



# CSI Majors Newsletter

## Spring 2021

### Back to Normal

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While life continues to return to pre pandemic status, FSU is also easing restrictions as guidance from the CDC allows. As part of our return to normalcy, we will welcome residents to Seminole Landing, the apartment style housing on campus this fall. I am excited to announce we will have a CSI Learning Community for those on campus occupants.

The CSI Major Learning Community (CSILC) is to provide students with a greater interest in their chosen academic area of study, a sense of belonging at FSU PC and smoother transition to college life, with the purpose of improving student performance and persistence. We plan to accomplish this goal by holding study halls attended by the CSILC assistant who is familiar with the program and able to help guide

student work, a peer mentorship program, speakers, research opportunities and most importantly, fun social events with food and friendship. If you need additional information or interested in applying for membership in the CSILC, please let me know.

I am also looking for a recent graduate or senior in the program with a min. GPA of 3.3 to hire for around 10 hours a week as a paid assistant helping plan and attend CSILC programming. If you would like to apply, please send a cover letter and resume to me ASAP.

Lastly, most students have taken a couple of summer labs and are starting to narrow down areas they might prefer to work. You are encouraged to intern in the field you feel most suited and further explore what kind of job will be the best career choice for

you. Keep in mind, you can intern to build work experience prior to completing the Capstone Internship (your last semester) for college credit as your schedule permits. Building work experience through internship is an excellent way to make good contacts at agencies, show initiative and gain hands on experience future employers' value.

Enjoy your summer break,

*Charla*

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# Message From a CSI Alumni

I was awarded the great opportunity to work for the District Fourteen Medical Examiner's Office. While I was going through the Capstone Internship with the Bay County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, I heard about and applied for the position. I have been working for the ME's Office for a little over six months as a Forensic Investigator doing death investigations alongside every law enforcement agency in our jurisdiction (our office covers six counties).

While working here I am gaining work and field experience in investigations while also pursuing my master's in law enforcement intelligence at FSU. I plan to use my CSI degree, and my experience to apply to federal agencies for a special agent position.

A large part of my job is documenting and investigating the scene, the

decident, and the decedent within the scene. This requires understanding how to properly photograph and detail the scene so those who are not there can picture it as if they were there.



**Cameron Swift, Class of  
Spring 2021**

The knowledge and techniques I learned through the FSU CSI degree are essential in my daily work and I am proud to say I have gone through FSU CSI program. It was a very interesting and fun experience and those in the field understand the attention to detail learned through the program.

The best advice I could give to CSI students who are about to start is the same I would give to those about to graduate, put effort into thoroughly understanding the material, and start networking with agencies. The better you perform

while in the degree program the better you can show agencies you are committed and will meet or exceed their standards.

Good luck!



## Congratulations Graduates!

**Chandra Cooper  
Cameron Swift  
Keyanna Walkins**

## Class of Spring 2021



# Internship Highlight

Are you planning to engage in an internship during the Fall 2021 semester? The Florida State University Career Center understands how important an internship (or any form of experiential learning) experience can be to a student's career decision-making process while building practical experience beyond the classroom. Through the generous support of alumni and friends, the FSU Internship Fund (IF), offered through the FSU Career Center, provides financial support to students pursuing experiential learning opportunities. The Internship Fund application cycle is now open through the FS4U portal for Fall 2021 experiences!

The Internship Fund aims to reduce financial barriers and support students in pursuit of a wide variety of experiential opportunities, providing access to opportunities in order to gain new skills and experience in professional

environment. Applications for Fall 2021 will be accepted between June 15th - July 15th at 10:59pm (CST). Funding levels available to selected recipients are \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

Please remember them to be as descriptive as possible regarding your needs and reasons for applying for this fund. For example, if you list reasons for applying as simply "participating in an internship" or "required to do field work as part of my program", this may not be viewed as a compelling reason for the selection committee to identify an applicant's financial need for an award.

