Preparing to Finish

By: Charla S. Perdue

We will have our first CSI graduates in spring. These students will walk early and return in summer to finish their labs. It is a special time in the life of these students and for the CSI program. It is a reminder that hard work pays off and the end comes sooner than you think. If you have just started, hang in there!

No matter where you are in the program, CSI students are encouraged to look at crimesceneinvestigator.net often for job posting in the area you would like to live and work once you have your degree. It is important to identify the credentials required in the part of the country you want to be. Make sure you are working to meet those requirements now so you are ready when the time comes to apply.

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

Charla S. Perdue

Graduating?

Please make an appointment with Charla Perdue for your exit interview.

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I'M LIKE 2017% DONE
Paul Olsen is the CSI student of the Semester. His classmates nominated him because “asks thoughtful questions and makes thoughtful comments.” After graduating, Paul hopes to become a CSI and work at an Agency out west to be close to family.

Spring 2016

Dean’s List
Amber Bosley
Sabina Coleman
Sandy Cooper
Kayla Holder
Jeremy Jones
J.D. Justice
Lindsey Miller

President’s List
Breana Rodriguez

Summer 2016

Dean’s List
Sandy Cooper
Jeremy Jones

President’s List
Lindsey Miller

Fall 2016

President’s List
Michael Andrew
Amber Bosley
Sandy Cooper
Kayla Holder
Jeremy Jones
Paul Olsen
Breana Rodriguez
Kelly Wahl

President’s List
Erica Quijano

Scholarship Awarded

Andrea Marias
Earned a $1000 Scholarship
From the Krewe of St. Andrew

Interning at the Medical Examiner’s Office

Kayla Holder
Monday for Kayla starts with the aroma of formaldehyde. She is completing her Capstone as an intern at the 14th Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner’s Office. Kayla says she is learning a lot and the M.E. staff is eager to answer her questions. She assists with autopsies, goes with the death investigators to scenes and is helping on a project for Missing in America where she is searching through unclaimed cremains for military veterans who are then be given a proper burial by the organization.

All CSI majors are required to complete a Capstone internship prior to graduation.

For more information about Capstone
VISIT pc.fsu.edu/pss
The Bookmark

News from the FSU PC Library

by: Shaun Saxon

As a student at Florida State University, you have access to a world-class library system with millions of research items, including books, articles, and other materials in both physical and digital formats. The FSUPC library is a branch of the University Libraries and offers books, study rooms, computers, printing/copying, technology loan, and research assistance. All books and journal articles housed in other branches can be requested online through express delivery (with most items arriving the next day). And students enjoy remote access through the FSU Library website; just click Website Login at the bottom-right of the main page: https://www.lib.fsu.edu/.

The FSUPC Library acquires books to support our unique programs in Panama City. Here are some recent CSI-related additions:

- Color Atlas of the Autopsy
- Crime Scene Photography
- Crime Scene Staging Dynamics in Homicide Cases
- Forensic Art and Illustration
- Forensic Entomology: The Utility of Arthropods in Legal Investigations
- Forensic Toxicology: Principles and Concepts
- Fundamentals of Forensic DNA Typing
- Human Bone Manual
- Human Osteology
- Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Korri’s Korner

by: Lt. Koren Colbert

One of the most common forms of evidence investigators may detect and collect at a crime scene is impression and pattern evidence. Impression evidence is created when two objects come in contact with enough force to cause an "impression." Typically impression evidence is either two-dimensional — such as a fingerprint — or three-dimensional — such as the marks on a bullet caused by the barrel of a firearm. Pattern evidence may be additional identifiable information found within an impression.

FSU CSI students completed the lecture series of Pattern and Impression Evidence that will lead us into the Pattern and Impression summer lab being held July 10 -14, 2017 on our beautiful Panama City campus and at the Bay County Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab. During the lab, students will get to apply hands on techniques utilizing tools, powders and chemicals to develop and enhance impression and pattern evidence often encountered at crime scenes. The lab experience will reinforce and build upon the lecture series given during the 2016 Fall semester.

Did you see the FSU CSI program in 850 Magazine?

Check out the article, “Building A Workforce” at www.850businessmagazine.com/October-November-2016/Building-a-Workforce/
Summer labs will be here before you know it. All the information you need about times & dates, dress code and where to stay is available in the CSI@FSU organization site in Blackboard. To access open Blackboard and click on the Courses & Orgs tab at the top of the page.

Make sure you check out the new information about travel assistance from the FSU PC Foundation.

Adjunct, Karen Smith is teaching Trace & Biometric Evidence. She brings years of law enforcement experience as well as academic education and training. Welcome Karen!

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION HAS APPROVED THE FSU CSI DEGREE PROGRAM HANDS ON LABS TO COUNT TOWARD REQUIRED CERTIFICATION HOURS OR CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS. STUDENTS WILL NOW RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION OF THE LABS.

Upcoming & Noteworthy

Summer Lab Dates

CJE 4638L Forensic Death Investigation
5/14-19
CJE 4241L Trace & Biometric Evidence Lab
6/5-9
CJE 4135L Impression & Pattern Evidence Lab
7/10-14
All labs take place at the FSU Panama City Campus from 9am-5pm daily.

A.I.S.O.C.C.

FSU is a University Chapter of the American Investigative Society of Cold Cases. AISOCC offers free, professional, non-biased review of any cold case brought by law enforcement. They have an elite group of experts, the “best of the best”, to assist in solving cold cases. Members include Dr. Werner Spitz, Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Cyril H. Wecht to name a few. When families instead of law enforcement request a case review, AISOCC assigns the case to a University Chapter.

The intent of the University Chapters is to offer new opportunities for students in the fields of criminal justice, forensics, psychology and other related fields to study actual cold cases in their academic development. This opportunity also serves to expose the cases submitted to AISOCC to yet another “set of fresh eyes” in an on-going attempt to assist in solving cold cases.

FSU CSI Lab Students were assigned the case of an 11-year-old boy who was suspected of attempting suicide. Although the child lived, he is unable to communicate. Two known criminals in the area became the focus of the family who does not believe that the child would have tried to kill himself. Of greatest concern was the bullet wound which entered on the left side of the head even though the child is right handed.

Students spent nearly 7 months pouring through the case and reconstructed the incident based on the forensic findings. It was determined that the child was not the victim of foul play. The evidence is consistent with an accidental shooting caused by the boy playing with his father’s gun.

CASE CLOSED
2016 FDIAI Conference

In October, CSI majors Amber Bosley, Sandy Cooper, Kayla Holder and Law Enforcement Intelligence Major, Lorraine Souza attended the annual FDIAI Conference in Miami, FL. The students took a road trip from P.C., enjoyed daily training workshops, and used the nightly banquets and events to network with those working in different Forensic fields. Students also found time to stop by and help Charla Perdue promote the CSI program at the FSUPC booth. The foursome even won third place in the annual Halloween Costume Bash dressed as characters from Suicide Squad. GO NOLES!

The 2017 FDIAI Annual Training Conference will be held at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida on October 22nd-26th. Save the dates and make plans now to attend.

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.

Students attend at a discounted rate.

Above Left: Sandy Cooper, Kayla Holder, Amber Bosley and Lorraine Souza 3rd place winners at the FDIAI Halloween Costume Bash.

Above Right: Charla Perdue provides information about the CSI and other Public Safety and Security programs available at FSU PC at the FDIAI booth in Miami.