Honors Program

Symposium

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Associate in Crminal Justice

Introduction

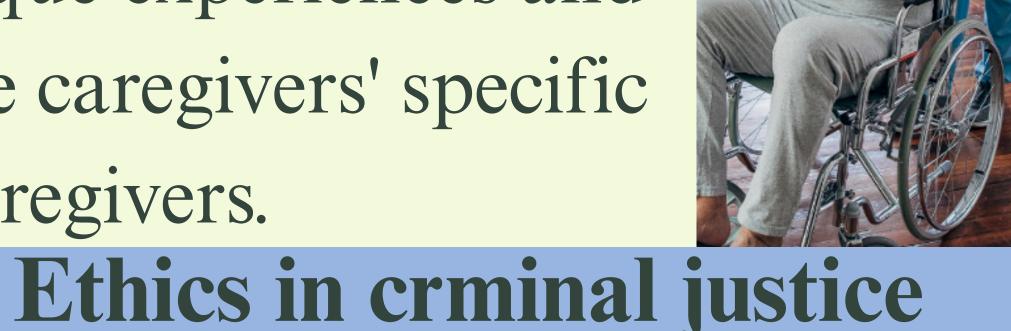
Julian Mendoza is from Las Vegas, Nevada but raised in WallaWalla, WA. He is completing his Associate of Arts in crminal justice at Walla Walla Community College. He is planing to apply to the WallaWalla Police Department, WallaWalla Sheriff's Office, Oroville Police Department, and

Okanogan Sheriff's Department.

The Uniqueness of Male Caregiver

In fall 2024, I worked with Professor Elizabeth Guerra in her introduction to human services (HSS 101) this course is to analyze my research paper for HSS 101

Caregiving has historically been predominantly viewed as a female role; in recent years, there has been a significant rise in the number of men assuming caregiving responsibilities. This shift in gender roles has brought to light the unique experiences and challenges faced by male caregivers. This research paper explores male caregivers' specific characteristics and needs, highlighting how they differ from female caregivers.



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In Winter 2025, I worked with Professor Mounir Zalloua in his Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 131) this course is to analyze the Cardboard display board for Ethics in crminal justice.

Ethics in criminal justice is essential for maintaining public trust, ensuring fairness, and upholding the rule of law. It involves the moral principles that guide behavior of professionals such as police officers, judges, and correctional staff. Ethical conduct ensures justice is served without bias, discrimination, or corruption. practing honesty, integrity, and accountability helps prevent abses of power and protects individuals rights.

Lifespan Psychology in Criminal Justice

In Spring 2025, I worked with Professor Dianna Mullet in her Lifespan Psychology (PSYC&200) this course is to analyze the powepiont for lifespan Psychology in crminal justice.

Understanding lifespan psychology is essential in the field of criminal justice, as it provides valuable insight into how individuals develop, make decisions, and respond to their environments across different stages of life. From early childhood to late adulthood, psychological development influences behavior, susceptibility to crime, and responsiveness to rehabilitation. By integrating lifespan psychology into criminal justice practices such as policing, sentencing, and corrections, professionals can make more informed, ethical, and effective decisions.

Reflection

The WWCC Honors Program has significantly impacted my academic and personal growth. Through challenging coursework and in-depth discussions, I've strengthened my critical thinking, research, and communication skills Collaborative projects and mentorship opportunities have deepened my understanding of diverse perspectives and complex issues. The program has also fostered leadership, time management, and intellectual curiosity. The Honors Program has instilled in me a commitment to excellence, continuous learning, and meaningful contribution to my community.