



CSI Majors Newsletter

Summer 2021

Life is Better in the Crime Lab!

By: Charla S. Perdue

Summer labs can be strenuous. The rapid pace of a weeklong, 40-hour brain work out can be a lot but CSI majors are always happy to have the extra time remaining in the semester for a break.

I am always grateful for the sacrifices CSI students make to participate in hands on learning. Taking time off work, traveling, extra expenses and time away from family are just some of the many challenges our lab format requires. The dedication of our students always inspires me.

Understanding the importance of applying the material so the skills have been practiced and not just theorized is one reason for our success.

It is the acceptance of accelerated summer semesters that allow

Distance Learners to be a part of this program and I know we are better because of the diversity students from all over add to our classes.

I love watching students in labs meet new people, become friends, work together, encourage each other, and even make plans to get together after class. Summer Labs offer a unique experience to spend time with and get to know classmates in a different way.

We are looking forward to starting the CSI Learning Community and are accepting application online. You do not have to live on campus to participate but should be close enough to come to campus for activities. There is no cost to join, and all events are free of charge.

We are planning lots of food, fun, social events and will have some

educational experiences too! If you are interested, please visit

<https://pc.fsu.edu/living-learning-community/csi-lc>

As you contemplate spring classes, I encourage you to make sure you speak with me or an advisor about classes and to stay on map. If you need any assistance with course selection, career planning, etc. do not hesitate to contact me. I am here and eager to help you succeed.



Work hard this semester!

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Message From a CSI Alumni

A lot has happened over the past 4 years and it isn't slowing down anytime soon. Since graduation, I spent several years at the Bay County Sheriff's Office where I was blessed to start my career. In January, I accepted an Antitrust Investigator position with the Ohio Attorney General's Office in Columbus, Ohio. Since accepting this position, I've been exposed to a wide range of civil related cases to include the most recent Facebook antitrust litigation. I have been in the FBI Intelligence Analyst hiring process for almost a year and a half and just had my interview at the Cincinnati Headquarters a few weeks ago. I am very excited for the opportunities to come.

My advice for undergrad students – take advantage of your internship! You will only get out of it what you are willing to put into it. If you want to make your internship into a career, do

not let anyone tell you otherwise. No agency and/or employer is too good for a true asset.

My advice for graduates – do not be hard on yourself if you have to start somewhere other than your end goal. In college, it is always discussed where you want to end up but not necessarily the steps to get there. It is okay to take steps. It is okay to get experience while moving towards that end goal. Do not become complacent and always continue growing and learning, and your goals will be achieved.



Lindsey Miller

Class of Summer 2015



Congratulations Graduates!

Cassie Compton

Taylor Balzer

Michelle Thomas

Kathlynn Schmidt

Marina Groseclose

Marina Joneson

**Class of
Spring 2021**

Grads,

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



Internship Highlight

I completed my internship with the Panama City Beach Police Department in the Criminal Investigations Division. I applied to intern at PCBPD because I was interested to learn about the investigative process in all aspects of the police department. Beginning my internship, I was asked what I wanted to gain out of my time there. PCBPD went above and beyond my expectations.

During the time I spent there, I attended death scenes, assisted with searching for and gathering evidence, observed autopsies, assisted with search warrants on vehicles, had the opportunity to work alongside the DEA, ride along with patrol during night shifts, observed in communication/dispatch and observed an interrogation. I assisted with suicides, homicides, overdoses, accidental deaths and even death from a condo balcony jumper.

I was fortunate to not only work alongside and learn from the intelligent personnel but also work and learn from an FSUPC Alumni who is now a Crime Scene Investigator with PCBPD. My success as an intern was shown expressed by my co-workers that were willing and excited to teach me.

My advice to future interns: think about what you want to take from your time being an intern. You can only learn what YOU are willing to learn. It is important to make yourself available to the agency since crime scene does not have a time limit or time frame in which they happen.



Taylor Balzer

PCPD Intern

Spring 2021 Graduate

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

**For Capstone Info Visit
www.pc.fsu.edu/pss**



Crime Scene Investigation offers a variety of employment opportunities in local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as governmental and private crime laboratories.

NoleNetwork, the FSU Career Center's system for linking students and alumni directly with hiring employers and Career Center programs, includes opportunities for both full-time jobs and internships with local, state, and federal agencies seeking to hire FSU Panama City students and alumni!

FSU CSI students and alumni can directly link with hiring employers and Career Center programs by visiting the FSU Panama City resources here.

<https://www.career.fsu.edu/>

Need more info:

Contact -Jim Allen

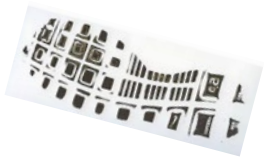
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CSI Majors

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Thank you to our Summer CSI Mentors!

Lindsey Miller
Dennis Rozier
Dave Thomasee



CSI Student of the Semester



Nathan Lister

The following is just a small part of Nathan's

Nathan is levelheaded, logical, driven, and friendly. Although he was not able to attend the Impressions and Pattern Evidence summer lab due to training obligations because he is enlisted in the Army, he provided me and other students with some tips to get the best use out of our microscopes at our stations. He also had a lot of previous experience with advance technology troubleshooting and was able to help several students navigate the programs we were set up to use in the computer lab. It was truly a privilege to get to know Nathan Lister.

Congratulations Nathan!

Upcoming Fall Courses & Electives

CSI Specific Courses Offered in Spring

CJE 3762 (3) Forensic Science in Investigation (DL Only)- NSCI

CJE 3762L (1) Forensic Science in Investigation Lab (DL Only)- NSCI

*CJE 4638 (2) Forensic Death Investigation (F2F and DL)

*CJE 4655 (1) Crime and Accident Scene Imaging and Reconstruction (DL Only)

*Pre requisite for summer lab



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 this Semester!