



A KILLER DEGREE PROGRAM

CSI Major Newsletter

Spring 2019

Walking on Sunshine

By: *Charla S. Perdue*

Post Hurricane Michael we are seeing slow progress but boy it's HOT! Losing all those trees and shade has raised the temperature along with our spirits as summer labs have arrived.

Spring semester was "normal", which was a serious relief after the challenging fall semester of 2018. CSI students like always rose to the trial and continued to do well in classes. I always get excited when I see a long list of our CSI majors names on the Dean and President's list. You are a dedicated group of student's and I feel very lucky to be a small part of your academic accomplishment.

We continue to see students getting jobs in the field and know that summer labs and

our graduates' ability to "DO" and not just "know" are a huge part of the success of the program.

During labs I am looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting the new students whom I have only met via distance learning. Summer labs are a great time of learning and I can't wait.

As always if you need help with advising, internships, or the job hunt contact me via email to set up a call or appointment face to face or via internet.

I am here to help you meet your academic goals.

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Message From a CSI Alumnus

I have worked for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for five years as a fingerprint analyst in the Biometric Services Section. I chose the FSU PC CSI program to learn more about forensics since I am already a fingerprints analyst. I also wanted to make myself marketable for the FDLE forensics bureau by having a specialized degree. While I still enjoy forensics work, this past February, I took a position in the FDLE Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Projects office in the director's office. In the projects office, I assist in facilitating the expansion of CJIS systems to better promote public safety through increased access and information sharing for criminal justice and non-criminal justice purposes. By expanding and modernizing CJIS systems, my office helps to eliminate redundant data entry to provide timely, accurate and complete information.

My advice to students and fellow graduates is to continue to learn. Always look for training or educational opportunities whether it is for career development or additional college degrees. The more you know, the more marketable you

become and more sought out you are. I also recommend practicing patience and trying new things. It was waiting for a CSI position to open where I was head-hunted for the CJIS projects office. New opportunities may await you if you continue to learn and remain patient.



James Pollock
Class of Spring 2018



Interns are needed for the FSU Crime Labs during the fall semester 2019.

This internship can be used for Capstone credit or work experience.

To apply send your resume and a cover letter to

cperdue@pc.fsu.edu



Capstone Highlight



**Samantha Masterson
(Sammy)**

INTERNING TO WORKFORCE

Sammy was interning and asked to stay on as an employee.

I have always been intrigued by detective stories and investigations. I knew I didn't want to be a law enforcement officer, but I still wanted to help solve mysteries in a sense. As my education in the Forensic Science field began, I took an interest in death investigation. It's something even many people in this field shy away from. After my first autopsy, I knew that I was rationally prepared and

passionate enough to pursue this area of work.

The experience and training gained from Florida State University, certainly made the transition from internship my present role of Medicolegal Death Investigator for the District One Medical Examiner's Office smooth.

In my job, I am responsible for investigating suspicious, unattended, unexpected and unexplained deaths in order to identify and report on the cause of death and manner of death. We ask the hard questions in order to save limited medical examinations on bodies, not only to establish the cause and manner of death, but to also determine whether further investigation is required. And if it is, we handle that as well by reporting findings to the investigating agency.

I believe that pathologists are typically able to determine pretty quickly if a death is suspicious or requires additional follow-up information. If the decedent dies while in hospice, or the death is expected, our agency may not claim jurisdiction. I believe that my job is incredibly interesting and rewarding. Our office attempts to provide answers to difficult questions for people who have had a loved pass away and is important for providing loved ones with closer.

I work with an experienced Director of Operations, Educated Pathologists, and law

enforcement personnel, so our staff is continually learning.

My advice to new graduates is to waste no time establishing your purpose. Ask plenty of questions; never assume. This is important as the "eyes and ears" of the state medical examiner, everything from arriving at a death scene to collect and document evidence to providing expert testimony that helps solve complex cases in the courtroom. Lastly, having an awareness of medical terminology and state Statues regarding the Examinations, investigations, and autopsies is imperative information that has helped me excel in this field.

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

For Capstone Info Visit

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CSI at FSU Panama City

Congratulations Spring 2019 Graduates!



Sabrina Coleman
Zachary Mason



Lead LAE



Pi Chi
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
PANAMA CITY

Post Hurricane we are in need of new officers for LAE. If interested, please contact

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CSI STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER



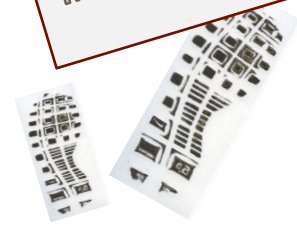
Sylvia Luna

Sylvia is the CSI Student of the Semester. Sylvia was described as a team player and great student. She is a veteran, a mom and represents the CSI program well.

*Congratulations
Sylvia!*



CSI Majors-
Making An Impression!



Fall 2019

Dean's List

- Chandra Cooper
- Alyssa Feller
- Anthony Fennell
- Brenda Grimm
- Anet Hernandez
- Elena Huezo
- Stephanie Mages
- Zachary Mason
- Alyssa Orr
- Nicole Ortiz
- Sally Pendoley
- Caylynn Pigott
- Caitlin Scarlett
- Cameron Swift
- Kalee Terrflinger

President's List

- Brianna Alexander
- Cassie Compton
- Sylvia Luna
- Kalvin Peterson
- Caylynn Reeder
- Ceanna Thomaston

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CSI
Courses and Electives**



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CJE 3762 (3) Forensic Science in Investigation

CJE 3762L (1) Forensic Science in Investigation Lab

CJE 3648 (3) Crime Scene Professionalism

CCJ 3032 (3) Crime in Media

CCJ 3484 (3) Ethics in Policing and Intelligence

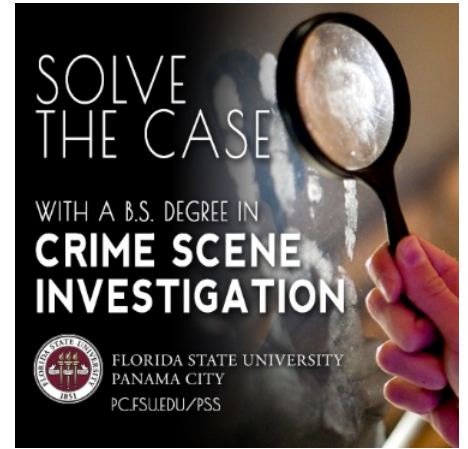
CJE 4611 (3) Criminal Investigation: Theory & Practice

CCJ 4744 (3) Evidential Reasoning for Research & Investigation

CCJ 3071 (3) Computer Applications for Public Safety and Security

CJE 3612 (3) Interview and Interrogation

CCJ 3024 (3) The Criminal Justice System



We love
our
Spring
CSI
Mentors

**Koren Colbert
Robert Colbert
Dennis Rozier**

