



A KILLER DEGREE PROGRAM

# CSI Major Newsletter

## Fall 2017

## Falling for CSI

By: Charla S. Perdue

During the fall semester, we again said goodbye to graduates. It is both the best and worst part of my job. I am sustained by the knowledge that our graduates are getting jobs and by the new CSI majors who are joining our program each semester. Fall brought football, cooler temperatures and many opportunities to promote our CSI program.

One such event was the Florida Division of International Association of Identification (FDIAI). We were fortunate this annual conference took place locally at Edgewater Beach Resort this year. It was wonderful to see several of our students in attendance.

Organizations like FDIAI provide first class training opportunities

and ideal networking experiences. If you have not joined a professional Forensic Science organization, I encourage you to do so. FDIAI and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) both offer student memberships which is a less expensive way to enjoy the benefits of membership.

Another advantage of membership is building your resume. Employers want to hire people actively engaged and taking initiative to learn more about their field of interest. Volunteering is also an excellent way to set yourself apart to a potential employer.

This summer we will offer a 3-day Forensic Fun Day STEM camp for middle school students. If you want to be a part of this effort, look for more information coming during the spring semester.

**SAVE the DATES 7/10-12**



With spring semester already underway, it is nice to look back at the accomplishments of so many of our CSI majors during the fall semester. I am proud of each of you and eager to see the contributions you will make in our field.

Planning is underway for summer labs and the dates are included in this newsletter. Full details will follow around the midterm.

As always, if you would like assistance in program planning, please make an appointment. I can meet in my office, by phone or online.

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## CSI STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER



### Sally Pendoley

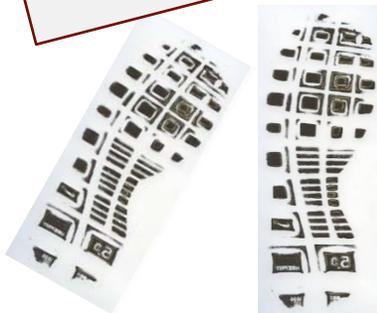
Sally Pendoley is our CSI Student of the Semester. She was nominated because "Sally was very helpful during the forensic field trip held for Bozeman High School. She exhibited leadership and went the extra mile to help make the lab a great learning experience for the students."

*Congratulations Sally!*

**We LOVE our Fall  
CSI Adjucts &  
Mentors**

Koren Colbert  
Robert Colbert  
Ken Mc Donald  
Dennis Rozier  
Karen Smith

CSI Majors-  
Making An Impression!



### Fall 2017

#### Dean's List

Elizabeth Blume  
Brittany Brannon  
Christen Chipman  
Shawntellie Dupree  
Alessandra Feria  
Jason Jose  
Courtney Lewis  
Samantha Masterson  
Erica Quijano  
Shannon Redding  
Brittany Thompson  
Trista Waits  
Maia Watson

#### President's List

Michael Andrews  
Cassie Compton  
Alyssa Feller  
Andrea Marias

**Congratulations & keep up  
the good work!**



### Summer 2018 Lab Dates

**\*CJE 4638L (2)**  
Forensic Death  
Investigation Lab  
(face to face only)  
May 14-18 9am-5pm  
daily

**\*CJE 4655L (2)**  
Crime and Accident  
Scene Imaging &  
Reconstruction Lab  
(face to face only)  
June 4-8 9am-5pm daily

CJE 4135L (2)  
Impression and Pattern  
Evidence Lab  
(face to face only)  
June 25-29 9am-5pm  
daily

**\*Not offered again until  
summer 2020**

**All summer labs held at the FSU  
Panama City Campus ONLY.**

## Capstone Highlight



**Kelly Wahl**

## Interning & Hired at Panama City Beach Police Department

Earlier this year, I started my six-month internship with the Panama City Beach Police Department, in their Criminal Investigations Division. Immediately, I worked with multiple Investigators and was given several of my own responsibilities and tasks. Throughout the course of my internship, I was fortunate enough to assist with vehicle searches, evidence packaging, preservation letters, search warrants, video analysis, evidence inventory, case file preparation, public records requests, gun traces, FDLE submissions, cold case

investigations, and special operations involving Internet crimes to name a few. I additionally observed multiple arrests, interviews, and court proceedings. I was able to achieve all of this because I showed a commitment, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn. I learned very quickly that hours worked and opportunities presented are directly proportional within my internship at the Panama City Beach Police Department.

