminal and Civil matters.

October 2013 – **Hon. Valerie Johnson** (1980) currently serves as an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services addressing decisions of maltreatment and abuse appeal cases, and hears matters involving matters involving institutional abuse, foster care removals, and mental health cases since 2001. She previously served as a law guardian for the Legal Aide Society of Rochester and an adjunct faculty member in Criminal Justice where she taught courses in Juvenile Justice.

May 2013- **Jeff Culver** (1982) is the director of corporate security for the World Bank, where he is responsible for the safety and security of the bank’s operations and personnel in Washington, D.C., and in 128 country and regional offices around the world. Prior to that, he spent 24 years working for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and formerly served as Director of the Office of Antiterrorism Assistance. He served U.S. Embassies in Tel Aviv, Nairobi, Dar es Salaam, Abu Dhabi, and New Delhi, as well as assignments in Washington, including Division Chief of Criminal Investigations. Mr. Culver is the also the recipient of several awards, including three Superior Honor Awards and six Meritorious Honor Awards.

April 2012 - **Joe “Bones” Williams** (1991) is a former Legislative Policy Analyst with the New York State Assembly for 13 years. As a Policy Analyst, Joe was responsible for providing government budget and policy analysis on legislation that impacted the areas of corrections, courts, and juvenile justice. Joe also worked on significant legislation, including Megan’s Law. Further, Joe has worked with public notable figures including Former Governor Elliot Spitzer and exoneree Betty Tyson on other legislation. Joe has a Master’s Degree from SUNY Brockport and is currently the Associate Director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) at Nazareth College. He is also an adjunct Instructor in the Department of Criminal Justice at RIT.

February 2012 - **Jennifer Whitman** (1980) is a lawyer with 20 years’ experience as an Assistant District Attorney with the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office. She is currently a Law Clerk for two Rochester City Court Judges. As a prosecutor, Jennifer prosecuted approximately 90 trials, including homicide and complex white collar crimes that included elder abuse, bank fraud and counterfeiting. She also supervised the Economic Crime and County Court Bureaus. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor from Albany Law School. She is also an adjunct professor at RIT in the Criminal Justice program.
December 2011 - Chandra McKenzie (1977) is an RIT alumna with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and M.S. in Instructional Technology, along with a M.L.S. from SUNY at Buffalo. She joined the RIT staff in 1977 and through a series of appointments became the Associate Director of the library, where she oversaw four departments, managed the eleven member reference department and supervised the library’s coordinators for electronic resources, the Archives, marketing, distance learning, and user services. In 2010, after contributing to the merger of RIT Libraries with ETC Teaching and Learning Services to form the Wallace Center, McKenzie was appointed to the position Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs. Her current assignments include the Semester Conversion project; the GeneSIS Project Communication Team, and maintenance of three websites: the Office of the Provost, Semester Conversion and RIT K12; as well as project managing the provost-funded initiative called Book-Bag™.

October 2011 - Lindsay Gozzi-Theobald (1996) is a compliance professional with more than 10 years of insurance investigation, corporate compliance and audit experience. Lindsay is currently the Director of Compliance at Catholic Family Center, and does freelance consulting with organizations needing assistance with internal, compliance and incident investigations. She also has substantial experience working as a private investigator, an insurance claim and investigative consultant and experience working as a Medicaid Auditor in a Top 75 CPA firm. Lindsay has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Master’s Degree in Economic Crime Management from Utica College. She is also a Certified Fraud Examiner and is a member of the Health Care Compliance Association.