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Theresa Laumann



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Staff Writer

Theresa Laumann could be called a model employee, but not in the way one might think. While she does work full-time at Parkland, there is much more to her story.

Laumann is the High School Outreach Coordinator for Parkland's Assessment Center.

"My department is crucial to the enrollment process at Parkland College," she said. "We work tirelessly to test incoming students, making sure that each student takes the appropriate tests to place them into their desired classes."

In her role, Laumann works with area high school counselors and their respective dual credit students and seniors to complete the testing they need in order to get begin their college education.

"Our students come first," she said.

Like most of us, Laumann, a University of Illinois graduate, has a dream. Lately, however, she has taken some steps that could lead to her dream becoming her reality.

"I have recently accepted admittance to the Maryland Institute College of Art," says Laumann. "So, this summer I'll be moving to Baltimore to settle into graduate work. I will very soon be chasing the dream of being a contributing member of east coast art scene."

Having earned her bachelor's degree in fine and applied arts, Laumann initially taught grade school before coming to work at the college. She says that her time at Parkland has proven to be quite beneficial.

"Parkland has

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Theft remains most prevalent crime on Parkland campus

Matt Moss
Editor

Theft continues to be a major thorn in the sides of students and law enforcers alike as it is considered the number one crime on campuses nationwide.

Concrete data presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows theft as being the most prevalent crime at places of higher education for at least two decades, with the trend likely stretching back much further.

To this trend, Parkland is no exception.

"...[T]heft is the biggest crime problem at Parkland," said William Colbrook, chief of Parkland's police.

Statistics gathered by Parkland's police reports between 2012 and 2014, there was a total of 91 thefts on Parkland's campus that were reported to Public

Safety. Of these thefts, 29 had an item or items stolen that valued over \$500 dollars.

To give an idea of how the rate of reported thefts compares to other crimes, the second-most-prevalent crime at Parkland is drug law violations, with a total of 44 cases between 2012 and 2014. This is less than half the number of reported thefts on campus.

The 2015 Campus Safety Report, campus crime statistics released by Parkland in adherence with the Clery Act, paint a picture of this trend of theft continuing to hold its place as the number-one crime at the home of the Cobras.

Not surprisingly, items left unattended are easy prey for theft. Public Safety urges visitors to the campus to pay mind to knowing where their items are and make sure to never leave them out of sight.

"The most pro-active strategy or precaution is to keep track of your belongings," Colbrook said. "Nearly all of the thefts that occur on campus are a result of lost or mislaid property. A brief trip to the restroom or across the lounge to speak with a friend is all the time a person needs to steal your belongings," Colbrook said.

Electronics are prime targets for potential theft, and of course text books are also big-ticket items. In general, expensive items—or items that may appear expensive—are clear targets. Such items should be kept out of sight, like in a bag, and on your person when not in use.

Like Colbrook states, it does not take very long for an item left out and unguarded to disappear from sight.

"By the time victims realize they have lost or left behind an item,

someone has seized upon that opportunity," Colbrook said.

Colbrook cites a variable record of reported-stolen items being returned. He says some things, like lost backpacks, are easier to identify and track down but items contained within backpacks are often gone by the time said backpack is found and returned.

"For instance, if a backpack is stolen but it has an expensive item or money in it, the backpack may be recovered but the item may not," he said. "We have had some success in holding people accountable for stealing checks or cell phones."

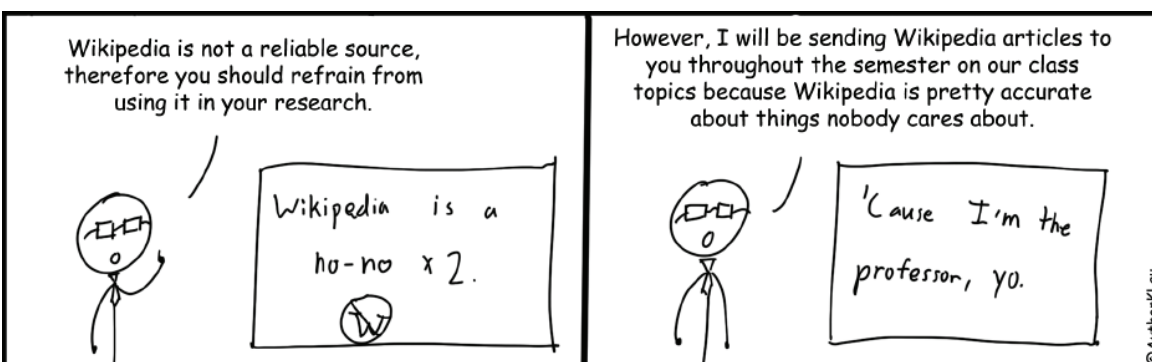
According to publicly-available data, in 2014 the newly-acquired Parkland Institute of Aviation had zero reported crimes of any category. Between 2012 and 2014,

Parkland's annexes on Mattis reflected the trend present on the main campus, with theft being the most prevalent crime—even if there was only a total of six thefts in two years.

Public Safety does not want to give the impression that Parkland is not a safe place to be, but reiterates that like any public place it is not completely without crime.

"Parkland is a safe community but it is not crime-free," Colbrook said.

For those interested in reading more about crime statistics at Parkland, the 2015 Campus Safety Report—as well as reports going back to 2010—are available on the college's website, under the heading of "College Resources."



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NEWS

New Parkland women's soccer coach named

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

Parkland women's soccer has a new captain at its helm.

In May, Chris Jackson, who has served as the assistant Parkland women's soccer coach since 2015, became the head coach. Former head coach Josh Alford left to become assistant coach at the University of South Carolina-Aiken.

Jackson has been involved with the Cobras since 2013 after meeting Alford while coaching club soccer. Through Alford, Jackson became the assistant coach of the women's team in 2015.

