UCM Criminal Justice LAE-GED Student Shooting Team Receives Grant

WARRENSBURG, Mo. (July 21, 2014) - The award winning UCM Criminal Justice student organization Lambda Alpha Epsilon-Gamma Epsilon Delta shooting team was given a major boost with the receipt of a $1,500.00 grant from the UCM Foundation. The grant came as part of the University of Central Missouri Opportunity Grant Program from the foundation and will be used to purchase ammunition for the students involved in the LAE-GED shooting team. The CJ students participating on the firearm’s team learn firearm’s safety, ballistics and participate in a firearm's competition that resembles an actual police firearm's qualification course. The CJ program at UCM is one of the largest in the Midwest and provides many different learning opportunities for the over 700 undergraduate students enrolled.

The LAE-GED student chapter at UCM has over 100 members and has a tradition of academic and firearms team excellence. UCM’s LAE-GED has won 12 consecutive LAE National Championships. The LAE National Competition consists of academic testing, academic paper competition, crime scene investigation, physical agility and a firearms competition. UCM CJ Rangemaster MAJ Richard Gillespie stated “this grant will go a long way in providing the tools needed by the UCM CJ students to compete this year.” The foundation is the university's nonprofit organization dedicated to raising private resources to make college more affordable, accessible and beneficial for students. The foundation established the grant program in 2013 to support faculty and staff who have ideas but insufficient funding for entrepreneurial projects that focus on strengthening the university’s learning environment and student’s academic experience.

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