



Sam Houston
State University

Upcoming CJ Events

Leadership Luncheon
Thursday, April 24, 2008
11:30AM
Flag Room
George J. Beto
Criminal Justice Center

Honors Convocation
Thursday, April 24, 2008
7:00PM
Killinger Auditorium
George J. Beto
Criminal Justice Center

CJ Picnic
Friday, May 9, 2008

FINAL EXAMS
May 12-15

Commencement
Reception
Saturday, May 17, 2008
11:30AM-1:00PM
CJ Concourse
George J. Beto
Criminal Justice Center

Commencement
Saturday, May 17, 2008
2:00PM
Coliseum

The CJ Undergrad

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Miller Time

Happy 'end of the semester' people - I hope it has been a successful one for you! I spent a couple of weeks in Hangzhou, China this Spring teaching at a Police College. The students (see picture) who were in the class will become Chinese Police officers. Several of our faculty will travel to China to teach, and then the students will complete their junior year here with us. I know they are looking forward to both learning from courses at our college and through interacting with you. We are very lucky to have the opportunities that are available to us here in the college, as well as within the US - and I am excited to be sharing our college and culture with them next year!



Dr. Miller with Chinese Students

Upcoming events that I encourage you to take part in:

- The Annual Criminal Justice Picnic will be held on May 9th from 11am-2pm. Please come to intramural softball field 2—we'll be serving you a great lunch and playing several games for prizes—as well as the annual faculty versus student softball

game. Don't let us embarrass you again....

- If you are interested in graduate school, please contact me. I will be setting up regular mentoring meetings to help students prepare.
- Please visit our student organization tables during the first week of classes Fall 08. Each organization will provide information about their purpose, requirements, and activities. I encourage you to stop by, for they are a great way to make connections in the field, learn from guest speakers, and gain support of fellow CJ colleagues.

Good luck with finals, and have a Great Summer!

*Your Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies,
Dr. Holly Miller*

CJ Student Evan Burke Presents at SSSA Conference



Junior CJ Major Evan Burke presented a poster and paper examining the use of bicycle patrols on campus at the annual Southwest Social Science Association of the American Sociology Association conference. Of the 20 undergraduates who presented, six of whom were SHSU students, Evan was the only CJ major. Evans' poster was well received and granted discussion among those attending the undergraduate poster session. The College of Criminal Justice applauds Evan for his hard work and representation of the College of Criminal Justice at SSSA. Good Job Evan!

Webb Words

Reflections from Dean Webb!

Get a job! So you have decided to major in criminal justice, and after a semester or two, graduation seems as though it will never happen (especially when you have three term papers due on the same day!), so no need to spend much time thinking about launching a career. That can wait for a couple years or until graduation is on the horizon. Wrong! Even if you are undecided about the career field you want to pursue, there are several things you should be doing throughout your undergraduate years at SH beyond excelling in your criminal justice major.



There are several opportunities for developing the tools that will help you enter the criminal justice career field of your choice and then advance once you are in that career field. Your non-criminal justice elective coursework provides one of the best opportunities to develop the tools or skills that criminal justice employers are looking for when they make hiring decisions. One area, and probably the most important area, is coursework that enables you to develop both oral and written communication skills. These skills are essential for every criminal justice career, and elective coursework that helps you develop communication skills should be at the top of your list in choosing electives. Students who can demonstrate to a prospective criminal justice employer that they have worked hard to develop good oral and written communication skills have a real advantage in the criminal justice job marketplace.

In addition to coursework, completing a CJ internship will help you develop the tools and skills required by today's criminal justice employers. Start planning early in your undergraduate program—this will allow you to develop the best career preparation to plan for your interests and aspirations.

Student—oid

Meet Ruben Carrera who...



- Is a Junior CJ Major.
- Male model for Dillard's Men's Department Store.
- Active member of four honor societies (APS, ALD, Golden Key, and Elliott T. Bowers Honor Program).
- Words he lives by: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.
- Winner of the first CJ trivia newsletter question!

Staff—oid

Meet Ms. Harriet Brewster, who works in the CJ Publication Office...



- Born in Chicago, IL, is the youngest girl out of 11 children (7 girls and 4 boys), and aunt to 4 nieces and 9 nephews.
- A Boy Scout Master in the mid 90s.
- The home I grew up in was previously an old Funeral Home.
- Has a BFA in Graphic Arts from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Fact—oid

Meet Dr. Melissa Tackett-Gibson who is one of our coolest profs...



