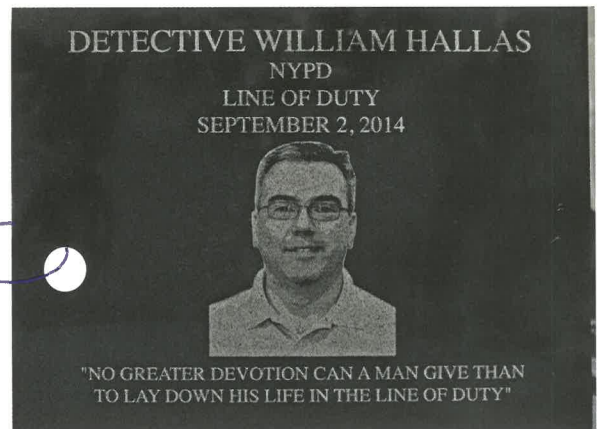


Klea Treska, a tenth grader at Pinellas Park High School's Criminal Justice Academy, located in Largo, Florida, sent these photos of a recent class project designed to honor first grade Det. John Kristoffersen, who died August 25, 2012 from illnesses contracted as a result of his work on the rescue and recovery from 9/11. The Criminal Justice Academy is a four-year high school magnet program with an emphasis on law enforcement. Students not only receive an education in all academic areas, but also gain an understanding of the American legal system and are able to explore the wide range of career-related opportunities available to them. "Our teacher, Mrs. Ericka Pierce, taught me and all my classmates the importance of respecting law enforcement," wrote Klea, who noted that, "In our Criminal Justice Operations class, we are honoring fallen Officers from around the nation. Mrs. Pierce assigned everyone an Officer and I was so honored to have gotten Detective Kristoffersen. I have always been intrigued about the NYPD and also Detective work. I've always appreciated everything you have all done. And I simply want to thank you and everyone else. I decided on doing a shadow box to honor Det. Kristoffersen and his heroic work, and his ultimate sacrifice. I also appreciate all that Officers are doing in our communities. It often goes unrecognized and I feel it is important for Officers to know they are respected and appreciated." Bravo to Klea, teacher Ericka Pierce, and all the students at Pinellas Park High who participated in creating these terrific memorials.

Self-taught computer wiz, amateur photographer, and active Det. William Frederick Hallas, Jr. of the Latent Print Section suffered a stroke in August of 2014 and died the following September 2nd at the age of 41. On January 11, 2016, a plaque dedicated to his memory was unveiled at the Latent Print Section at One Police Plaza. Pictured below right with Ceremonial Unit Officers and the beautiful etched marble memorial are Hallas' wife Anastasia, daughter Grace, and sons William and Matthew. Hallas was a graduate of Orange County Community College with an Associate's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Science. He followed his father, former Bronx Housing Police Officer William F. Hallas, who passed away eight months before his son, into law enforcement and was appointed to the force on April 15, 1997. He was promoted to third grade Detective on November 30, 2005, and to second grade on March 1, 2013.



10-13 Club Members

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