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# PRIMORIS FACTUM

## Shaping the Future of the Society

### The State of Affairs...

#### Honor Society Gains New Advisory Board...

**Order of the Sword & Shield National Honor Society** for Homeland Security, Intelligence, Emergency Management and all Protective Security Disciplines is pleased to announce the creation of an Advisory Board of Directors. Nine industry leaders, from all corners of our academic discipline, have been selected to offer expert guidance and evaluation, and to assist Executive National Director Jeffrey P. Grossmann, JD with directional initiatives and programs.

"I am extremely excited to work with such a distinguished group of leaders. Their experience and willingness to work with me on strategic priorities will further position the Society as a key stakeholder in our academic discipline", stated Director Grossmann. Director of Operations Rosemary Hartofilis adds, "The

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creation of the Board is a significant step in our evolution. A step which will assist us in application for membership in the Association of College Honor Societies next year".

Joining the Honor Society as Advisory Board members this year are: Tobias T. Gibson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Westminster College; Robert J. Loudon, Ph.D., Professor, Georgian Court University, David H. McElreath, Ph.D., Professor, The University of Mississippi; Meghan McPherson, MPP, Adjunct Faculty, Adelphi University; Robert James Orr, III, JD, LL.M., Dean, Tiffin University; James Phelps, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Angelo State University; James Ramsay, Ph.D., Professor, University of New Hampshire; Charles M. Russo, M.A., Adjunct Faculty, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Bert B. Tussing, M.S., Professor, U.S. Army War College.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest Board Members and wish them the very best of luck in all of their professional endeavors!

-Staff Correspondent

#### Honor Regalia in High Demand

Last year, the National Office announced the completion of "**Operation Redesign**", which resulted in a completely new rebranding of Society graduation regalia and the addition of new merchandise. After the announcement, we received an extremely high volume of orders. For this year's graduation cycle, we highly recommend that you place your regalia orders well in advance of your graduation. We do our best to ship regalia orders promptly as we give them the highest priority in processing. Remember to take pictures of your graduation (wearing Society regalia) and send them to us for possible use on our website and newsletter.



# Bridging Education & Profession ...

## DRI International- Leading Our Professional Chapters

By Willy Gomez

Members of the national office of the Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society were invited to attend DRI International's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Professional's Conference on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The conference was held in San Antonio, Texas at the regal Wyndham hotel on the San Antonio Riverwalk. In addition to the professional induction ceremony, DRI professional inductees were treated to a presentation by distinguished professor and industry leader Joseph Gulinello of St. John's University.

Professor Gulinello congratulated the inductees on their accomplishments and the significance of their industry certification. He expounded the importance of a national Homeland Security Honor Society in our country, and how honored we all were to participate in the induction of a group of international business continuity professionals into our society. The induction ceremony served as a fitting ending to the four-day conference, as 12 professional MBCEP's were inducted into the society.

Society Ambassadors Willy

Gomez and Rosemary Hartofilis coordinated the ceremony, and have participated in the induction ceremonies of the past three DRI Professional Conferences. Ambassador Hartofilis stated that, "It has been such an amazing experience to return each year to induct a new class of professional members from DRI into our honor society. Every year they bring tremendous spirit and enthusiasm, and it really gives them a sense of accomplishment and pride in the spirit and mission of the Order of the Sword and Shield."

This year's ceremony was especially significant because of the presentation of the first official Society coin. Michael Janko was presented with a commemorative coin to honor his achievements, and to symbolize DRI's dedication to professional and academic excellence. DRI has maintained the society's rigorous standards of excellence and contributed to the professionalism of their industry. Our challenge coin serves as a symbol of excellence and standing in our important society.



*At the 2015 DRI annual induction ceremony, newly inducted members of the DRI International Chapter pose for a group photo during a break at the conference.*

## Human Trafficking Panel

By Kyle W. McDonnell

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the national chapter of OSSNHS held a panel discussion on human trafficking in collaboration with the Homeland Security Student Association at St. John's University. The discussion was moderated by Homeland Security program director and former DHS employee Dr. Keith Cozine, Ph.D., and featured experts from various agencies and organizations who have front-line experience combating this prescient issue. The panelists shared their own personal experiences with the horrors of human trafficking, as well as the efforts that they have undertaken as part of the law enforcement and non-for profit communities to stymie the rise of human trafficking across the United States.