- Married for 15 yrs with two children—a boy (6) and a girl (5).
- Artists on her I-pod: Lupe Fiasco, Jill Scott, Queen, Martin Sexton, and several American Idol alums
- Strangest Job: decorated three Chinese restaurants in College Station and one in Spring, TX, and paid was in Chinese food coupons.

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

In the 1970s a famous Kansas City Police Experiment attempted to measure the effectiveness of patrol efforts. How did they conduct their experiment and what were the main findings?

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

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Angelica Mitchell

- 1st among siblings to attend college.
- Valedictorian of her high school class.
- Plans to pursue a Masters degree in Sociology after she receives her CJ undergraduate degree.
- Ultimate career goal is to one day become a district attorney.

Interested in NABCIJ, send email to org_nabcj@shu.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.



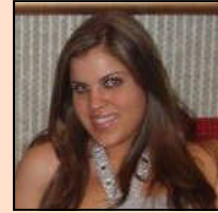
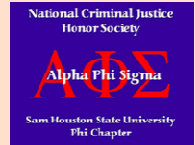
- Membership is \$20 for the full academic year and includes an SFS Club T-Shirt

- Bi-monthly meetings at CFS Building Room 101 at 5:30pm

For more information regarding our volunteer and fundraising events for our organization, visit <http://sfs.blagorbit.net/> or contact SFS at shsusfs@gmail.com.

Thanks, Ross Ehmann, President of SFS

Alpha Phi Sigma



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Erica Thomas

- Junior CJ Major.
- Recipient of Alpha Phi Sigma academic scholarship.
- Member of the Honors Program, Alpha Phi Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Lambda Theta Alpha.
- Erica's future goals: attend law school and become a district attorney.

Interested in Alpha Phi Sigma visit http://www.shsu.edu/~org_aps/

CVSA



Crime Victim Services Alliance

'Putting Control Back into the Hands of the Victim'

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Natasha Ryan West

- Age - 25
- President of CVSA.
- Earned a B.S. in Psychology with a Minor in Criminal Justice from Abilene Christine University.
- Future academic goals, Natasha hopes to earn a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology.



Interested in CVSA e-mail CVSA@shsu.edu or Organizational President Natasha West, nrw004@shsu.edu

Lambda Alpha Epsilon



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Laura Purcell



- Junior CJ Major from Kingwood, TX.
- Currently serving as LAE Vice President Fall 07-Spring 08.
- In Fall 2007 received the Member of the Year for the Delta Chi Chapter.
- Laura plans to attend law school after graduating from Sam Houston State.

Interested in LAE, contact Matthew Betterton, mdb007@shsu.edu

Need help figuring out what you need to increase your overall GPA? Check out www.back2college.com/raisegpa.htm. You simply put in your current GPA, the hours you have completed so far and the amount of hours you are currently taking along with the grades you expect to earn in those classes. In an instant, it calculates your projected overall GPA. The CJ advisement office encourages you to check it out and tell us what you think about this helpful tool.



Graduating with Academic Distinction

Through the Academic Distinction program offered at SHSU, students are able to gain recognition upon graduation due to maintaining an exceptional GPA, excelling in their major field of study, and challenging themselves academically.



- Must enroll in six hours of credit in our Academic Distinction program.
- Be of junior standing and have written approval of the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of the Honors Program.

Why Participate in This Program?

Students graduating with academic distinction are recognized by:

- Cords at commencement
- Academic distinction placed on diploma and transcript.

Who's Eligible?

Students interested in the academic distinction program must:

- Maintain an SHSU GPA of 3.25 or greater.
- Maintain major GPA of 3.5 or greater.

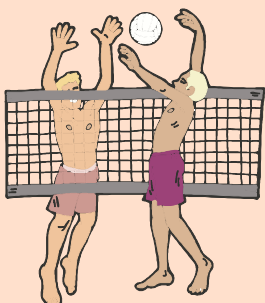
Interested?

Students wishing to graduate with Academic Distinction or receive more information can contact Candice Williams in the CJ advisement office, Room A214.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

"I'M TRYING TO GET PAID"

The CJ advisement office periodically posts job openings from numerous agencies within Texas and throughout the US. If you are interested in finding out who is hiring, check out our display wall outside the advisement office (A214) or go to www.cjcenter.org/info/jobs.php



Annual Criminal Justice Picnic

When: May 9th from 11am—2pm

Where: Intramural softball field 2

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