

Coventry career ctr. teaming with RWU

Criminal justice will be newest offering

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COVENTRY — The criminal justice program will be starting in September at the Career and Technical School at the Coventry High School.

Career and Technical Program Director Lori Ferguson said the three-year program will begin in the fall with an introduction to Criminal Justice I class, followed by introduction to Criminal Justice II along with Forensic Science I and II for the second year and Law and Society, Psychology and an internship will round out year three.

Ferguson said one of the great things about this program is that law professors at Roger Williams University Law School will be mentoring and teaching the students.

“Students who successfully complete, submit and pass a culminating portfolio, which consists of an argument/research paper and presentation to Roger Williams faculty at the College, in one or both of Criminal Justice and Law and Society courses will receive transfer credit at RWU or elective credit,” Ferguson said. “This pathway will attract students interested in law, government, law enforcement and criminalistics and a teacher certification can take many paths.”

Coventry School Committee Vice President Dave Florio made his career in the criminal justice field and is thrilled to have the high school career and technical school working with Roger Williams on the program.

“I know some of the supervisors at the

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University and they are outstanding," Florio said. "We have a lot of people who are interested in this field and I think it's really great that so many are interested and I'm really looking for-

ward to seeing it come to fruition."

"I think it's an awesome idea," said Coventry School Committee Chairwoman Kathy Pate-naude. "I think the courses are great and I think there's a lot of demand for it."