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Year One, In the Books

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The Bachelor of Science in Crime Scene Investigation launched in the Fall semester of 2015 with 14 students. We have more than doubled in size since that time. Our students come from a variety of places and backgrounds. The online community enjoyed getting to meet our face to face students this summer when we held our first summer hands on labs. Digging up a grave in late June can be a real bonding experience.

Summer lab students also began work on the first cold case for the American Investigative Society of Cold Cases (AISOCC). As a University chapter, we have been tasked with a case involving the death of an 11 year old boy. The students have found the case intriguing and now have a firsthand understanding of equivocal death investigation.

As the new term begins we are looking forward to new students and new courses. Please make sure you are always mindful of pre requisites and always plan a semester ahead.

If you would like assistance in program planning, please make an appointment. I can meet in my office or online.

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Above: Students in Crime Scene Imaging and Reconstruction Lab practiced their photography skills on the crime scene car this summer. **Below:** Classmates, who learn together, sweat together. Blood spatter lab students show off their CSI style.



CSI STUDENTS IN THE NEWS



Student, Lindsey Miller was named Volunteer of the Year for the Bay County Sheriff's Office. Since that time she has been hired to work part time in the CID unit, proof that volunteer and internships really are beneficial.

REMINDERS

Capstone

All CSI Majors are required to take a semester long Capstone Internship Course. This is generally done your last semester. Students are required to find an internship in the field of Public Safety and Security and work a minimum of 8 hours a week for the duration of the semester. Start researching opportunities now. Some agencies require as much as six months to process an application.

FOR MORE CAPSTONE INFORMATION

Visit:
<http://pc.fsu.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Programs/Public-Safety-Security/PSS-Capstone-Internships>

First Impressions

By: Lt. Koren Colbert

The first year of the CSI program has been a great experience for both me and the students. I enjoyed being able to mentor the Forensic Death Investigation lecture during the Spring and the Forensic Death Investigation Lab during the summer. The lecture was a great introduction tool to the hands on work that the students got to participate in during the summer.

During the lab the students were able to watch an autopsy, excavate buried skeletal remains, and collect maggots from raw chickens just to mention a few. The students quickly learned how tedious some of the crime scene protocols can be but also very rewarding in the end.

Below: Students attended an autopsy and studied human skeletal remain during a human osteology class at the morgue in June.



Upcoming & Noteworthy



FDIAI Conference

The Florida Division of the International Association for Identification (FDIAI) holds their annual conference every year in October. This year it will be hosted in Miami. The mission of FDIAI is to provide educational seminars to members of the law enforcement community and to disseminate useful information related to all disciplines of forensic sciences. To carry out this mission, the association has a large pool of members representing various forensic disciplines. During the conference, members from around the state come to hear speakers from around the country talk about cases and put on training seminars and hands on workshops that educate forensic professionals and forensic students.

This year's conference will be held October 23 - 27, 2016. For more please go to <https://www.fdiai.org/>.

Students attend at a discounted rate.



FDIAI Conference 2015 held in St. Petersburg, FL last October.

Left: Florida State University Crime Scene Investigation hosted a booth and enjoyed sharing with participants information about the new B.S.in CSI at FSU.

Right: Charla accepts a certificate of appreciation to FSU PC for their participation in the 56th annual FDIAI Conference.

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