

*Collaborative Effort of BC and Albany State*  
**Dr. Harry Bruno Heads Local  
Criminal Justice Bachelor's Degree Program**

**Veteran law enforcement officer and educator Dr. Harry Bruno of Thomasville has been named to lead the new program by which students at Bainbridge College (BC) can take Albany State University (ASU) classes at BC to earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from ASU.**

Dr. Bruno comes to BC from Thomas University where he was Criminal Justice Studies coordinator and had taught since 1996, said Dr. Rob Gingras, BC vice president of academic affairs, in announcing Bruno as lead instructor and liaison for the new BC/ASU program.

While employed by the US Government, Dr. Bruno had top secret security clearance. He participated as an expert on terrorism at the 2006 Oxford University Round Table in England. He is listed as an expert in intelligence gathering and covert operations, international crime and terrorism, juvenile justice and police in The Heritage Foundation Policy editions 2000 and 2003.

He earned his bachelor's degree in public administration with a minor in law enforcement from the University of Southwestern California. He holds a master's degree from California State University and a doctorate in education from Walden University Institute for Advanced Studies.

His teaching career includes colleges in Albany, GA, and in Oklahoma, West Virginia and Canada. In addition to law enforcement work in Dougherty County, the US Army veteran was chief of police in cities in Oklahoma and West Virginia.

By mid-July there were 12 students already in the new bachelor's degree program for Fall Semester 2007, Dr. Gingras said. Classes for the new criminal justice program start Aug. 13 and will meet in renovated facilities at the Decatur County Board of Education Annex at 1304 E. Evans St. behind Bainbridge Mall. This will provide much needed classroom space on Main Campus for other classes, Gingras noted.

BC Plant Operations staff have been busy renovating that space to accommodate all four of BC's cooperative bachelor's degree programs. BC also offers the ASU early childhood education program and Georgia Southwestern State University's bachelor of business administration programs in accounting and in management.



***BC Offering ASU Bachelor's Degree Program Locally***

**After much work to get the cooperative bachelor's degree program in Criminal Justice ready for fall semester at Bainbridge College (BC), leaders of the effort take a break in their planning session. Left-Right are Dr. Rob Gingras, BC vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Harry Bruno, the program's lead instructor and liaison between BC and Albany State University (ASU), and Dr. Charles Ochie, chair of ASU's Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.**

Since May 14 when the cooperative agreement was signed, BC and ASU leaders have been busy putting into action the agreement signed between the two institutions that allows students, who are completing associate degrees, to take upper division courses taught by ASU professors in Bainbridge.

Instrumental in bringing the agreement to fruition were academic vice presidents, Dr. Ellis Sykes of ASU and Dr. Gingras of BC, and the chair of the ASU Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, Dr. Charles Ochie. The agreement was signed by BC President Dr. Tom Wilkerson and ASU President Dr. Everette J. Freeman.

**Interested in the program?**

Contact Dr. Bruno at 229-248-2560 or his direct line at 229-248-2564. His office is 215 in the Arts and Sciences Division on Main Campus.

Students with Technical Studies Division certificates in Criminal Justice Technology may also be eligible for the program, said Dr. Rob Gingras, BC vice president of academic affairs. They can continue at BC to earn an associate's degree in criminal justice and go on for the bachelor's degree.

About 15-18 hours of classes identified as CRJU for the technical certificate can be transferred for the two-year degree, Dr. Gingras said.