Jackson is happy with how the team is shaping up for the start of the season.

"We will have 20 top-quality players—13 sophomores and seven incoming freshmen," he said. "The roster is not set in stone by any means and we will likely pick up another player or two over the summer."

The team will have walk-on tryouts Aug. 15,

where potential new players can prove their merit to the team's top brass and possibly earn themselves a spot in the Cobra soccer.

"Players who are interested in walking on should contact me prior to that date so I can plan on their participation," Jackson said. "Walk-on players are given three practices to prove themselves and will be expected to pass the team fitness test."

Jackson meets regularly with captains Anna McHatton and Michaela Ward to discuss goals for the team for this coming season. The goals that Jackson, McHatton and Ward have decided on so far this summer are to win the first game of their season, qualify for the national tournament, and allow the teams' sophomores transfer to a four-year college.

"There are plenty of opportunities for a player with two years of junior college experience to transfer to a four-year school and continue playing, if they

choose," Jackson said. "All of our players possess the quality to do so, so it comes down to getting them the exposure, letting those other coaches see them play."

According to Jackson, being part of the national tournament has been a goal of the team "for quite a few years yet they've always struggled to 'get over that final hump' of qualifying for the tournament.

McHatton, who is a second year midfielder, is "very excited to get the season started."

"Last year we had a great season so this year I am looking forward to being able to improve on that and make an even deeper run into post season," she said. "We had a lot of key players graduate leaving big shoes to fill, but I'm confident that with the returning players and the strong freshman class we have coming in that we will continue to grow."

Rod Lovett, the director of Parkland Athletics, is also looking forward to the

women's soccer season. He feels that Parkland athletics is "very fortunate to have a coach of Chris Jackson's knowledge and ability taking over the program."

"Coach Alford has built a strong legacy and I expect Chris to maintain and even improve on it," Lovett said. "We have about 10 returning players including an All-American goalkeeper as well as several others who made strong contributions as freshman. Take that, along with a good recruiting class, and I think the 2016-17 season should be a very exciting one for the Cobras."

Jackson hopes to build off the victory over Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., and the hard-fought loss to Eastern Illinois University in April when entering this coming season. Their first game is against the Maple Woods Community College of Kansas City, Mo. on Aug. 28.

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prepared me for graduate school in a unique way. I have learned much about balance," she said. "Balancing work, social life, yoga...being myself. Working the front desk in the assessment center has taught me patience, persistence, and has pushed me to be a better, more proactive version of myself."

A student of photography and videography, Laumann is no stranger to the other side of the camera. She has recently entered the world of modeling, having taken part in shows both in the Windy City and the Motor City.

"Modeling became a reality for me this year, and I feel extremely fortunate. I am humbled by my experiences in both Chicago and Detroit, where I have worked with amazing artists, stylists, and fellow models," she said. "Being a part of a show, walking a runway, and selfie-ing it up is always a high. As an artist myself I respect the creative work of others and I truly love making their vision come to life."

Currently, Laumann is pursuing modeling work in Baltimore, Washington, and New York City.

"Every artistic, collaborative experience is worth learning from," she said. "There is always something to learn. I work, play, and learn all at once; it's a beautiful thing."

As Laumann prepares to move into the next chapter of her life, she knows that she will always look back on her time at Parkland fondly.

"I have loved my time at Parkland and wouldn't trade this experience for anything. It has given me so much," she said. "It truly is a place where magic happens. People care. Students succeed."



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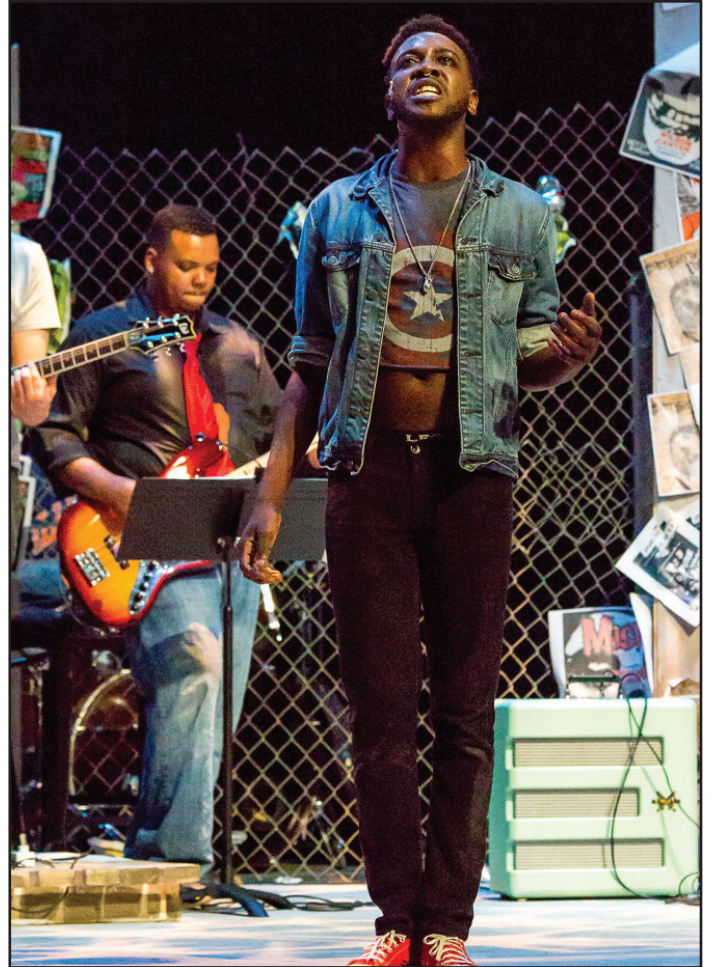


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