Four CJES students become Binghamton Park Rangers

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Four students in SUNY Broome's Criminal Justice and Emergency Services program were recently hired as summer park rangers by the City of Binghamton Department of Parks and Recreation.

They are:

- Italyia Circelli
- Brian Conn
- Justin Wintergrass
- Sony Jean-Philippe

The four and one other Park Ranger will conduct mobile patrols of all city parks, focusing on highly used locations such as Recreation Park, Cheri A. Lindsey Park, Webster Street Park, Columbus Park and any parks hosting special events. In 2014, there were two Park Rangers.

Typical duties for Park Rangers include enforcing parks rules on dog leashing, smoking, alcohol consumption and leaving the park at dusk, according to the city. They will be in uniform and carry a cell phone and police radio. Two Park Rangers will patrol daily from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., with an additional Park Ranger added for Thursday through Sunday patrols.

"The goal of this initiative is to increase public safety in our parks, especially after dark, to allow all children and families access to these important public recreational facilities," said Mayor Richard C. David. "Established in 2014, the Park Ranger program has been a key tool in combating unwanted activity in the parks. By significantly increasing the number of Park Rangers for this summer, the City can expand its efforts and take back our parks."



Mayor Rich David meets with Binghamton's new Park Rangers, four of whom are SUNY Broome students. Photo from cityofbinghamton.com.

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