Fast forward from February to present day, I am now a full time employee with the Panama City Beach Police Department as Crime Scene Investigator/Crime Analyst. Over the course of my internship, I volunteered over 500 hours and this did not go unnoticed. Before I was even an employee, I was knowledgeable about the many different aspects of my current job.

My advice to anyone who is looking to turn an internship experience into future employment is to take full advantage of the internship opportunity and dedicate as much time and hard work to the experience as possible. I have found through my own experience that hard work and commitment ultimately leads to success.

**All CSI Majors are required to complete a semester long Capstone internship.**

For Capstone Info Visit

[www.pc.fsu.edu/pss](http://www.pc.fsu.edu/pss)

Like us on Facebook to keep up with what is going on in the program and see more photos of CSI students in action.



## CSI at FSU Panama City



## CSI Majors in the News

## Summer Lab Photos and Summer Graduates

[https://issuu.com/fsupcadvancement/docs/the\\_torch\\_2017](https://issuu.com/fsupcadvancement/docs/the_torch_2017)

Shawntellie Dupree  
(Pictured second to right)

<http://www.wcso.org/sex-offender-information/>

## Korri's Korner

### by: Lt. Koren Colbert

I am about to graduate; now what?

It's time to put your education and experience to work. I hope that during your degree program, you have had a taste of the next step through seeking and securing an internship. An active Internship provides for a great experience and opportunities to network with professionals in the field who have a lot of knowledge and insight they will share, if you ask. Other opportunities are in forensic professional associations such as the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification commonly referred to as the F.D.I.A.I. This professional association's membership is primarily comprised of forensic professionals and open to student memberships. They hold an annual educational conference, provide free regional training seminars and post job opportunities on their website [www.fdiai.org](http://www.fdiai.org).

Jobs in the public safety sector require extensive background vetting and CVSA or polygraph examinations. Be truthful, accurate, and consistent from your application content through any subsequent interviews. Any large discrepancies may be viewed as untruthfulness, which is a kiss of death in the hiring process.

A few tips in finding the next start to your career:

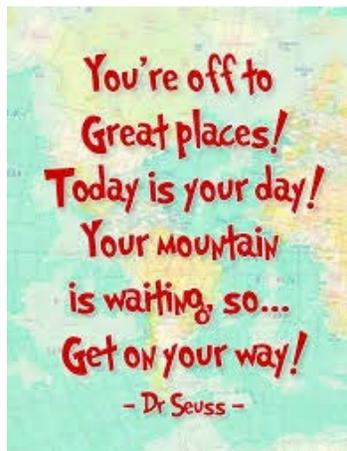
- Conduct Research on the Employer, Hiring Manager, Job Opportunity. ... (know what the job requirements are and the mission of the agency)
- Review Common Interview Questions and Prepare Responses. ... (Practice this)
- Dress for Success. ... (Important)
- Arrive on Time for the Interview and Prepared for Success. ...
- Make Good First Impressions to Everyone You Encounter.

Good Luck and Go NOLES!



**Congratulations to our Fall Graduates!**

**Shawntellie Dupree**  
**Alessandra Feria**  
**Erica Quijano**



## SUMMER WALKERS

If you want to walk early in the spring 2018 Panama City ceremony the form to be an Early Walker can be found at

<http://pc.fsu.edu/students/commencement>.

Scroll down on the page and you will see a section named

**SUMMER WALKERS.**

You will find the Summer/Early Walker Graduation Memo that needs to be submitted for consideration.

