



A True Crime Halloween

October 30, 2021



Welcome

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to The Griffon Experience — A True Crime Halloween. Thank you so much for joining us today to learn more about our excellent academic programs. At Missouri Western, you will find yourself immersed in interactive learning experiences in and outside of the classroom.

During The Griffon Experience, you will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of applied learning activities and demonstrations organized by our expert faculty and staff. These demonstrations are just a sneak peek into what your future can look like with a Missouri Western education.

Preparing students for future careers with hands-on learning experiences is central to our mission. Everyone at Missouri Western is dedicated to your success and is available as a resource during your time here.

I encourage you to take advantage of the day, explore our beautiful campus, meet with students and faculty, ask questions and see what opportunities await you as a Griffon.

Best,
Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy, president

***For more information, a copy of the program
and access to future events, visit:***

griff.vn/truecrime

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Briefing

The Mystery of the Missing Mace:

Throughout the day you will have opportunities to collect information and clues surrounding the most heinous of crimes—the theft of the university's beloved ceremonial mace. By combing through evidence, attending demonstrations, viewing reports, and hearing eyewitness testimonies, you and your peers will work together to solve the mystery of the missing mace. Stay for the entirety of the program to uncover the culprit. See page 4 for a detailed list of suspects. *Happy sleuthing!*

Logistics

Our team is here to help throughout the program. Student Ambassadors will be standing by after each demonstration to usher students and guests to their next location. There will also be staff members available to answer questions and to help as guides. If you have mobility or accessibility needs, please contact the nearest staff member and we will do our absolute best to accommodate you.

Lunch and Resource Fair

Enjoy a complimentary lunch and attend the academic resource fair in Blum Student Union from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Campus Tour

A 90-minute campus tour departs at 1:30 p.m. from the Walter Cronkite Memorial located on the first floor of Spratt Hall.

Special Thanks

The event staff would like to give a special "thank you" to Drs. Dominic DeBrincat, Evan Hart and Ed Taylor of the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities for helping create, develop and write this event. We could not have done it without you.

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10 a.m.

Introduction and Opening Remarks - Spratt 101

Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy, president of Missouri Western State University

Demonstrations and Presentations

10:15 a.m.

Student Panel - Spratt 101

Join a brief Q&A with our students to chat about what it's like to be a Griffon!

10:30 a.m.

Law/Legal Studies/Criminal Justice - Spratt 214/216 Enright Room

How Do Crimes Get to Court? Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together—

A Prosecutor's Perspective: This presentation will describe the role of the prosecutor in the U.S. criminal justice system. Faculty will demonstrate how to prepare cases for court by evaluating elements of an alleged crime.

11 a.m.

Forensic investigation - Spratt 203

Latent Fingerprint Development and Identification:

Attend a presentation showing the use of carbon powder and cyanoacrylate fuming to develop and lift latent fingerprints. Then compare the latent fingerprint lifts to known prints of suspects in an attempt to identify the source of the print.

Law Enforcement Academy - Spratt 205

Interviews, Interrogations, Admissions, and Confessions:

Join Commander King, the Director of the Law Enforcement Academy, as he presents the reporting officers' interviews of the involved persons.



Interviewed by academy cadets, these reports demonstrate the sort of procedure and detail expected of our civil servants. Comb through these reports to find discrepancies and differences among their statements. Use that information against the clues to help solve the mystery!

11:30 a.m.

Lunch - Dining Hall

Resource Fair - Blum Lobby

12:30 p.m.

Chemistry - Spratt 214/216 Enright Room

Contrary Chemical Composition:

Counterfeit art? Identifying a suspect? Stop by and help us solve this crime. You will get an opportunity to use X-ray fluorescence, infrared spectroscopy, and chromatography to investigate the scene of the crime.

1:00 p.m.

Psychology - Spratt 214/216 Enright Room

Hidden Profiles:

Occurring during the process of group decision-making, "hidden profiles" show that oftentimes when trying to collaborate, critical information can be left out – even if someone in the group is aware of it. Each detective trying to solve the mystery has a different set of information that is critical to share to reach the best decision. Can you pool your collective knowledge about the missing mace to come to the correct conclusion? Join Psychology faculty as they help us compile our information and see if we can get to the bottom of this puzzle.

1:30 p.m.

Campus Tour - Walter Cronkite Memorial Atrium (Spratt Hall)

Rap Sheets



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Dr. Melissa Mace

No one knows if she was named after a spice, a weapon, or a ceremonial scepter. Did she take the mace because of a birthright? Guilty by association — could it be that simple? No one ever suspects the one at the top, but her name is written all over this crime.

"What Mace? Who? Me, Mace?"



Senator Stuart Steel - SGA

Student Senator Stuart Steel has always dreamed of carrying the mace and leading a procession. But lacking the sticktoitiveness required to turn his homework in on time, could he have been looking for a shortcut to achieving his goals? Or is he just an average student in the wrong place at the wrong time?

"Do you really need a PhD to carry that awesome piece of wood?!"
Who has 8 years to spare?"



Officer Polly Pinch

With crime so low on Missouri Western's campus, it's not surprising that Officer Pinch would become disgruntled. With nothing to do, there's no job security. Did Officer Pinch take the mace to justify the need for campus police?

"If I can't find something to do real soon, I'm going to have to start breaking the law myself!"



Professor Pablo Pilfer

Professor Pilfer, former candidate for Faculty Senate President, has long awaited the time-honored opportunity to stand at the front of the graduation procession toting the ceremonial mace. After losing the election, his dreams were dashed. Would he stoop so low as to take the opportunity from his opponent?

"Is it really too much to ask to have the honor without the office?"



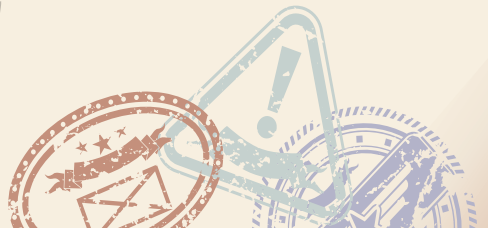
Dean Sal Swindler

Dean by day, professional woodworker by night. Commissioned to create the replacement mace, is it possible that Dean Swindler stole the mace himself only so that he could replace it with his new and improved rendition?

"I loved carving the new mace with my own hands, but that doesn't mean I would take the old one. What does anyone ever need with a one-of-a-kind ceremonial mace? Am I going to beat my rug with it?"



NOTES





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Career Development Center.....	Blum 210	(816) 271-4292
Center for Academic Support	Hearnes 213	(816) 271-4524
Center for Diversity & Inclusion	Blum 207	(816) 271-4150
Center for Student Involvement.....	Blum 207	(816) 271-4159
Counseling Center.....	Eder 203	(816) 271-4327
Fitness Center	Baker.....	(816) 271-5946
Housing and Residential Life	Commons 106	(816) 383-7100
Library Resources	Hearnes 200	(816) 271-4360
MWSU Police Department.....	Blum 201	(816) 271-4438
Student Government Association	Blum 217	(816) 271-4409
Accessibility Resource Center.....	Blum 212	(816) 271-4330



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