Speaking about the prevalence of human trafficking in New York City, Sgt. Gregory Graves, of the NYPD's Vice unit explained that as fast as his unit can infiltrate and incapacitate a human trafficking operation, another one pops up in its place. He went on to explain that fear of law enforcement, due to questionable immigration statuses in the communities where the human trafficking is most prevalent, prevents law enforcement from garnering the kind of community support that is necessary to excoriate human trafficking from the areas in New York City that are the hardest hit by it. However, Sgt. Graves remains optimistic that through a combination of public education about the dangers and prevalence of human trafficking, as

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well and letting the people in immigrant communities know that their status in the United States will not be jeopardized if they speak up about it to law enforcement, can be vital to combat this insidious menace. He also explained that it is not the job of the police to try to penalize victims of human trafficking who are forced to work in the sex industry by arresting and incarcerating them. In lieu of going to jail for a crime that someone else is forcing them to commit, the police often work with the courts to find remedial solutions in the form of programs that help victims of human trafficking working in the sex industry get counseling and support so that they do not have to return to that life.

Another issue that was raised during the discussion was the security of our nation's borders, more specifically how smugglers and human traffickers are exploiting weaknesses at our borders to move their human cargo at an unprecedented rate. Special Agent Anthony Scandiffio, of Immigration and Customs, and Supervisory Special Agent Anthony Bivona, of the FBI, explained that the lack of man power and resources to patrol the entirety of the length of our nation's borders is precisely what traffickers exploit when moving human beings freely across our borders from the north and south, without fear of being discovered. They explained that traffickers are using new and sophisticated methods to bring their human cargo into the country, even going as far as to

exploit our visa system by providing false or misleading ones to victims as a ploy to get them into the country without having to smuggle them in using clandestine means.

Emily Waters, of Lifeway Network, spoke about the efforts that her organization does to give victims of human trafficking a second lease on life. They try to provide victims with housing and education opportunities, as well as counseling to help mitigate the trauma that they suffer after the years of abuse at the hands of their traffickers. They also provide the victims with pathways to gain legal citizenship, so that they are not forced to return to where they came, where they stand a significant chance of becoming victims of human trafficking again. Ms. Waters explained that it is the mission of her organization to show victims of human trafficking that there is a better life out there for them if they are willing to take a chance and break free of their tormentors, which is often a difficult and potentially dangerous proposition.

The students who were in attendance for the panel discussion were amazed by how prevalent human trafficking was in their own city, and they were equally shocked that this was not getting the kind of coverage in the media that it so rightfully deserves. Many students were keen to know how they could personally get involved with preventing and helping people from becoming victims of human trafficking, which was why students set up a table with material on how they could get involved on the Blue Campaign they are heading on campus. It was a very informative and transformative experience for them, and it helped foster and encourage a conversation on an issue that is often overlooked in the milieu of Homeland Security by other issues that get more time in the spotlight.

**Editor's note:** To become involved with the Blue Campaign to stop human trafficking, please visit [www.unodc.org/blueheart](http://www.unodc.org/blueheart).



*Human Trafficking Panel Discussion, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at St. John's University. The panelists include (listed from left to right) Anthony Scandiffio (ICE Deputy Special Agent), Emily Waters (Lifeway Network), Gregory Graves (Sergeant in VICE Enforcement NYPD), and Anthony Bivona (FBI Supervisory Special Agent- Civil Rights/Public Corruption).*



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## A United Success in EM

Alizon Martinez

It is never too late (or too early) to educate our young children about the safety measures/practices needed during emergency situations.

Once again, inducted members of the St. John's University and Adelphi University chapters joined forces to educate young children about emergency preparation at St. William the Abbot Elementary School in Seaford, NY.

