



The CJ Undergrad

a college of criminal justice newsletter

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Miller Time

Dear CJ Bearkats!

Happy 2012 spring semester! We have a lot going on this semester for you! Check out our Real Talk w/CJ schedule, we have changed the days and times based on your feedback! We have several great speakers coming that will help you make career decisions and prepare you for the College of Criminal Justice Career Week.

This year we will have an entire week of career guidance that includes not only our annual COCJ Career Fair on March 7th, but several speakers scheduled that entire week that will speak about preparing for careers in victim services, federal agencies, the law field, forensic science, and law enforcement!

We will post the schedule in the CJ lobby as we get closer to the week of March 5th. Make sure you dress professionally for the Career Fair and have your resumes ready!

Good luck in your spring semester and be sure to take advantage of the opportunities in our great college - we do it for you and your success! Go Bearkats!

Your Assistant Dean of
Undergraduate Programs,

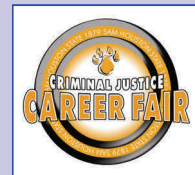
Dr. Holly Miller

CJ Upcoming Events

Real Talk

Resume & Interview Workshop
Michelle Meers & Dr. Jim Dozier

February 27, 2012
3:00pm; CJava Cafe



Criminal Justice Career Fair

March 7, 2012
LSC-10a.m.-2:30p.m.

Real Talk

Natalie Garza
Deputy U.S. Marshall

March 29, 2012
3:00pm; CJava Café

CJ Picnic

May 2, 2012

What's Inside

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Be Prepared for the CJ Career Fair!

Make the most of this opportunity to talk to recruiters by:

- ♦ Coming to our Real Talk Resume and Interview Workshop
- ♦ Dressing Professionally
- ♦ Bringing your Resume
- ♦ Having your Questions Ready



YIKES! I'm Graduating

MAY GRADUATES!

Please remember to register for May graduation in the Registrar's office or online through your MySam account.



Interested In Graduate School?

The College of Criminal Justice offers six Master's Degree programs, both online and face-to-face.

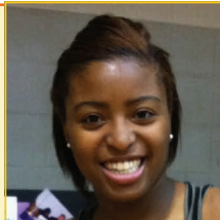
The Graduate Program is currently accepting applications for the Fall of 2012.

Please see Doris Pratt in the CJ Advisement office for more information.

Student-oid

Meet Criminal Justice Major

Porsche' Williams



- ◆ CJ Major with Legal Studies Minor
- ◆ Legal assistant at Habern, O'Neil, & Pawgan L.L.P.
- ◆ President of Phi Alpha Delta and Fundraising Chair for Alpha Phi Sigma
- ◆ Wants to specialize in immigration or parole law

Staff-oid

Meet our CJ Graduate Advising Coordinator,
Doris Pratt



- ◆ Morally divided between SHSU and her son at SFA
- ◆ Loves old black and white movies
- ◆ In need of a food addiction intervention
- ◆ Recently had all four wisdom teeth pulled (Don't ever do this)

Fact-oid

Meet one of our outstanding faculty members,
Dr. Bill Wells



- ◆ Enjoys running, camping, and hiking
- ◆ Drives a station wagon because he likes the message it sends
- ◆ Had a lot of fun following the Bearkat football team throughout the playoffs
- ◆ The books he reads for pleasure these days are the ones he reads to his three kids

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

- ◆ Domestic Violence, LSC 315 at 6:30pm on **Thursday, February 23**
- ◆ The SHSU Chapter of NABCIJ will be hosting a Mini Conference on **Tuesday, April 3**
- ◆ Meetings every Wednesday in LSC 307 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about NABCIJ, please contact NABCIJ president Jamal Turner at jtt007@shsu.edu

Alpha Phi Sigma

- ◆ 12 hours of CJ classes
- ◆ 3.2 Overall GPA; 3.2 CJ GPA

For more information about Alpha Phi Sigma, please contact APS President Megan Konarik at mmk004@shsu.edu

Society of Forensic Science

- ◆ Meeting, **February 28**, 5:30p.m., CFS 103
- ◆ Presentation on Biosocial Origins by Dr. Brian Boutwell
- ◆ For more information, please visit <http://samhoustonfs.com>, or contact SFS President, Tiffany McCann at shsusfs@shsu.edu.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law Society

- ◆ **February 27**-LSAT Prep courses orientation by BluePrint
- ◆ **March 3**-Princeton Review Practice LSAT

For more information about Phi Alpha Delta, please contact President Porsche' Williams at pxw002@shsu.edu

Crime Victim Services Alliance

- ◆ Meetings Tuesdays, CJava
- ◆ For more information about Crime Victim Services Alliance, please contact CVSA President Mary (Molly) Smith at mes017@shsu.edu

Lambda Alpha Epsilon American Criminal Justice Association

Member Requirements

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

For information about Lambda Alpha Epsilon, please contact LAE President, Devion Barlow at dxh007@shsu.edu

CAREER FAIR WEEK

MARCH 5-8, 2012

Schedule

Monday, February 27 (Prior to Career Week)

3:00 p.m. at CJava Cafe

Resume & Interview Workshop

Michelle Meers & Dr. Jim Dozier

Monday March 5 - Information Sessions
Graduate School; 3:00 - 4:00 in Upper Auditorium
Etiquette; 4:00 - 5:30 in CJ Courtroom

Tuesday March 6 - Information Sessions
Victim Services; 3:30 - 5:00 in CJ Courtroom
Forensic Science Careers; 3:30 - 5:00 in Upper Auditorium

Wednesday March 7

CAREER FAIR
LSC Ballroom
10:00a.m.—2:30p.m.

