



# CSI Majors Newsletter

## Fall 2023

### It's cold out, but not for much longer!

by: *Charla S. Perdue*

Even though the weather is cold, we are just a couple of months from starting to sweat again. This means we are busy planning for summer labs.

This year we have worked out a deal with the Hathaway Inn for those traveling from out of town for the summer labs with a reduced room rate of \$55 + tax per night and June \$65+ plus tax per night. We are still trying to work with Seminole Landing for space, but it is a slow process with no guarantees.

I will be sending more information on summer labs travel, uniforms, prelab assignments, etc. in emails and in announcements through the CSI Canvas Org site. Please be vigilant about checking your FSU email and you can also set your Canvas settings to text you the announcements as well.

All CSI majors must currently be enrolled in the summer lab prerequisites to attend the summer labs. Always make sure you meet with an advisor before enrolling in classes, so you do not get off map.

We are looking forward to the labs and getting to

perform the techniques we have learned in the classroom.

As always, feel free to reach out if you have questions!

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## Message

## From CSI Alumni

After going through the CSI program, I knew I wanted to be in the field as a crime scene investigator. I got a taste of what it was like working in the field during my internship with a Crime Scene Unit at a Police Department in Texas.

I started applying for jobs immediately after graduating in the Winter of 2022. I interviewed with several different departments both in Texas and Florida before landing a job as a Crime Scene Investigator at the Sarasota Police Department.

I have been with SPD for almost a year now. The knowledge that I learned in the CSI program has been tremendous in helping me in daily work, both in the lab and out in the field. My daily responsibilities include responding to different calls and processing evidence for latent prints and DNA. Since joining the department, I became a member of the Florida Division of the

International Association for Identification (FDIAI).

The best advice I could give to future graduates is to never give up on finding your dream job. The field is very competitive and hard to get a foot in the door. Keep applying to jobs and gaining interview experience.

Making connections is the best way to start. I would also say getting an internship is an important step in gaining valuable experience for future jobs. Participate in everything and go the extra mile to learn anything and everything you can.

**Good luck &  
Go Noles!**

**Taylor Brooks**



**Class of Fall 2022**



## CSI Student of the Semester

Nicole was selected for her positive attitude and attention to detail in her academic work.



***Congratulations!***

***Nicole Albert***

***Class of fall 2023***

# Congratulations Graduates!

**Nicole Albert**  
**Sabrina Bradley Archer**  
**Cheyenne Freitag**  
**Aaron Hudson**  
**Savannah Morman**  
**Tova Plumer**  
**Lacy Quackenbush**  
**Aaliyah Smith**

## The Class of Fall 2023

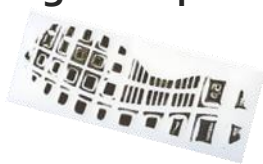
Grads,

If you have not yet sent me your  
 next step- work, grad school,  
 etc. and personal email, please  
 do so.



## CSI Majors

### Making an Impression!



### Dean's List

Lily Chatfield  
 Gabriela Chediak  
 Alayna Dankworth  
 David Feliciano  
 Alexa Foster  
 Dayonna Green  
 Erykah Jenkins  
 Alexandria Joseph  
 Hannah Lee  
 Kevin Long  
 Nicole Metcalfe  
 Cierra Moosue  
 Anna Reith  
 Madison Roberts  
 Maggie Smith  
 Janessa Torres-Young  
 Heather Vivier  
 Amber Wilkinson  
 Lyndsey Bondar  
 Amaella Jean  
 Elizabeth Moon



### President's List

Lianna Danas  
 Seth Dewitt  
 Mallorie Fletcher  
 Cheyenne Freitag  
 Chelsey Higdon  
 Lindsey Like  
 Deena Lobel Weiss  
 Savannah Morman  
 Alondra Munoz  
 Kaitlyn Newell  
 Kaitlyn Osmond  
 Alexis Taylor  
 Andrea Urquhart  
 De'Shaun Williams  
 Raelyn Rogish

## Thank you to our CSI Fall Mentors!

**Caylynn Aaron**  
**Koren Daniels**  
**Sophia Holloway**  
**Kim Long**  
**Lindsey Miller**  
**Dennis Rozier**  
**Catie Scarlett**  
**Madi Nelson**  
**Cameron Swift**  
**Kelly Wahl**

## Korri's Korner



If you are interested in learning more about becoming a student member, please feel free to contact me.

*Korri*

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**Consider joining a CSI-related Professional Association. They have student memberships!**



American Academy of Forensic Sciences

<https://www.aafs.org/membership/membership-requirements/student-affiliate>



International Association for Identification

International Association of Identification

<https://www.theiai.org/membership.php>



Florida Division International Association for Identification

The Florida Division of the International Association of Identification

<https://www.fdiai.org/membership.php>



## FSU PANAMA CITY CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Wednesday, March 6  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. (CST)

FSU Panama City  
Holley Academic Center



## Attention CSI Student Veterans!

Stop by the Skinner Veterans Ready Room for a free catered lunch every first Friday of the month! Enjoy other veterans company, ask questions you may have about VA benefits or look into opportunities that may enhance your experience on the FSU Panama City campus! Or just grab some free food on your way to class! Every First Friday of the month at 11am – 1pm in the Skinner Veterans Ready Room in Holley A212.