Energetic as ever, the children were very quick to engage in discussions and activities designed to highlight important issues children should know about emergencies. "While their enthusiasm and willingness to participate was refreshing, the most rewarding part of the day for me was the time spent engaging the children and providing insight which might help keep them safe in dangerous situations", stated Ambassador Willy Gomez. He further stated "this is a wonderful event and an example of our mission to encourage community involvement. We take pride in our mission to serve and volunteer our time to help educate the public on

homeland security issues such as emergency management.

The event was coordinated by Ambassador Rosemary Hartofilis as part of Youth Education Initiative the Society has embraced. As an alumna of the elementary school, the program has a very special meaning to Ambassador Hartofilis. "Coming back to my elementary school to provide these programs is a dream come true. The children were inspiring, spirited, and outspoken; and as such, pose great promise for our future", stated Ambassador Hartofilis.

**Editor's note:** If you or your chapter would like to organize an educational presentation at a school, public library, or any public establishment, please contact us at [info@securityhonorsociety.org](mailto:info@securityhonorsociety.org).

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*Pictured below are OSSHNS Ambassador Willy Gomez and Meghan McPherson (Program Director at Adelphi University and OSSHNS Advisory Board Member) during presentations at St. William the Abbott Catholic Elementary School.*



## Member Spotlight

Staff Contributor

The Order of the Sword and Shield National Homeland Security Honor Society is proud to announce that Mr. George Navarini, CEM, FPED, MPCP, has been awarded the title of "Ambassador Pro Tem". Mr. Navarini has been instrumental in bringing several new chapters to the Honor Society and furthering the core mission in the professional sector.

Mr. Navarini is the Director of Emergency Management of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the Archdiocese of Miami. He also serves as adjunct faculty for the National Emergency Training Center, Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. An internationally recognized, multilingual lecturer on a variety of homeland security topics, Mr. Navarini brings humor, energy and excitement to his presentations, based upon over forty years of business and operational emergency management experience.

Mr. Navarini further serves as an Auxiliarist in the United States Coast Guard.



*Mr. Navarini attends American Military University as a MA candidate in Emergency Disaster Management with a specialization in Terrorism Studies.*

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## Honor Society Memorial

By Gregory Folkins

It is with great sadness that I inform you about the death of my friend, mentor, and fellow member of the Order of the Sword and Shield.

Benjamin David Moreno was killed in a motorcycle accident on Altamont Pass Road in Mountain House, California east of San Francisco. He was 33. His dedication to protecting the Homeland was evident in all his endeavors. He was medically retired from the Air Force with the rank of First Lieutenant.

While in the Air Force he was a combat air controller. In 2008, he joined the Federal Protective Service as an Inspector. The Federal Protective Service (FPS) is the premier provider of physical and protective security and law enforcement services at U.S. federal government facilities.

FPS plays a leading role in the protection of our nation's critical infrastructure, with lead responsibility for ensuring a safe and secure working environment for federal workers and visitors in approximately 9,000 federal facilities nationwide.

In early 2014, Ben was promoted to Area Commander where he was responsible for conducting comprehensive security assessment of vulnerabilities at facilities, developing and implementing protective countermeasures, based on the latest risk management tools and technology, providing uniformed police response and investigative follow-up, providing critical security

services and logistical support at high-profile public events, coordinating vital emergency services and disaster response during and after natural disasters, and engaging federal facility tenants crime prevention seminars, facility security surveys, and intelligence-gathering operations in the Oakland and San Jose areas.

Ben was an avid professional and he expected all around him, including himself, to constantly strive to be better. He recently received a double Master of Science from Henley-Putnam University in Intelligence Management and Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies with a GPA of 3.841, thus earning induction into the Honor Society.

He loved books, horrible jokes, and video games. He was a swordfighter and martial artist most of his life. He touched countless lives and we are all poorer for his loss. He is survived by Risa, his wife of twelve years, and his two year old daughter Miranda.



*Benjamin David Moreno. April 20, 1982 — Aug. 27, 2015.*

The Order of the Sword and Shield National Homeland Security Honor Society reveres one of our respectable professional members and regrets to inform you of this loss. Friends of the Moreno Family have set up a donation site on behalf of Miranda, Ben's daughter.

<http://www.gofundme.com/4t2w8svk>

