

## Interview with UCI Police Dept.

## Sergeant Jon Sloan



Sgt. Jon Sloan mentoring students in the Community Service Officer (CSO) Program. By: C. Young

**M**meet Jon Sloan. Police Sergeant, family man, sports fan, mentor and more. A Northern California native, Sergeant Sloan came to Southern California to attend California State University, Long Beach where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics. He also holds a paralegal certificate from the UC Irvine Extension Program. He has worked as a Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Patrol Supervisor and as a Detective in the Investigations Unit. Sgt. Sloan has also been recognized by the community for his involvement with the Orange County Ronald McDonald House and for his work with minority students from North Long Beach in attaining college admission. He took a break from his busy schedule to answer a few questions so we might get to know him a little better.

**What's your favorite food?**

Pork chops

**If you could go anywhere on your next vacation where would it be and why?**

The Philippines or Hawaii. My wife is from the Philippines and hasn't been home in 20 years...and Hawaii ? Because it's Hawaii.

**What do you find rewarding about working with a student population?**

The potential factor. Our students are tomorrow's leaders. Being able to help influence our students and making sure they have a safe environment to express who they are is quite the reward.

**Do you have any advice for someone looking to start a career in law enforcement?**

Keep things in perspective and do the right thing for the community not the individual.

**Here's your chance to drop some knowledge on the UCI students... What parting words or advice do you have?**

I trust in God in everything I do. For those who don't believe in God, keep an open mind and let facts guide your decisions, not persuasive gimmicks or things that make us feel good. Try to do the right thing in everything you do.

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**Why did you choose law enforcement as a career?**

To serve and be a problem solver for my community

**If you were not a law enforcement officer what else could you see yourself doing?**

Coaching. I love sports and motivating others.

**Speaking of Sports... Who are your favorite teams?**

San Francisco 49'ers (Football), Los Angeles Lakers (Basketball), Los Angeles Dodgers (Baseball), LA Galaxy (Soccer), LA Kings (Hockey), and Long Beach State and UCI (College).

**How many years have you worked in law enforcement? How many years at UCI?**

10 years at UCI and 5 years in Los Angeles County as a Deputy Sheriff

**How do you spend your free time?**

I spend all my free time with my wife and two sons. I love gardening, reading, church, lifting weights, sports, and Marvel Comics.