The goal is to provide the selection committee with context of your financial need as it relates to your internship/experiential learning opportunity. This way the committee will have a clear snapshot of your internship fund application.

Any single-semester paid or unpaid career-related formalized experiential learning opportunity can be considered for funding including, but not limited to:

research, fellowship, sustained creative work, sustained field work, scholarly work, practicum intensive international experience, service learning internship, student teaching, apprenticeship, significant volunteer work, co-op (cooperative education), developmental leadership program, clinical

Detailed application information and FAQs regarding the Career Center Internship Fund may be found here:

[Career Center Internship Fund | The Career Center \(fsu.edu\)](#)  
Or contact [JWallen@pc.fsu.edu](mailto:JWallen@pc.fsu.edu)

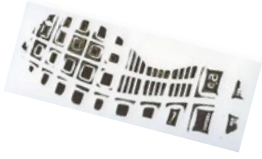
**All CSI Majors  
are required to  
complete a semester  
long Capstone  
internship!**



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

## CSI Majors

### Making an Impression!



### Dean's List

Boucher, Lucille  
 Brooks, Taylor  
 Calloway, Reilly  
 Davis, Megan  
 Foreman, Mason  
 Granger, Rhyann  
 Joneson, Marina  
 Lack, Cody  
 Lasaga, Maria  
 Mead-Kittsmiller, Sonya  
 Merrill, Julia  
 Olvera, Monica  
 Petellat, Candace  
 Ricks, Cristina

### President's List

Adams, Skye  
 Alvarado, Toni  
 Feters, Faye  
 Holloway, Sophia  
 Jourdain, Chelsea  
 Lister, Nathaniel  
 Morris, Morgan  
 Schmidt, Kathlynn  
 Smith, Shelby  
 Thomaston, Ceanna



## CSI Student of the Semester



### Steph Adams

Steph was nominated by a classmate and selected as the CSI Student of the Semester. Her nomination read in part, "her discussion posts and responses were very insightful and her pure enthusiasm for the class helped me on days I struggled mentally to find the motivation to do course work".

*Congratulations Steph!*

## Upcoming Fall Courses & Electives

### CSI Specific Courses Offered in Fall

CJE 3762 (3) Forensic Science in Investigation (F2F and DL)

CJE 3762L (1) Forensic Science in Investigation Lab (F2F and DL)-

CJE 3648 (3) Crime Scene Professionalism (F2F and DL)

CJE 4220 (3) Introduction to Forensic Entomology (DL only)

### Elective Courses Offered in Fall

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 (Fall, Spring)

CCJ 3024 (3) The Criminal Justice System (Fall, Spring)

## 2021 President's Undergraduate Humanitarian of the Year Award Nominee



### Audrey Guoan, CSI Major

Audrey was selected from the College of Applied Studies nominees because of her determination as a foster parent. Audrey has provided a temporary home for 18 children from 3 days to 14 years old since 2018. Audrey knows her experiences nurturing children through their most difficult days with the child welfare system will help her better relate to victims of crime post-graduation. We applaud Audrey for her critical role in helping some of the more than quarter of a million children who come into foster care in our country every year. Thank you and congratulations Audrey!



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 (hours completed  
has changed from 22 to 23  
with the 2021 Bylaws  
update)*

**Invitations will go  
out Fall Semester!**

### Need FSU CSI Swag or Intern Shirts?

We have T-Shirts, Polos,  
Car Tags, Face Masks,  
Hoodies and Hats. Order  
from Almega Sports.

[Click Here to Order from Almega](#)

Thank you to our Spring  
CSI Mentors!

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

## 2021 Academic Leadership Award Winner



### Cameron Swift, CSI Major

Cameron was awarded the Academic Leadership Award for the College of Applied Studies during a ceremony held in Tallahassee at the end of spring semester for his commitment to academic integrity and excellence. Congratulations Cameron!

