



# CSI Majors Newsletter

## Fall 2020

### Day by Day

By: **Charla S. Perdue**

I hope that this letter finds you healthy and in good spirits. I know it was been a difficult year for all of us. We constantly hear we are living in unprecedented times and it can be draining. As we look back on 2020, I would like to remind you of a few of the good things that happened.

1. We were able to hold the summer labs!
2. Construction of Seminole Landing, the first on campus housing has continued and is opening in Fall 2021.
3. CSI continues to add new students and graduates every semester despite COVID 19.

When times are hard, we need to look for the positive and I count each of you among my many blessings.

Although, the spring semester still does not look like a "normal" semester, we are so much closer than we were. If you have problems, please communicate with your instructors early so they can work with you.

*Remember we are always practicing professionalism...*

Be on time or early and always communicate clearly, effectively, and properly.

As we begin to prepare for summer labs, make sure you make good use of the CSI Canvas Organization site. If you do not have access to the site, please let me know so you can be added. This is where you will find out information about travel, uniforms, prelab assignments and much more.

If you need help with advising, please make an appointment so you stay on map!

Happy New Year,

*Charla*

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### Summer Lab Dates

#### Impressions Lab

May 10-14 or May 17-21

#### Trace & Bio Lab

June 7-11 or June 14-18

More details in the CSI Org Site in Canvas!

# Message From a CSI Alumni

I have been employed with the Panama City Beach Police Department for a little over three years now. My journey with Beach Police started in 2017 as a Criminal Investigations Division intern who had little real-life experience and knowledge of everyday police work. As I interned with the Criminal Investigations Division, I learned more and more about the investigative process. I was able to assist on real cases and crime scenes and gain the experience necessary to succeed. Now, three years later, I am not only a Crime Scene Investigator, but also in charge of our evidence room.

I use a large percentage of the hands-on techniques and knowledge gained from my FSU CSI degree every day, both in the field and in my typical day-to-day work. My advice to current CSI students is to genuinely pay attention during your

classes. These classes directly mirror to the work you will be doing if you pursue a career in forensics or a related field. You will be expected to know and use the knowledge you are learning right now. Take advantage of the hands-on learning and your internship and devote as much time and hard work to your degree as possible.

**Kelly Wahl, CSI**

**Panama City Beach Police**



***Class of Summer 2018***



## Congratulations Graduates!

**Brianna Alexander  
Chris Bennett-Bowden  
Keyanna Walkins**

## Class of Fall 2020



## Thank you to our Fall CSI Mentors!

**Korri Colbert  
Kim Long  
Lindsey Miller  
Dennis Rozier**

# Intern Highlight

During the fall 2020 semester I was selected to intern at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). I applied to intern at NCIS because I was interested in federal law enforcement operations and the application of federal and military law to military criminal cases. NCIS is a civilian federal law enforcement agency that is responsible for investigating felony crime, preventing terrorism, and protecting the secrets of the Navy and Marine Corps.

NCIS conducts investigations ashore, afloat, and within cyberspace. NCIS is an agency that not only operates within the continental United States but also abroad. Anywhere the United States Navy or Marine Corps is stationed, NCIS will be there. NCIS's mission is to protect the people, technology, and infrastructure of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. This is fulfilled by deploying Special Agents, investigators, forensic experts, security specialists, and support personnel around the globe.

I believe that during my time at NCIS I have been exposed to a great deal of varying situations. I attended a drug operation where we conducted surveillance, I have attended two autopsies, processed death scenes, documented scenes, and much

