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Dr. Leslie Gargiulo has twenty-eight years of professional and academic experience focused on engineering, physics, and education. She worked eight years at Lockheed Missiles and Space

as an advanced research and development engineer in materials and composites, and in the high-tech industry as a research scientist for magnetic head development. She has twenty years of experience in the field of education as an educator, administrator, and advocate from the private and nonprofit sectors. For over ten years Leslie has served as CEO of an education consulting firm, Technology Education Consulting and Research, working with state university systems, community colleges, and school districts on program evaluation and data analysis, bringing international exposure through comparative studies. She has received two fellowship awards from the National Science Foundation and conducted research for the National Center for Research and Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing.

Since 2003 Leslie has been an integral administrator and faculty at two 100% online universities, Distance Education Training Council (DETC national accreditation agency) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC regional accreditation agency). She was the principal architect for one university's approval to move toward candidacy with regional WASC. She is currently the VP of Education and Product Development at Ashworth College. Leslie has published over twenty academic articles. Dr. Gargiulo earned her bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana; master of science in physics from San Jose State University, San Jose, CA; master of arts in philosophy from the University of California, Riverside; and, her PhD in comparative education from University of California, Los Angeles.

Harold C. Prefontaine
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In September 1968, the Boston Police Department and Boston State College, with other colleges, initiated a Police Baccalaureate Program. A test was offered to any inter-

ested officers, and the top twenty-five people were set to begin classes in September 1968.

The students were given a general course of studies with the expectancy of getting a BS or a BA in law enforcement or criminal justice. In my case, I found most subjects difficult with the exception of physical science and math. With the permission of my superiors, I was allowed to follow the course of least resistance and ultimately earned a BS in physics, summa cum laude. I was transferred to duty in the Crime Lab before graduation and performed duties there until the advent of a new administration in the department. I was then returned to duty as a "street cop." Ultimately, I was able to achieve the rank of Captain and returned to the Technical Services Division as commander until my retirement in 1997.

I was given the honor of becoming a member of Sigma Pi Sigma in 1970. To this day I find the study of science fascinating. I only wish that the magic as performed by criminalists on television were a reality. Determining DNA matches in minutes would certainly make solving crime through forensic science much easier!

Charles A. Reeves, Jr.
Knoxville, TN



I received a BS degree in engineering physics from the University of Tennessee (UT) in 1966 and immediately took a job in the Oak Ridge, TN, Y-12 Plant. I worked in the Physical Testing Department, associated with their Mechanical

Properties Lab. I received a MS degree in physics, also from UT, in 1972. I continued to work in that capacity until 1986, at which time I realized I was very interested in working with desktop computers, which we had just begun to implement in the Lab. I then transferred to the Computing Division, working in their PC support group until my retirement in 1997 at the very early age of 53.

I have been interested in maps most of my life and have now turned what began as a hobby into a source of income (meager at times). I create custom maps and also sell reproductions of old maps (ReevesMaps.com). I have one son, Chip, who is the computer network administrator for a very large church outside Atlanta. His wife Sissy is a civil engineer for a large architectural firm in Atlanta. They have one child, with another on the way.

Timothy J. White
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After completing a BS in physics and math (Vanderbilt Univ. '64) and an MS in Physics (Univ. Alabama in Huntsville, '74), I worked from 1966 onwards in

the aerospace and defense industries in Huntsville, AL. I also pursued a MAS in Administrative Science and the MPA and DPA in Public Administration, and made a transition from science and engineering to corporate management, and then to business development, and, ultimately, to higher education. I have been an adjunct professor now for over 16 years—for the past four I have served as Site Director for the Huntsville, AL site of Florida Institute of Technology, while still teaching at this institution. I established a doctoral program at this site, and in 1991 founded, and now operate and own, a business development consultancy, TJW Enterprises.