



A KILLER DEGREE PROGRAM

CSI Major Newsletter

Summer 2017

Life is a Beach

By: Charla S. Perdue

It is a great time to be a Florida State Seminole! Especially if you are a CSI major. Summer semester is my absolute favorite time of year. Our beautiful Panama City campus is steps from the World's Most Beautiful Beaches and all of its fun activities.

Distance Learners and locals all join on campus during summer for hands on labs. The excitement of students during summer labs is invigorating. I enjoy watching as friends meet again, eager to hear what the other has been up to since last summer. I love the smell of dirt during a dig, the expressions of students during their first autopsy, fingerprint powder all over faces and learning

more about students' lives during team dinners.

Summer is a time of challenge. Students cover an enormous amount of information in a short period. I continue to be impressed with the enthusiasm in which students pursue the hands on labs and rejoice when the lightbulb goes off. I am already looking forward to next summer!

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

Charla S. Perdue



Graduating?

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

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CSI STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER



Andrea Marais is the CSI student of the Semester. Her classmates nominated her because "Andrea is motivated and eager to learn. She is kind and works well with others. Andrea conducts herself professionally by showing up on time, treating others with respect and is an excellent participant in class."

Congratulations Andrea!

Fall Classes Start 8/28

Do you need to set up an advising appointment? This can be done in person, on the phone or by email. Do not risk getting off map and unable to graduate on time. Make an appointment today and make sure you have registered for the right classes.

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CSI Majors-
Making An Impression!

Spring 2017

Dean's List

Michael Andrews
 Elizabeth Blume
 Christine Chipman
 Shawntellie Dupree
 Alessandra Feria
 Kayla Holder
 Elena Huevo
 Jason Jose
 Courtney Lewis
 Andrea Marais

President's List

Amber Bosley
 Sandra Cooper
 Kylee Hall
 Jeremy Jones
 Paul Olsen
 Kelly Wahl

Congratulations & keep up
the good work!

Capstone
Highlight

Interning at the
Department of Justice



Alessandra Feria

My internship for Fall of 2017 will be with Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty Team (DOJ OIA MLAT). I found this posting on USA Jobs (among many others) and sent in my resume. About 3 weeks later, I was invited to participate in a phone interview with the MLAT and Cyber team because they were both interested in me because my educational background was so varied due to the many different aspects of law enforcement I was taught at FSU PCC.

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

For more information about
Capstone

VISIT

pc.fsu.edu/pss

SUMMER STEM CAMP

Fun with Forensics A CSI Camp

Shared from the Panama City News Herald by Eryn Dion, 7/18/17

PANAMA CITY — Tearing into packets purporting to hold the secrets to solving crimes, students attending the Fun with Forensics camp at Florida State University Panama City found not fingerprint dusters or luminol, but sunglasses.

If they were going to solve crimes like TV's "CSI" investigators, Charla Perdue explained, first they had to look like them. And Horatio Caine, the main character on "CSI: Miami," was always ready with a witty one-liner delivered from behind a pair of dark sunglasses.

"We want to make sure you're working on your one-liner for the week," said Perdue, public safety and security professor.

Throughout the camp, students will learn to use chemicals to identify different mystery powders, study blood spatter to determine trajectory and velocity of impact, and dust for fingerprints. First, though, they needed to tackle a series of word scrambles. While significantly less bloody than crime scene evidence, the scrambles were a tool for getting students in the mindset for solving crimes, Perdue said. After all, it's a rare crime scene where the evidence all immediately lines up and points to the killer.

"Solving crimes is like solving puzzles," she said.

Forensics, Perdue said, is also a fun way to introduce younger students to science, making them more likely to enroll in higher level courses in

high school and college. "What I really want is for them to get excited about forensic science," she said. "I want it to be something they love and want to do."

Very special thanks to those who volunteered and helped make Fun with Forensics possible.

Opportunities like these allow CSI majors to increase their knowledge in subject areas and practice presentation skills. It builds your resume and is lots of fun. Consider volunteering when you have the chance.



**100 Middle School
Students Attended**



Some of our Camp Counselors



Korri's Korner

by: Lt. Koren Colbert

Students are encouraged to join and attend the FDIAl. The annual conference will be held in Panama City Beach at the Edgewater Beach Resort from 8am-5pm (CST) the week of October 22-26th. Student members attend at a discounted rate. Daily and full conference rates are available.

The mission of Florida Division of the International Association of Identification (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.

Visit
www.fdiai.org for
more details

We LOVE our CSI Adjucts, Mentors and Lab Assistants

Koren Colbert
Robert Colbert
Dennis Rozier
Karen Smith
David Thomasee

I.A.I.

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 NOW RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION OF THE LABS.



Thank You!

The FSU Panama City Foundation generously provided lunch from Cahall's each day of summer labs and paid for the Thursday night Team Dinners. They also offered travel assistance to several students based on need. We are very grateful to those in the community who support and serve on the Development Board and the Foundation.

To thank the Foundation for their support, CSI majors, Andrea Marais and James Pollock, attended the July Development Board meeting to share a bit of fingerprint fun with members.



Go Noles!



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CSI at FSU Panama City



Above: First CSI Graduating Class
SP 2017

Below: Impression & Pattern
Evidence Lab



Below: Forensic Death
Investigation Lab Team Dinner



Below: CSI Camp Counselors get
wrapped up for forensic fun.