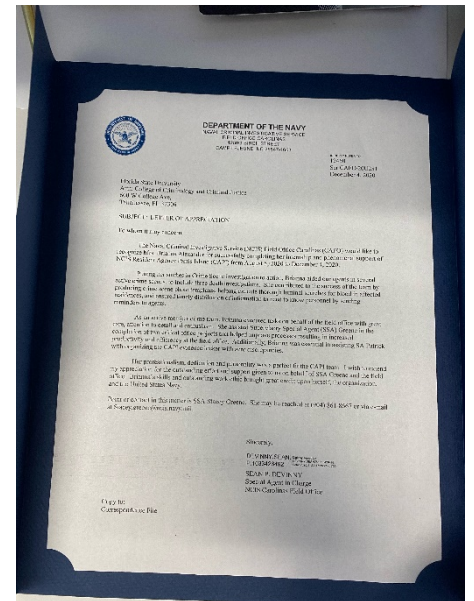
more during my time with NCIS. I found that some of my success as an intern was due to not only my own effort but my co-workers being willing to teach me.

Internship hunting can be a challenging and stressful task. Once you are contacted for an interview your nerves are also likely to set in! I recommend students search for internships on USAJobs.gov or go directly to the agency's website. When applying to NCIS I was required to submit all paperwork at least six months in advance. This allows time for the background check and all necessary paperwork to be completed. With that said, make sure you start your internship hunt early! Also, do not doubt your abilities and know that Professor Perdue and the staff that make up the College of Public Safety and Security has prepared you well for your internship experience! Overall, enjoy your time as an intern, ask questions, and remember that you are representing your institution.



**Brianna Alexander**

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

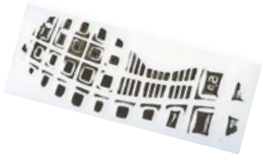


For Capstone Info Visit [www.pc.fsu.edu/pss](http://www.pc.fsu.edu/pss)



## CSI Majors

### Making an Impression!



### Dean's List

Taylor Balzer  
 Rhyan Granger  
 Marina Groseclose  
 Sophia Holloway  
 Marina Joneson  
 Chelsea Jourdain  
 Cody Lack  
 Maria Lasaga  
 Brianna Lawley  
 Sonya Mead-Kittsmiller  
 Julia Merrill  
 Candace Petellat  
 Kathlynn Schmidt  
 Ceanna Thomaston

### President's List

Toni Alvarado  
 Reilly Calloway  
 Cassie Compton  
 Faye Fetters  
 Morgan Morris  
 Emma Nelson  
 Cameron Swift



## CSI Student of the Semester



### Cameron Swift

Cameron was nominated by a classmate and selected as the CSI Student of the Semester. Cameron has been very involved in Delta Delta Epsilon and an excellent student.

*Congratulations  
Cameron!*

## Register for Summer Courses & Electives

**Should be taking now for  
summer Lab.**

- \*CJE 4135 (2) Impression and Pattern Evidence (DL Only)
- \*CJE 4241 (1) Trace and Biometric Evidence (DL Only)
- \*Prerequisites for summer lab

### CSI Specific Courses Offered in Summer

CJE 4135L (2) Impression and Pattern Evidence Lab (F2F only)

Section 01 May 10-14

Section 02 May 17-21

CJE 4241L (1) Trace and Biometric Evidence Lab (F2F only)

Section 01 June 7-11

Section 02 June 14-18

*\*Labs not offered again until  
summer 2023.*

CJE 3617 Cold Case Investigations (DL Only/pre reqs CJE 3762, CJE 3762L and CJE 4611)

### Elective Courses Offered in Summer

CCJ 3651 (3) Drugs and Crime  
 CJE 4410 (3) Community Policing  
 DSC 3013 (3) Homeland Security & Criminal Justice



On November 4<sup>th</sup>, DDE held a socially distanced Induction Ceremony for the new inductees and officers.

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

*Min. 3.3 GPA &  
22 Hours completed in the  
Major*

**Congratulations to  
our new members!**

**Taylor Balzer  
Lucy Boucher  
Reilly Calloway  
Marina Groseclose  
Mia Lasage  
Monica Olvera  
Kathlynn Schmidt**



**Welcome our  
DDE Officers  
2020/2021**

President

*Cassie Compton*

Vice President and Editor

*Lucy Boucher*

Secretary

Mia Lasage

Treasurer

*Reilly Calloway*



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