



CSI Majors Newsletter

Summer 2023

Life is Better on the Bay!

By: *Charla S. Perdue*

What a beautiful campus we have here at FSU PC and what a view. It was so much fun to have all the CSI students here for summer labs. This summer we held four weeks of each lab for the first time in program history. This is a testament to our growth as a program and our dedication to keeping class sizes small so students can get the most out of the experience.

I was extremely thankful to have Korri teaching this summer because without another instructor, it would not have been possible. So, thank you Korri!

I had advertised in the spring newsletter out planning to attend the Foley Forensics Seminar in October. The theme this year was on police involved shootings and since the country has leaned toward non-sworn CSIs this is

outside the scope of what most our students will do, so we have decided to wait and attend once the topic is something that will be better suited.

We have also received great news!

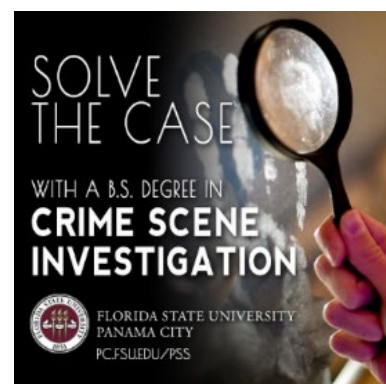
**Florida State
University has
been ranked #1
for the Best
Online
Bachelor's
Degree in CSI.**

<https://universityhq.org/degrees/online-bachelors-forensic-science-programs/#best>

Please keep a check on your FSU email for important CSI program information (social event, trainings, etc.). We will be sending the DDE Forensic Science Honor Society invitations to those who qualified in the next week or so.

Work hard this semester and
Go Noles!

Charla



A Message From A CSI Alumni

Before beginning a career in crime scene investigation, I was on the path to medical school. I had acquired my certified nursing assistant license and was working full-time as a patient care assistant at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in 2020. Unfortunately, the onset of COVID-19 brought on extreme burnout as I was working anywhere between 50-60 hours a week in the COVID ICU. When I realized healthcare was not for me, I was at a crossroads. I was about to transfer to FSU with no idea what I wanted to get my degree in. Then I stumbled upon the Crime Scene Investigation B.S. program in Spring 2021.

I was infatuated with the field from the get-go. I had never lived away from home and decided moving to Panama City was my chance to engross myself in my studies and have new experiences. The first couple weeks of the semester were difficult, but my roommates (fellow CSI majors) Kaitlyn Osmond and Madison Strachan quickly made me feel at home. The more I got to know my professors and the field of forensics, the more I fell in love. When it came time for my first set of summer labs, I knew I was hooked for life. The hands-on coursework improved my application of skills further and allowed me to see my potential.

My senior year began soon after and I further delved into the possibilities

with this degree. I attended the FDIAl 2022 Conference in Orlando to connect with other professionals in the field and discovered new technologies coming to CSIs across the state. I have continued to be a member of this organization and urge other students to join as it provides hundreds of resources and connections in forensics. My final semester was incredibly difficult to get through as my mother nearly passed away from emergency surgery the day after Christmas. For six weeks I attended my internship Mondays and Tuesdays, then drove back to Tallahassee Wednesdays through Sundays to help my mother recover. I will be forever grateful to my professors and supervisors at PCPD for aiding me through this process.

Eventually my mother was able to heal, and I could throw myself back into my coursework and internship. My biggest advice to students going into internships this semester is go on-call whenever you can! Going on-call gave me a more accurate perception of being a crime scene technician. Even if you can't be at your internship during the day, opt to go on-call at night to get the full experience of being called out in the middle of the night. While it may not sound fun, some of the most interesting and intense crime scenes I have been out to have been at 3am. After graduation, I continued to intern 4 days a week with PCPD. Eventually, I landed interviews with Tallahassee Police Department, FDLE, and Florida State Police Department. After these interviews, I accepted an offer as a Property & Evidence Technician at FSUPD on the main campus in Tallahassee. In addition to this, I am planning to attend the University of Florida next fall to begin

my master's degree in forensic science.

Thank you to all my professors, mentors, and friends I have made in this program. This experience will always have a place in my heart thanks to you. GO NOLES!

– **Maryellen 'Grace' Carr**



Maryellen 'Grace'
Carr
Class of
Summer 2023



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Nicholas Allen
 Christopher Anderson
 Maryellen Grace Carr
 Woodson Coulanges
 Ella S. Crawley
 Megan Davis
 Alexa Edwards,
 Salma Eltarrani
 Jackson Foster
 Georgia Glotzbach
 Taylor Marie Grace
 Evelyn Hendrickson
 Jayden Justice
 Alicia Lawrence
 Nathaniel Lister
 Hallie Pellerin
 Sydney Pellerin
 Renea Samuels
 Nicholas Smith
 Samantha Wentz



Congratulations Graduates!

Grads,

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

Need FSU CSI Swag or Intern Shirts?

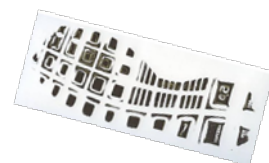
We have T-Shirts, Polos,
 Car Tags, Face Masks,
 Hoodies and Hats. Order
 from Almega Sports.

Go to

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

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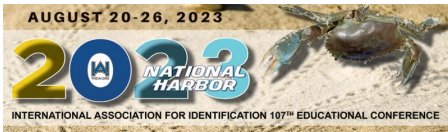
Dean's List

Nicole Albert
 Janessa Torres-Young

Thank you to our
 Summer CSI Lab
 Assistants!

