Police name Gioannetti as 2012 Officer of the Year

The Police Department named Anthony Gioannetti as Officer of the Year during a recent ceremony to honor exceptional employees and citizens of the university community.

Gioannetti, who has worked for the department since 2000, primarily serves as a patrol officer and field training officer.

“Because the FSU Police Department is an accredited law enforcement agency made up of many experienced and professional police officers, I felt honored and elated when I was selected from such a prestigious group to be Officer of the Year,” Gioannetti said. “I am truly thankful to be a part of the FSU community and Police Department.”

Gioannetti says his favorite part of the job is when he is able to render assistance to members of the community, whether they are victims of crime or others in need.

Other “Best of the Year” awards were given to Jesse Wilkerson, Security Officer of the Year; Shyeshia Roberson, Communications Officer of the Year; Bridgette Ray, Support Staff Member of the Year; Greg Washington, Adopt-A-Cop of the Year; and Derrick Rodgers, Field Training Officer of the Year.

The following officers received recognition for exemplary performance in

Event will put student-veterans’ issues front and center

In an effort to foster deeper understanding of veterans issues and identify ways to better serve student-veterans at Florida State, the Florida State Veterans Center and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs will host the inaugural Seminole Veterans Expo, a broad gathering of faculty, staff, students and student-veterans, as well as providers of resources for veterans.

The first-of-its-kind event at Florida State will take place Wednesday, May 30, from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center.

“The Seminole Veterans Expo is exciting because it will bring together so many stakeholders under one roof,” said Col. Billy Francis, director of the Florida State Veterans Center. “We hope that by the end of this event we will be able to put our ideas into tangible steps that can be used to empower student-veterans at Florida State by easing their transition from military to student life, increasing their retention rates and boosting their post-enrollment employment.”

The event will be divided into two components. The first is an invitation-only student-veteran dialogue, facilitated by Center for Leadership and Civic Education director Laura Osteen. It will take place from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

A veterans-resource exhibition, which partially overlaps with the dialogue session, will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to all local veterans and their families, as well as faculty, staff and students, it will feature representatives from university offices and local, state and federal agencies that provide various services and assistance to veterans.
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Chief named to ‘Stand Your Ground’ review panel

David L. Perry, Florida State’s chief of police, has been named to Gov. Rick Scott’s Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection.

The 19-member task force will reassess Florida’s 2005 “Stand Your Ground” law in the aftermath of the Feb. 26 shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla. The law says that a person can use force in self-defense when there is reasonable belief of a threat, without obliga-

Polie place in annual Florida DUI Challenge

Florida State’s Police Department placed among the top three winners in the 2011 Florida DUI Challenge for its efforts in developing a comprehensive traffic safety program that positively affected the community by reducing traffic-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. As a result of the competition, the department will receive $12,000 in grant dollars to be applied toward traffic safety equipment.

The Florida DUI Challenge is an enforcement initiative funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Open to all state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies within Florida, it allows them to participate in a program that challenges their efforts in six areas: policy; DUI enforcement; DUI special operations; participation in Florida and National impaired-driving campaigns; law enforcement training; and public information.

The Police Department will be recognized during the 2012 Florida Law Enforcement Challenge Ceremony in July.

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the field of traffic enforcement and traffic safety initiatives: Officer Jeremy Izquierdo, DUI enforcement; Officer Mike Rodes, occupant restraint enforcement; and Officer Ben Buckley, speed enforcement.

Letters of Commendation for exemplary work on various cases over the previous six months were given to Officer Dina Harris, Officer Trey Cooper, Officer Chris Fender, Officer Garrett Williams, Cpl. Hank Jacob and Sgt. Chris Brun.

What’s more, several members of the department were recognized for years-of-service milestones: Officer Brett Sheffield, 10 Years; Officer Ben Buckley, 10 Years; Officer Lance McLeod, 10 Years; Officer Jason Harris, 10 Years; Security Officer Jesse Wilkerson, 10 Years; Lt. Terri Brown, 20 Years; and Sgt. Mark Edenfield, 30 Years.

“Willpower and discipline in one area, like studying hard, will turn into willpower and discipline in other areas, like exercise, saving money and better posture. There’s a reason for this. Your capacity for self-control in general increases.”

