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David Logan's Post

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Law Students Square Off with Cops: B-ball for a Worthy Cause!

Posted by David Logan on 07/07/2016 at 10:39 AM



One of the great things about RWU Law is the initiative that our students display by reaching out to the world outside of law school. One such example was a basketball tournament featuring teams of law students and teams of police officers.



Conceived and organized by **Arwa Noorali '16**, the indefatigable President of the [Criminal Law Society](#), the goal was to have fun while raising money in memory of police officers killed in the line of duty. Working with the New England branch of "COPS" (Concerns of Police Survivors), and named in honor of [Sgt. Steven Shaw](#), a Providence officer killed in the line of duty, the tournament raised money from admission charges, a bake sale, and cool t-shirts emblazoned with Sgt. Shaw's badge number.



A display of the names of all RI's fallen officers since 1950 was turned into a badge by architecture student [Mariam Yaqub](#), and wonderfully captured the tone of the evening. Other folks who deserve a shout-out for planning and execution are students **Ken Sylvia**, **Nick Barone**, **Andrew Lentz**, **Deb Ryan**, and **Mike Carlin**; Sgt. Shaw's family; [Assistant Law Dean Lorraine Lalli](#); **Det. Adam Clifford** (Bristol PD) and **Officer Thiago Gomes** (Providence PD); **Mike Gallagher** (RWU Athletic Dept.); and **Norman Hobbie** (who paid for the shirts worn by the teams).



The games were terrific fun, with one semifinal round pitting the two co-ed law school teams against each other and the other a face-off between officers from Providence and Bristol.



“Coombs Killers” had **Professor David Coombs** at the helm, while “Destroyers of Dreams” were coached by **Professor John Chung** -- both of them “Best Professors” (adjunct and full-time respectively) as selected by the class of 2016. Chung looked especially dapper (he claimed to be “channeling his inner Pat Riley”), and his team wore down the Coombs team for a spot in the finals -- but not before spectators were treated to the sight of Robert Hobbie pouring in points while playing against his sister Kasey, who was a ball-handling whiz in a losing cause.

In the final game the Providence Men in Blue took an early lead and withstood several charges from Chung’s troops. While there were a number of noteworthy efforts, the MVP award went to Officer Gomes.