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### **4-YEAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE FROM SHU** **NOW AVAILABLE ON MCCC CAMPUS**

MONROE, Mich. – Students at Monroe County Community College can now earn a bachelor of arts in criminal justice from Siena Heights University right on the MCCC campus.

At a news conference in the La-Z-Boy Center this morning, MCCC President Dr. David Nixon and SHU President Sister Peg Albert officially announced the launch of the new program offered through the SHU Degree Completion Center, which is located in MCCC's Life Sciences Building.

The criminal justice degree prepares students to embark on a variety of career paths in law enforcement and in the legal system. Students can complete an associate degree at MCCC as well as additional coursework and ultimately transfer up to 90 credit hours – the equivalent about three years of full-time course work – toward the 120 hours required to complete the degree. Classes are offered in the evening and in online formats.

“We are pleased to partner with Siena Heights University to offer students the opportunity to earn a four-year degree right here on our campus in a high-demand field that is broad and evolving,” said MCCC President Dr. David Nixon.

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“We are seeing a greater demand for criminal justice graduates in our workforce – which is exemplified by a 95 percent job placement rate for our graduates in this area – and this opportunity provides students a seamless transition from Monroe County Community College to Siena Heights,” said Sister Albert. “This collaboration is yet another fine example of the strong educational partnership we have with Monroe County Community College.”

According to Danielle “Elly” Teunion-Smith, director of the criminal justice program at SHU, employers at all levels of criminal justice, whether local, state or federal, are seeking out educated professionals to fill a variety of positions. The push for community policing, individual accountability, higher educational standards and innovative policing strategies is driving this trend.

Career opportunities with a criminal justice degree include jobs such as crime scene investigator, probation or parole officer, federal officer (ATF, DEA, FBI, CIA, Secret Service, etc.), private security officer, police officer, U.S. Marshal, court clerk, corrections officer, bailiff, customs agent, paralegal and many more.

### **About Siena Heights University**

Siena Heights University is a Catholic university founded in 1919 and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Enrolling a diverse community of traditional-age and working adult students, Siena Heights is a coeducational North Central accredited institution founded in the liberal arts tradition, offering associate, bachelor’s, master’s and specialist’s degrees.

The university is headquartered in Adrian, with degree completion centers in Southfield, Benton Harbor, Monroe, Battle Creek, Lansing and Jackson, as well as online.

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## **About Monroe County Community College**

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan and student tuition.

The college's mission is to provide a variety of higher educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents of Monroe County. The Main Campus is located on South Raisinville Road in central Monroe County with easy access to Toledo and Detroit. The Whitman Center is located in Temperance, near the Ohio-Michigan border.

Monroe County Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Information about MCCC is available at [www.monroecc.edu](http://www.monroecc.edu).

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