For more information on Veterans at FSU PC please contact Jim Allen at [jwallen@fsu.edu](mailto:jwallen@fsu.edu).



This year's conference will be at the Peppermill Resort, Reno, Nevada, August 11 – 17, 2024. The International Association for Identification International Educational Conference is the world's largest event for Forensic and Crime Scene Professionals.

It features a week of lectures, workshops, and hands-on activities covering various topics such as Crime Scene Investigation, Photography, and Biometrics.

IAI is the oldest and largest forensic association in the world. This professional forensic association represents a diverse, knowledgeable, and experienced membership that is assembled to educate, share, critique, and publish methods, techniques, and research in the physical forensic science disciplines.

## Need FSU CSI Summer Lab Uniform Shirts, Swag or Intern Shirts?

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Car Tags, Hoodies and  
Hats.

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CSI\\_c56.htm](https://store.almegasports.com/FSU-CSI_c56.htm)



**NEXT MEETING!**

**Thursday, Feb 1st at 5pm Central  
Time**

**In Person or Zoom**

**The Delta Delta Epsilon,  
International Forensic  
Science Honor Society is by  
invitation to students who  
have excelled in the  
classroom.**

**Min. 3.3 GPA &**

**23 Hours completed in the  
Major**



### CJE 4638L

week 1 – May 13-17

week 2 – May 20-24

No Labs week of Memorial Day  
(5/27-31)

week 3 – June 3-7

week 4 – June 10-14

### CJE 4655L

week 1 – May 13-17

week 2 – May 20-24

No Labs week of Memorial Day  
(5/27-31)

week 3 – June 3-7

week 4 – June 10-14

## Upcoming Summer 2024 Labs

# Intern Highlight

When I was looking for an agency to complete my capstone internship, I was hopeful I would find an agency that did not require me to be a citizen of the U.S. as I am currently only a resident. After a lot of “no” and three semesters of searching, the Leon County Sheriff's office granted me the opportunity to be one of their interns and the location happened to be 4 minutes away from my apartment. Also, someone I knew from summer labs 2022 worked there.

I went into my internship feeling anxious. During week one of my internship at the Sheriff's Office, I thought when I showed up, I might not like forensics as much as I thought I did in class and that was terrifying because it was during the semester I would graduate.

I started my internship in Week 2 because the day I was to start, Tallahassee had a hurricane. Needless to say, this only increased my worry about my internship. However, when I did start and complete my first day, I felt nothing short of privileged. I chose a career to pursue, studied it in school, loved it and when I got to experience it outside of the classroom, from day one, I was 100% sure that this was what I

wanted to do for the rest of my life.

This past fall semester, I had the greatest opportunity of completing my capstone with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in Tallahassee. Instead of rotating through the varying departments like the other interns, I requested to be assigned to the crime scene unit.

In the crime scene unit, I was supervised by one of Tallahassee's Latent Print Examiners, Felicia Bowen. As the Latent Print Examiner for Leon County, Felicia examines latent prints for several agencies both inside and outside of the county. Then she sends them to FDLE for Verification. Felicia's position does not require her to go to crime scenes, so the crime scene investigators process and collect latent prints and then submit them to her.

During my internship, I was able to go on callouts/scenes with the crime scene unit whenever the violent crime unit requested assistance. At the scenes, I got to see how forensic specialists work a scene from start to finish and then how a case is turned over to analysts to process the evidence in the crime lab.

It was very rewarding to witness in the real world what I've learned in class and practiced during summer labs. It was also comforting to me as I realized through my internship, that I was prepared and more than capable of doing the job.

During my internship, three positions opened in the crime

scene unit but unfortunately, I do not meet all of the eligibility requirements until my citizenship is approved.

Currently, I am enjoying my desk job in the automotive industry and looking forward to a few vacations that I have planned while I await my citizenship approval.

I'm hanging on to my class materials so when it's time to work in forensics, I'll be ready.

To the current FSU PC CSI students, my best advice is to study hard, participate in your summer labs, and enjoy them. I witnessed and used everything I learned from my summer labs at my internship. My supervisor and colleagues were in awe at how much I knew and understood without them stopping to explain everything to me whenever they would share something with me.

This also gave me an advantage over the other interns because of the wealth of knowledge I gained in the public safety program at FSU. I now understand knowledge gives me confidence.

During my internship, I found it easy to establish professional relationships at the Sheriff's Office because I was confident in what I knew. I was able to talk to anybody about topics relating to whatever we were doing.

Once in your internship, seize every opportunity to learn and experience new things. I also urge you to be patient and to be consistent. Sometimes you will seek things that will take a very long time to achieve. You just

have to be patient, be consistent, and never give up.

I wish you all the best!

Go NOLES!!!



Aaliyah Smith

CSI Intern



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Leon County Sheriff's  
Office