



# CSI Major Newsletter

## Summer 2019

### LABor of love!

By: *Charla S. Perdue*

This summer we were able to provide two sessions of each lab in order to reduce lab size and offer students a choice between dates. We held both Impression and Pattern Evidence and Trace and Biometric Evidence. These labs allow students to learn more specifically the types of analyses done for evidence in these areas.

I always enjoy getting to meet the first time on campus students. It is always good to put a face with the work the student has done online in previous semesters. We also had to say goodbye to our summer graduates which is never fun but many of them left us for great jobs in their chosen field so we are happy and proud of them.

Post Hurricane Michael we still had some challenges. Hotels

were limited and expensive. We also had no ceiling tiles in our labs so noise was an issue at times (who knew small white squares did so much) but regardless we overcame.

Recognizing the one year anniversary of Hurricane Michael is both painful (looking back) and exciting (looking forward). Bay County is seeing more businesses reopen with new and improved accommodations and here at the college we are almost 100%.

I hope that those of you personally effected by the storm are on your way to recovery, restoration and resurgence. There is something to be said for resilience after tragedy and you will be better and more empathetic in your work because you will understand hardship and loss.

This spring semester we will hold pre requisites for the summer labs. Please make sure you take advantage of advising and make sure you stay on map. Failing to take summer lab prerequisites can put you behind more than a year!

If you need help with advising, internships, or the job hunt contact me via email to set up a call or appointment. I am here to help you meet your academic and career goals.

*Charla S. Perdue*



*Students visit the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Medical Examiner's office to meet with the Autopsy Technician, Kayla, about trace evidence collection from bodies.*

# Message From a CSI Alumnus

Since a very young age, I have always wanted to work crime scenes. I went to a criminal justice magnet program all through high school and community college for Crime Scene Technology.

I realized after I received my AS and certificate in Crime Scene Technology how competitive the field is. I knew I needed to do something to stand out in the field. I made the best decision of my life by starting my Bachelor's degree at Florida State University in Crime Scene Investigation the summer of 2017. I walked early in May of 2019 and officially graduated in the summer of 2019.

Prior to graduation, in the spring semester, I applied for an internship with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. I interned January to the end of April. I put in 417 hours over the course of my internship and worked each shift (days, evenings, and midnights). I recently, as of August, have been hired on as a Forensic Science Specialist.

As a Forensic Science Specialist, I go to crime scenes and photograph, process for latent prints, and collect/preserve evidence. I work a wide range of scenes from burglaries to homicides. When I collect evidence on a scene, it is my responsibility to process the evidence back in the lab if additional processing is needed.

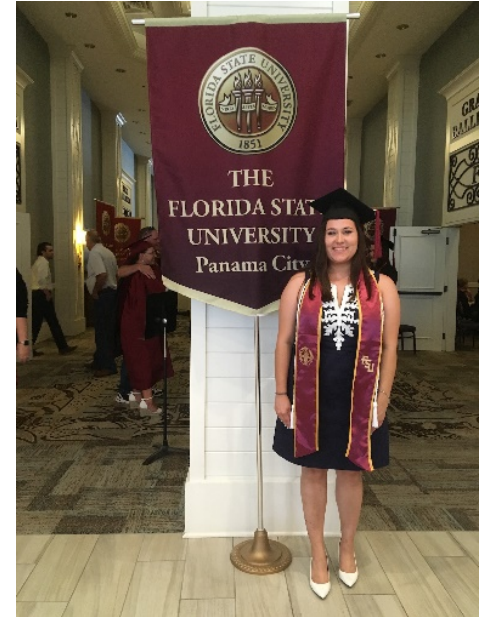
My degree has prepared me for my career by providing me with all of the information I need to succeed while on a crime scene. Things like knowing what PPE to wear and knowing I need to take a photo of a photo identifier. While the "small" things may not seem important while you're learning it, it is. Having the knowledge brings everything full circle once you're doing the work.

