



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Donnie Rhoads

Police Sergeant

Joined Town: February 1995

A Chapel Hill police officer who took seven years to complete his bachelor's degree was among the 5,683 students from UNC-Chapel Hill to graduate this May.

Police Sgt. Donnie Rhoads received his Bachelor of Arts in Afro-American Studies, a pursuit that began fall 2005 after he transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill from Durham Technical Community College. He studied while working fulltime, attending one or two classes at a time.

The police crash investigator and traffic enforcement team leader has had a longtime interest in history. Sgt. Rhoads decided to concentrate on Afro-American studies when it became an interesting subject introduced by his favorite lecturer, Robert Porter. Donnie said the field offers a large breadth of subjects to explore, including African American literature, history, politics, religion and religious studies, sociology, and many other disciplines within the

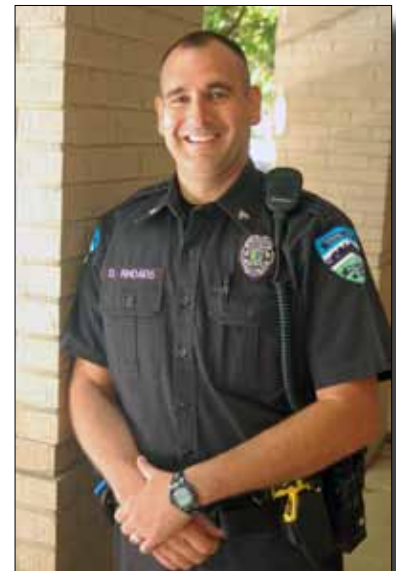
humanities and social sciences.

When not studying in his free time, Donnie spends time with his family (wife, Amy, and their children, Corbin, 17, and Sydney, 6) and trains for marathons with his running buddy, Police Chief Chris Blue. He has completed seven marathons, including the Tobacco Road Marathon in Durham this spring. His goal is to some day run Chicago or New York City marathons.

"I am very proud of Sgt. Rhoads for his hard work and for his successful completion of his coursework at Carolina," said Chief Blue. "Many years ago, he set his sights on a degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

Value in the Spotlight

Responsibility



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and he has worked at it with determination—the same determination that makes him a great marathon runner!"

Senior Management Team Values

The Senior Management Team and the Employee Forum adopted values for Town of Chapel Hill employees on April 28, 2011.



Our values are the basis for our choices. They are reflected in our behavior and decisions every day. They are our compass as we accomplish our mission and objectives.