
RE: Criminal Justice Career Fair: Educational Mission and Context

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Dear Students,

Dean Casper asked that this message be shared with all of you. She and her team are available if you have further questions/concerns.

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Subject: Criminal Justice Career Fair: Educational Mission and Context

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing regarding next month's Criminal Justice Career Fair, a professional development opportunity for our students. I want to acknowledge the concern and strong feelings some students and community members have expressed, and to reaffirm the university's commitment to educating our students and to academic freedom. Given the broader national political context, it is important to situate the Career Fair within our educational mission, including the professional formation of our students, alongside the concerns being expressed within our community.

Seattle University's Crime and Justice Research Center integrates research into our criminal justice degrees and provides critical research support locally, regionally, and nationally. This faculty-led academic center is highly regarded for its programming and research supporting student learning and advancing improved outcomes and practices across the field of criminal justice.

The Criminal Justice Career Fair is an annual event that has been hosted by the Crime and Justice Research Center for students exploring careers in criminal justice and related fields, with a history spanning more than 25 years. Organized by the faculty leaders of the Center, the fair provides networking opportunities for students to connect with a wide range of organizations, learn about internships and career pathways, and engage one-on-one with professionals. It is designed to support students as they discern professional paths where they can contribute to the public good and positive change in the organizations and communities they

choose to serve. Participation in the Career Fair is voluntary, and students choose whether and how to engage with organizations present.

The event is an expression of the Center's academic mission, as well as an expression of faculty members' expertise and academic freedom, exercised in service of student learning and professional formation. Consistent with its [Faculty Handbook](#), Seattle University has long affirmed broad academic freedom for faculty across departments and centers in making decisions related to student learning and their professional development.

The Crime and Justice Research Center and Department of Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Forensics faculty maintain longstanding relationships with a broad and diverse range of organizations. Those relationships include local, state, federal, nonprofit, and private criminal justice-related agencies, including social service providers, spanning more than 20 years across different political administrations. The relationships include many Seattle University alumni employed across the various agencies.

We recognize and respect the range of viewpoints among community members, including the concerns and depth of feelings some students, faculty, and staff have with the presence of certain organizations. As last year, in response to student concerns, the event is being held at a location off the main campus.

As a Jesuit university, we are invited to be a caring presence and support one another, especially in difficult times. Those in need of additional support can find resources here:

- [Dean of Students/Care Team](#)
- [Human Resources](#)
- [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [University Ministry](#)

Seattle University remains committed to supporting students in their education, professional formation, and discernment. We are dedicated to nurturing an inclusive and respectful environment where students are thoughtfully accompanied as they make informed decisions. As a university, this includes supporting our students' exploration of a range of career possibilities for which our Jesuit approach to education prepares them to enter with intellectual curiosity, and the skills and values to impact the common good.

Thank you for all you do in service to our students and in support of one another as members of the Seattle University community.

Best,
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