My degree also helped me grow as a person. While there were many times I just wanted to quit, sticking with something until the end is rewarding.

My advice for current students is to put 120% into your internship. Don't just do the minimum to get the credit for your degree. While you only need 8 hours a week for your capstone, I strongly recommend putting in extra hours if you have the time. Build a strong rapport with the agency you select, be respectful to the people you are working with, and prepared to get dirty! I also recommend getting as much experience as you can by going to conferences, becoming members of organizations, and making connections. The more

experience you have, the more valuable you become.

Enjoy your time at FSU, because it will go fast. Go Noles!

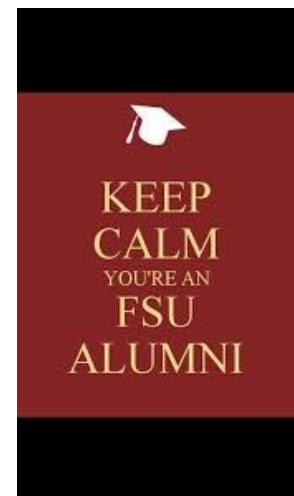


## Maia Watson

*Class of*

*Summer*

*2019*





Interns are needed for the FSU Crime Labs during the Spring semester 2020.

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



**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)

## **Congratulations Summer 2019 Graduates!**

- Alyssa Feller**
- Jawana Harris**
- Elena Huevo**
- Samantha Masterson**
- Rebecca Morris**
- Sylvia Luna**
- Sally Pendoley**
- Caitlin Scarlett**
- Brittany Thompson**
- Trista Waits**
- Maia Watson**



Like us on Facebook to keep up with what is going on in the program and see photos of CSI students in action.



CSI at FSU Panama City



## Lead LAE



**Pi Chi**  
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
PANAMA CITY

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



### Brittany Thompson

Brittany the CSI Student of the Semester. She attended one summer lab while 9 months pregnant with twins and the other lab just a week after giving birth. This definitely shows Seminole spirit. Thank you for representing the CSI program well.

*Congratulations  
Brittany!*



Brittany's twins, Korbin & Phoebe



**CSI Majors-  
Making An Impression!**



## Summer 2019

Dean's List  
Chandra Cooper

President's List  
Allyssa Orr



**Register now for  
Spring CSI  
Courses and Electives**



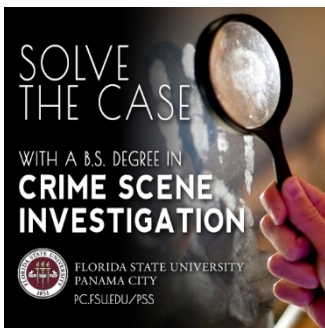
- CJE 3762 (3) Forensic Science in Investigation
- CJE 3762L (1) Forensic Science in Investigation Lab
- CJE 4638 (2) Forensic Death Investigation
- CJE 4655 (1) Crime and Accident Scene Imaging and Reconstruction
- CJE 3612 (3) Interview and Interrogation
- CCJ 3024 (3) The Criminal Justice System
- CJE 4615 (3) Conduct of Investigation
- CCJ 4710 (3) Applied Probability for Research & Investigation
- CCJ 3678 (3) Policing Diversity: Race, Gender, Religion and Crime
- CJC 3311 (3) Corrections: Practices and Perspectives
- CJJ 3013 (3) Youth Culture and Crime

# Need CSI gear?

Check out our designs on shirts, hoodies, polos and car tags at

[Almega Sports](https://store.almegasports.com/searchquick-submit.sc?keywords=csi)

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# Thank You Summer CSI Mentor Lab Assistant

*Koren Colbert*

*Elena Huerdo*



Congratulations  
Jeremy Jones  
from the  
Inagural CSI Class 2017



Strating at  
Mercer University Law  
School

## Photos below:

- FSU PC Graduation
- FSU Tallahassee Graduation
- Trace & Biometric Lab
- Forensics Class