Brittany Jernigan Lerner
 Lindsey Miller
 Caylynn Reeder Aaron
 Dennis Rozier

Korri's Korner



I just returned from The International Association for Identification's 107th Annual Educational Conference held at National Harbor, Maryland, August 20 – 26th, 2023. There were nearly 1800 attendees representing 37 countries. We had over 320 top notch speakers conducting lectures and hands-on workshops. It was a fabulous week reconnecting with forensic colleagues from around our world and getting exposure from our vendors on the latest technologies offered in our professions. On Friday of that week during our membership business meeting I was re-elected to the IAI Board of Directors for another two-year term where I will continue to serve our membership on several committees.

Next 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.

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



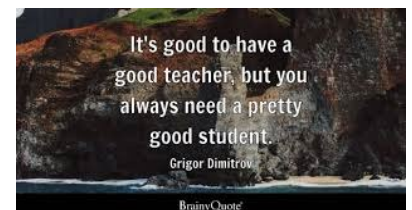
CSI Student of the Semester



Tova Plumer

Tova Plumer has been selected as the CSI student of the summer 23 semester. She was nominated by a classmate who said in part; Tova is a great encourager for students. She's a dive master, a super smart student, and a leader.

Congratulations Tova!



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

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

CAPSTONE INTERNSHIP

CJE 4710 (variable 3-15) Capstone (Fall,
Spring, Summer)

Prerequisites and application deadlines
at

<https://appliedstudies.fsu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-programs/pss-capstone>

Upcoming Spring 2024 Courses

CSI Specific Courses

Spring 2024

Please check with your advisor for CSI
approved electives offered.



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*

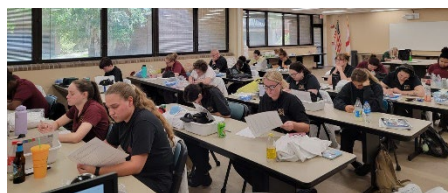
Invitation emails will be
sent out to those who
qualify for membership in
October.

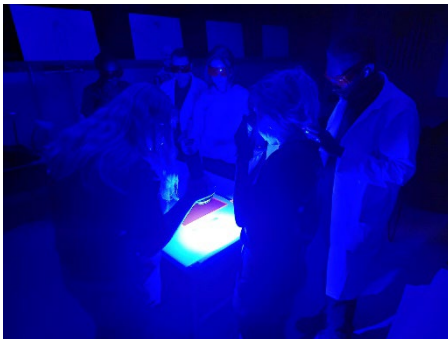
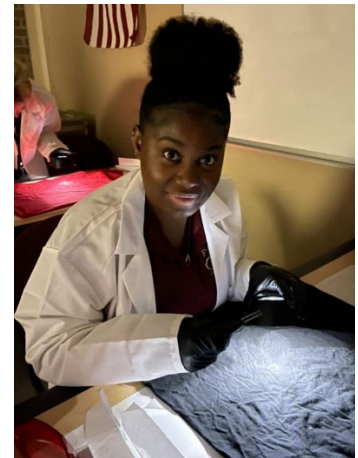
Upcoming:
**NATIONAL FORENSIC
SCIENCE WEEK**

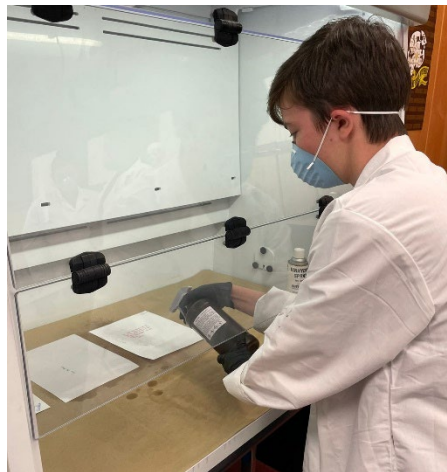
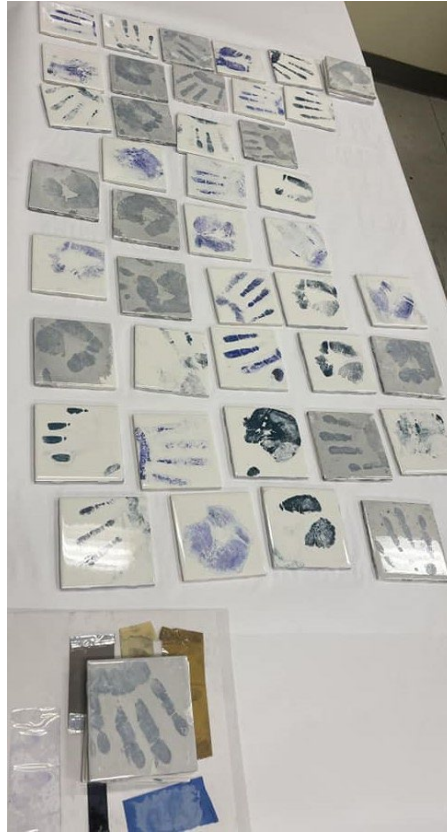
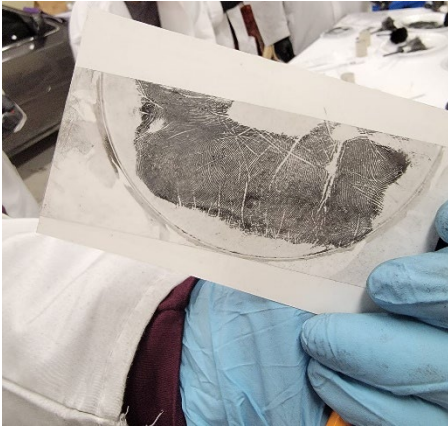
September 17 – 23, 2023



Photos from Summer 23
Labs







To see and share all the photographs taken during Summer Labs

Go To: CSI at FSU Panama City Facebook Page