Thursday March 8 - Information Sessions
Legal; 3:30 - 5:00 in CJ Courtroom
Law Enforcement Careers; 3:30 - 5:00 in Upper Auditorium

Please keep an eye out for a detailed itinerary of times and locations in the CJ Lobby.

Careers in CJ

There are literally hundreds of thrilling positions in the law enforcement field that you can go into after achieving a CJ degree. The following are the top 10 criminal justice careers based on average salary:

1. Detective – \$89,354
2. Criminal Investigator – \$86,012
3. FBI Agent – \$79,648
4. Police Officer – \$74,464
5. Secret Service Agent – \$68,288
6. Police Detective – \$64,518
7. Private Investigator – \$62,400
8. Substance Abuse Counselor – \$59,850
9. Insurance and Fraud Investigator \$56,449
10. Legal Secretary – \$54,000

TIPS FOR THE CAREER FAIR

BEFORE THE CAREER FAIR

Clarify career objectives, prepare a resume, and a two-three line introduction "script."

Review list of attending employers.

Dress appropriately in professional business attire on the day of the career fair.

Be sure you have registered and uploaded an updated resume in Jobs for Kats.

WHAT TO BRING

Copies of your resume.

Pens and pencils.

Portfolio or neat, clean folder.

Paper for note-taking.

DON'T bring your backpack.

AT THE CAREER FAIR

Arrive early.

Be confident and remember to SMILE.

Maintain good eye contact and have a firm handshake.

Your resume should be easily accessible – carry it in a portfolio, not a briefcase.

HOW TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO THE RECRUITER

Introduce yourself: "Hello. I'm Michael Adams. I am a senior Criminal Justice major."

Express why you are interested in the organization.

Briefly relate your background to the recruiter: Be specific. Give information about projects you have done or jobs you have held which would demonstrate relevant transferable skills.

CAREER FAIR ETIQUETTE

Don't interrupt the recruiter or your fellow job seekers.

Collect materials to look over later, use your time at the career fair to talk to recruiters.

If you are interested in a company/agency, find out the procedures required to secure an interview.

Don't just drop your resume on the recruiter's table; give it to him/her directly.

Speak briefly with the recruiter – ask questions, demonstrate your interest.

Get the recruiter's business card.

Send a follow-up letter and another resume to the recruiter after the career fair.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO ASK RECRUITERS

What qualities are you looking for in prospective employees?

What do you feel are the future trends in the industry?

Where do you see this company/agency in 5 years? 10 years?

Do you have plans for expansion?

How would you describe the working environment within this company/agency?

CJ Advisement News

Important Dates to Know

May 4, 2012

Last day to resign or drop courses

May 7-10, 2012

Final Exams

May 11 & 12, 2012

Graduation

Have you seen our new Advisement Program?

The University has implemented a new Degree Audit Program called "DegreeWorks."

Degree Works can be accessed by logging into MySam and selecting the "Students" Tab.

Click the "Access to DegreeWorks" hyperlink in the top right box. This will open the program and allow students to see what classes they have remaining.

Please see the Advisement Office if you have any advisement or DegreeWorks Questions.

Real Talk - Are YOU Missing Out???

At the last Real Talk, Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward F. Gallagher talked to students about human trafficking, smugglers, civil rights cases, and international organized crime gangs and groups. These are all jobs the Major Offenders Division handles along with other hate crimes, police brutality or election law.

He detailed how victims are trapped in commercial sex or labor servitude induced by force, fraud or coercion. Victims come from within the U.S. or abroad. The promise of good jobs and a better life are the lure for these "modern day slave" rings. Mr. Gallagher sketched a dim picture of the life these victims endure. Prosecuting these violent offenders is the passion of the Assistant U.S. Attorney's office.



Gallagher began his criminal justice career as a police officer. Upon graduating from law school, he worked for the FBI for five years before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Students listening to Gallagher were on the edge of their seats as he recanted the many cases he has worked on. Afterward, students asked questions and talked with the Assistant U.S. Attorney. "The opportunity to hear about all of this directly from someone in the field was so helpful to me," stated one student.

Are you missing out on hearing and connecting with representatives from all areas of criminal justice by not attending the Real Talk series? Think about coming to the next one on **March 29th** and hear Deputy U.S. Marshal Natalie Garza. **You won't be sorry you did.**

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CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

What Supreme Court case opened up the way for the Plain View Doctrine?

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