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NPDF BOYCOTTS GODDARD COLLEGE IN VERMONT What Are They Thinking???

On December 9, 1981 Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner was ambushed and killed by Wesley Cook, also known as Mumia Abu-Jamal. Jamal was arrested on the scene holding the "smoking gun." He was charged and in 1982 unanimously convicted by a jury for the murder of the police officer.

Jamal was a member of the Black Panther Party and a well known anti-authority, anti-government maniac.

I attended Officer Faulkner's funeral and years later had the pleasure of meeting the officer's brother at a police memorial service in Wildwood, NJ. The brother gave me a lapel pin depicting a Philadelphia police badge on a blue heart with the slain officer's badge number inscribed at the bottom. When he handed me the pin I can clearly remember him saying "please wear this pin with pride." I do so to this day.

After serving over 25 years as a police officer not too much surprises me anymore, however I recently learned that students at Goddard College in Vermont have selected this "Convicted Cop Killer" to deliver a commencement speech.

I find this decision by the students outrageous and sickening. They couldn't find anybody more respectable, like maybe Charles Manson. I would urge the sensible students at the college, if there are any, to reconsider this choice. This despicable individual shouldn't be celebrated; he should be kept in a cage.

As a result, the NPDF is recommending to its membership of over 200,000 Members and Supporters nationwide to boycott enrollment and financial support to the Goddard College until they come to their senses.

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