Roy Baumeister, Florida State’s Francis Eppes Professor of Psychology, as quoted in the April 2012 issue of Allure magazine. The article “Disciplinary Action” discusses the thrills of pushing the limits of self-control.
Florida State University honored the achievements of its graduate students during the annual Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on April 11. Students were recognized for excellence in teaching, research, creativity and leadership. The Graduate School, the Office of Research and the Congress of Graduate Students cosponsored the event.

In discussing her own graduate school experiences, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Garnett S. Stokes encouraged the students that their hard work and commitment is worth the effort. She praised them for their dedication and contributions to the university community.

Joining Stokes during the ceremony were Nancy Marcus, dean of The Graduate School; Judy Devine, senior associate dean of The Graduate School; Connie Eudy, director of the Program for Instructional Excellence; and Rebecca Ormiston, a graduate student in the School of Theatre.

“It was an honor to meet these exceptional graduate students,” Marcus said. “On behalf of The Graduate School, we offer congratulations to all of them for their outstanding achievements.”

Steve Zimmer, business development manager for Sony Direct, also attended the ceremony because of the Sony Corporation’s partnership with the FSU Computer Store and The Graduate School. Through the partnership, randomly selected graduate students and junior faculty members received technology packages featuring a Sony Vaio Notebook, a Sony MP3 player and a Sony Webbie HD camera.

Research and Creativity Awards were given to recognize outstanding research and creativity in the academic community at FSU. The recipients were: Joshua Cochran (Criminology); Elise Gornish (Biological Science); Sebastian Kurtek (Statistics); Zarko Manojlovic (Biomedical Sciences); and Adam Smith (Neuroscience).

Peter Kunze, (English) received the distinguished Graduate Student Leadership Award.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards, nominated by faculty, staff and students, were given to recognize excellence in teaching and substantial contributions to student learning at FSU. The recipients were: Deirdre Carter (Art History); Tony Purvis (Interior Design); Jennifer Sexton (Management); Eric Jones (Biological Science); Ryan Shields (Criminology); and Spencer Wise (English).

The student recipients of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards, pictured with university administrators, are, from left, Nancy Marcus, dean, The Graduate School; Deirdre Carter (Art History); Tony Purvis (Interior Design); Jennifer Sexton (Management); Eric Jones (Biological Science); Ryan Shields (Criminology); Spencer Wise (English); and Connie Eudy, director, Program for Instructional Excellence.
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Susie Seminole
Office of Human Resources
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RECOGNITIONS

Hsu-Pin “Ben” Wang, Ph.D. (High Performance Materials Institute), will receive the SAMPE Fellow Award from the Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering during its annual conference in Baltimore on May 21. The award recognizes SAMPE members for distinguished, lifelong contributions in the fields of materials and processes. Since SAMPE’s inception in 1982, only 132 members have become fellows.

BYLINES

Jake Galles (Career Center) and Janet Lenz, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote an article, “Graduate Student Career Services: Meeting Students’ Needs,” with Briana Keller of the University of Washington, published in the NACE Journal (National Association of Colleges and Employers), February 2012.


Robert Reardon, Ph.D. (Career Center), and Gary Peterson, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote an article, “Career Interventions and the Career Thoughts of Pacific Island College Students,” with Meagan Minvielle Thrift and Julia Ulloa-Heath, published in the Journal of Counseling and Development, Vol. 90, April 2012. In addition, Reardon co-wrote an article, “Class Meeting Schedules in Relation to Students’ Grades and Evaluations of Teaching,” with Steve Leierer and Donghyuck Lee, published in the journal Professional Counselor, Vol. 2 No. 1, February 2012.

SERVICE

Robert B. Bradley, Ph.D. (Division of Planning and Programs), has been appointed to serve on the Florida Board of Governors’ newly formed Task Force on Facilities Funding, which will address a critical lack of infrastructure and facilities funding within the State University System. The task force has a Nov. 7 deadline to report findings and recommendations that can be pursued, if needed, in the 2013 Florida legislative session.

Aubteen Darabi, Ph.D. (Learning Systems Institute and Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems), chaired the 5th International Conference on Cognitive Load Theory and Research, which took place on the Florida State campus April 9–11. More than 50 scholars from 18 universities across the globe attended the conference and presented their research papers.