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Sam Houston State University

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays @ 2pm
Charles Andrews
Director of Security & Investigations
September 13th, 2011
2pm; CJava Cafe

Parents Weekend
CJ Open House
September 17th, 2011
1pm-3pm

Homecoming
Saturday October 15th, 2011

Miller Time

Dear CJ Bearkats:

Welcome back CJ Bearkats!! I hope you had a great summer and are rested and excited about the new semester! We have some superb plans for you this academic year! We will continue with our Real Talk w/ CJ sessions on several Tuesday afternoons in the CJava Café. Look for the announcements online at our College of Criminal Justice website or our Facebook page, and in our CJ lobby!

This academic year will be the "Year of the Undergraduate" for the College of Criminal Justice! We are developing new scholarships and programs to benefit you and help make your experience as a CJ Bearkat even more exciting and informative! We will also be having a College of Criminal Justice T-shirt design contest! If you think you have a great design for one of our new CJ T-shirts this semester, please submit the design to **shopcj@aol.com** for a chance for your design to be on our next CJ T-shirt and win CJ Store gift certificates.

I have included some pictures of our 3rd Annual CJ Undergraduate Research Conference, Career Fair, and our Annual Spring Picnic from last semester! It was great to see a lot of you there. I hope that the semester gets off to a great start for you! I'm looking forward to seeing you around the halls and in class again!

Your Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs,
Dr. Holly A. Miller

Criminal Justice T-Shirt Design Contest!!!

The Criminal Justice Store is having a T-Shirt design contest. Shirt designs are due to Tammy Winkler shopcj@aol.com by October 15th! First place will receive a $50 gift certificate to the CJ Store, and second place will receive a $25 gift certificate!

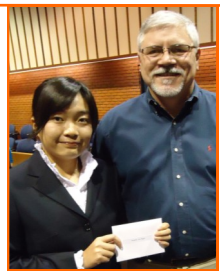
CVSA Crime Victim Service Alliance

CVSA focuses on raising awareness for crime victims by promoting victim's rights on campus and throughout the community. Members have the opportunity to get involved in community service activities that benefit victim assistance groups in the Huntsville area. Meetings will include guest speakers from the Victim Service field to discuss their victimization-related research.

CVSA recently promoted National Crime Victims' Rights Week and Sexual Assault Awareness month by handing out teal ribbons to criminal justice students in the CJ Building.

Student–oid

Meet Criminal Justice Major, Tong Ni



- Won first place in the undergraduate paper competition with guidance from Dr. Phillip Lyons
- Is from Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China
- Completed an internship with League City Police Department

Staff–oid

Meet Our CJ Public Relations Officer Beth Kuhles-Heiney

- Married a "Heiney" and had two little "Heinies"
- Has a horse, a dog, and four cats
- Worked on an award-winning documentary about a New Jersey capital murder case

Fact–oid

Meet one of our outstanding faculty members, Dr. Leana Bouffard

- Was an Army Brat
- Was born in West Germany, back when there were still two Germanys
- Is the Faculty advisor of the reforming Crime Victim Service Alliance (CVSA)

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

In what year was the last Texas Prison Rodeo held?

The first CJ Undergraduate student to bring the written answer to Fabia Bristow in the advisement office will win a CJ T-Shirt.

Student Organization Information

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

- NABCJ meets each Wednesday at 5 pm in LSC Room 307

For more information, contact Jamal Turner. SHSU-NABCJ President, at jjt007@shsu.edu

Alpha Phi Sigma

Membership Qualification:

- 3.2 overall GPA
- 3.2 CJ GPA
- CJ major/minor
- Have completed three full-time semesters
- Must have completed a minimum of four courses in the CJ field
- Meets bi-weekly at 5 pm in the CJ Café

For more information, contact APS President Megan Konarik at mmk004@shsu.edu

Society of Forensic Science

- The Society of Forensic Science is a special interest group open to any student who is interested in forensic science and in good academic standing with SHSU.

For more information, visit http://samhoustonsfs.com, or e-mail SFS President, Ashleigh Faris at shsusfs@shsu.edu

Phi Alpha Delta

Membership Qualifications:

- GPA 2.2
- Membership application
- $155 dues

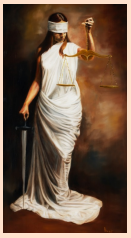
For more information, contact Porsche' Williams at pxw002@shsu.edu

Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Membership Qualification:

- CJ Major or Minor
- 2.0 Overall GPA; 2.5 CJ GPA

For information, contact LAE President Christian Barefield at cdb025@shsu.edu



Crime Victim Services Alliance

- The Victim Studies' student organization (CVSA) is reorganizing at Sam Houston State University .
- Informational Meetings: Monday, September 12 at 2:00pm in the Friel Room

For more information, contact Mary (Molly) Smith at mes017@shsu.edu

CJ Advisement News

Important Dates!

September 9th: Last day to drop a course without a Q and receive 100% refund

September 26th: Deadline for Graduation Registration (December Grads)

December 9th: Last class day, last day to drop a course or resign

FAQ'S

Q: How do I know if a course is writing enhanced?

A: In Banner, writing enhanced is shown under 'Course Attributes' on the class schedule.

Q: Will a course transfer from another school?

A: To determine if/how a course will transfer, check the Transfer Equivalency Guide on the SHSU Website under 'Fast Links'.

Q: How do I drop a course?

A: Dropping a course can be done online through the Registration process or in the Registrar's Office in the Estill Building.

Q: What is an Official Degree Plan?

A: An Official Degree Plan formally identifies to the University the major and minor, if applicable, of a student in preparation for graduation.

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