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Detroit Student Interns for Secret Service in Washington D.C.

LIVONIA, Mich. — Madonna University criminal justice student Bryant George, of Detroit, spent his summer assisting with the protection of U.S. and world leaders while interning for the United States Secret Service in Washington D.C.

“It was an incredible experience,” George said. “I was able to participate directly in protection techniques used by federal agents, and in federal investigations of counterfeiting and identity theft.”

This was the second of four federal internships the Madonna University senior plans to complete before he graduates in the spring of 2010. Last year, George worked as an intern with the U.S. Marshal Service in Detroit, and this fall, he will gain experience with the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Agency (ATF). He is negotiating a winter semester internship with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

“We are very proud of Bryant; he is a driven student who is realizing and achieving his dreams,” said Madonna criminal justice Professor Tom DeGalan.

George’s greatest dream is to make a positive impact on his hometown — Detroit. He is confident that his education and work experience will help him achieve his goals, which include becoming a Detroit police officer and a criminal investigator for the U.S. Marshal Service. George received the Briggs-Fisher Annual Scholarship two years in a row, honoring his commitment to effecting change in the Detroit community.

George also aspires to earn his master’s degree in social work and to develop a mentoring organization for inner-city children. “Growing up, I did not have many positive African American role models. Still, God has blessed me with many wonderful opportunities and experiences, so in gratitude I will give back to my community,” he said.

For inspiration, George looks to his Madonna instructors. “The great faculty here at Madonna have been my mentors, providing me with expert advice from their experience in the field,” he said. “Professor DeGalan helped arrange these exciting internship opportunities, and was there for me throughout the experience, assisting with questions and paperwork.”

Madonna University (www.madonna.edu) offers associate and bachelor's degree programs in criminal justice, as well as undergraduate and graduate certificates. The criminal justice program provides students with an understanding of the needs of a diverse society, so that they may serve their communities with the principles of truth, ethics and justice for all people. More than 80 Madonna criminal justice graduates have been appointed as leaders in their respective law enforcement agencies.

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