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Law Enforcement students serve as critical reviewers of MSP detective's book

JACKSON, Mich. – When Clif Edwards, a retired Michigan State Police detective lieutenant, needed help to review his book of memoirs, he turned to Jackson Area Career Center Law Enforcement instructor Cindi Agge and students Travis Fletcher (East Jackson High School) and Kaitlyn LaClear (Grass Lake High School).

Edwards' book, *Paths Crossed, Villians-Victims-Victors*, is full of true Michigan cases formatted into short stories. His "no-fluff ... just the facts" approach, is designed to be read by anyone exploring careers in law enforcement. It compliments a traditional textbook with real life stories used in the form of case studies.

"I have integrated Clif's book into my lesson plans by taking each case and creating worksheets and research items," said Agge. "Because the book is integrated with police terminology, literary quotes, and lessons learned, I use it to lead the students in discussion of criminal justice cases and officer response. The students look up newspaper articles, surf the web for related stories, and research actual criminal cases and court decisions.

Agge also praised her student reviewers. "(Fletcher and LaClear) did a great job on the critical review," she said. "It was a big job, done out of class, on their own time, and lasted several months."

Fletcher said he thought the book was phenomenal. "Knowing his story and all the effort he put in to being successful is very inspirational to me," he said. "It showed me that tomorrow isn't promised, and in a split-second, life can change. It was inspiring to know that the sky is the limit and that choosing a career you will love doing everyday is very crucial in life."

"Reviewing this book was a unique and great experience for me," LaClear said. "I felt honored to have Mr. Edwards ask me to critique his book. It's cool to go back through to see some of the changes made. Key locations and stories about things that had happened in our area stood out. The action and detail are wonderful and have helped me answer questions concerning a law enforcement career."

Edwards returned to the Career Center on April 11 as a presenter to talk about his career with the entire class. "Physical fitness and appearance is important," said Edwards. "Stay out of trouble, get your education, and stay fit," said Edwards. "We are peace officers. Our mission is to resolve conflict as peacefully as possible."

When asked about his advice on tattoos, he said, “Tattoos are forever. They are recognizable, and could cost you your life in an undercover situation.”

The book has now become part of the required reading for the Career Center class. It includes a story about Agge working as a dispatcher for the Ypsilanti post, and lists Fletcher and LaClear as critical reviewers. The book is available through www.amazon.com .

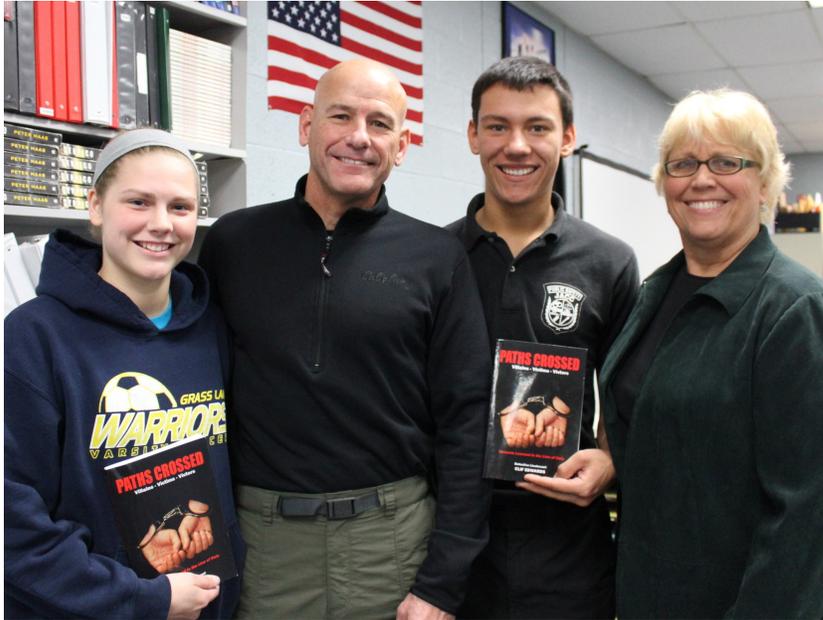


Photo Caption: Career Center Law Enforcement students Kaitlyn LaClear (left, Grass Lake) and Travis Fletcher (second from right, East Jackson), and instructor Cindy Agge (right) critically reviewed the book, 'Paths Crossed, Villians-Victims-Victors', by author and former Michigan State Police detective Clif Edward,

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