

OFFICER KELLEY RECEIVES CALIAN AWARD FOR CAMPUS SERVICE

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Asked about why he wanted to work in security, Officer Kelley said, “It’s something to do. They told me when I retired from the Army that I would keel over if I didn’t have something to do.” Plus, Officer Kelley likes the work and loves the Seminary. “I help out anybody when they’re here and do whatever I need to do.” He’s often seen taking out the trash and typically arrives on campus hours before his shift.

Officer Kelley hasn’t jumped out of a plane since his time in the service. These days in his free time he plays basketball and puts together puzzles. “I like the 3,000 piece ones,” he says. “I’ve got a lot of patience.” He also spends times with his five children and 13 grandkids.

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