



The CJ Undergrad

a college of criminal justice newsletter

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Sam Houston
State University

Upcoming CJ Events

Spanish for CJ Course!

Summer 2009

Two Week

CJ 476

Special Topics Course

In Mexico

For more info contact the
CJ Advisement Office

Study Abroad Summer 2009!

Costa Rica

China

Italy

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Fall Commencement Ceremony

December 20, 2008

2:00 PM

Bernard G. Johnson
Coliseum

Miller Time

Dear CJ Undergrads – I hope your semester has finally caught up from Ike and you are working hard. It seems incredible that the fall semester will soon be over. I have two really exciting things to share with you.

FIRST - We will be hosting our 1st Annual CJ Undergraduate Conference next spring. This will be a great avenue where you can share your ideas, writing, and research with the possibility of winning money and being recognized at our Annual Honors Convocation (April each year). There will be two specific competitions – one for a paper (Criminal Justice related, of course) and one for a research poster (research that you propose or have already collected data on). Submission deadlines will be in the Spring '09 semester and details/guidelines will be posted on our website soon. First, Second, and Third place in each category will win \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively. Start thinking of a paper or research idea you would like to propose early spring semester. I am looking forward to starting this conference with YOU!

Coming To CJ Spring 2009

★ ★ ★ 1st Annual ★ ★ ★
CJ Undergrad Conference

★ ★ ★ Win \$500 ★ ★ ★

CJ Job Fair
LSC Ballroom March 4th & 5th

SECOND – We will be hosting a Criminal Justice Job Fair in the LSC Ballroom on March 4 & 5, 2009.

We are inviting several agencies to set up tables staffed with their representatives to talk with you about employment opportunities. Agencies within the areas of law enforcement (Federal, State, and Local), institutional corrections, community corrections, victim services, and law schools will be available. These agencies are excited to have the chance to talk with you about potential employment opportunities – because our students have the best reputation around! This could be an exciting possibility for you! You will be receiving more information next semester and on our website.

Good luck with your finals and have a wonderful holiday!

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



College of Criminal Justice Commencement Reception

ATTENTION ALL DECEMBER 2008 GRADUATES! The College of Criminal Justice will host its commencement reception December 20, 2008 in the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center Café. The reception will begin at 11:30 AM and close at 1 PM. All December graduates are encouraged to bring their families and friends for refreshments prior to the commencement ceremony. For more information and to RSVP please contact Cutty Gilbert, *Director of Alumni Relations and Development*, by December 15, 2008 at cutty@shsu.edu or call 936.294.3755.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS AND AWARDS

Did you know you can receive awards for presenting at the annual meetings of the ASC and ACJS? The College of Criminal Justice will help provide sponsorship for these trips if your paper is selected to be presented. Along with awards, this is a great opportunity to network and build your portfolio. If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs, Dr. Holly Miller at hmiller@shsu.edu.



Annual meeting will be November 4-7, 2009 in Philadelphia. Submission deadline is March 13, 2009.



Annual meeting you can participate in will be February 23-27, 2010 in San Diego, California.

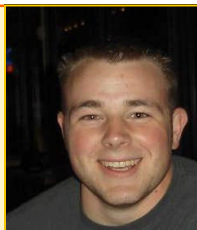
The American Society of Criminology is an international organization concerned with criminology, embracing

scholarly, scientific, and professional knowledge concerning the etiology, prevention, control and treatment of crime and delinquency. Their membership includes practitioners, academicians, and students in the many fields of criminal justice and criminology. The Society conducts an annual meeting devoted to discussions of topics of general interest.

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. Providing a forum for disseminating ideas related to issues in research, policy, education, and practice within the field, ACJS is comprised of members from a variety of diversified backgrounds including: scholars who are international in scope and multidisciplinary in orientation, professionals from all sectors of the criminal justice system, and students seeking to explore the criminal justice field as future scholars or practitioners.

Student-oid

Meet Criminal Justice Major Andrew Rivera ...



- Graduating May 2009.
- Will be an intern with the FBI in Spring 2009.
- Currently serves as the SHSU club wrestling coach.
- Has worked for the College of Criminal Justice as a undergraduate student assistant for 3 years.

Staff-oid

Meet Mrs. Tess Johnson, our Recruitment/Marketing Coordinator ...



- Has four beautiful children ages 12, 10, 9, and 5.
- Prides herself in being able to "keep it real!"
- Was once a dance major
- Is an avid believer in "Retail Therapy"
- Proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. (Spring '96, Kappa Mu Chapter)

Fact-oid

Meet Dr. Travis Franklin...



- Worked in a tire shop to put himself through college.
- By age four he had lived in three corners of the U.S.
- Coolest pet growing up was a "Water Dragon"
- He and his parents, along with his brother built the house that his family of seven grew up in.
- He can juggle chainsaws...well not really but he can juggle.

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

Q: What are the common legal insanity rules utilized in the United States?

- A:
1. Right-wrong test (aka M'Naghten rule)
 2. Product of Mental Illness Test (aka Durham rule)
 3. Irresistible Impulse Test
 4. Substantial Capacity Test

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

Chapter Objective:

To educate students and others on criminal-related issues and how they relate to minorities



Membership:

- Anyone is able to become a member
- Membership dues are \$20 for 1 year.
- Members are required to complete 5 hours of community service per semester.

Meetings are every Wednesday at 5 pm. Location TBA. For more info., email org_nabcj@shsu.edu.

Thanks,

Marcus Storey, NABCJ President
Interested in NABCJ, send email to org_nabcj@shu.edu

Society of Forensic Science



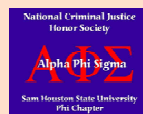
The Society of Forensic Science is a special interest group open to any student who is interested in forensic science and in good academic standing with SHSU.

- 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.blaqorbit.net/> or contact SFS at shsusfs@gmail.com.

Thanks, Ross Ebmann, President of SFS

Alpha Phi Sigma



- 3.0 overall GPA
- 3.2 CJ GPA
- CJ major/minor
- Have completed 3 full-time semesters
- Must have completed a minimum of 4 courses in the CJ field
- Meet bi-weekly at 5pm in the CJ Café

If interested in receiving more information about Alpha Phi Sigma, Contact APS President Fabia Bristow at fxb001@shsu.edu

Thanks, Fabia Bristow, APS President

Phi Alpha Delta

Pre-Law Society



Membership Qualifications:

- Minimum 2.2 GPA
- Phi Alpha Delta Membership Application
- \$110 Dues (\$70 National, \$40 Chapter)

For more information contact Shandria Reece at stdssr15@shsu.edu.

Thanks, Shandria Reece, PAD President

CVSA



Crime Victim Services Alliance

'Putting Control Back into the Hands of the Victim'

"The purpose of CVSA is to advance knowledge and awareness of victim services as a movement and a profession among students interested in criminal justice, crime victim rights, and crime victim services."

Membership:

- Accept all majors
- This is a registered organization and can be placed on your co-curricular transcript.
- Volunteer opportunities and many chances to make career contacts.

For additional info, please e-mail CVSA@shsu.edu

Lambda Alpha Epsilon American Criminal Justice Association

We are a national criminal justice coed fraternity. We have roughly 60 active members and participate in regional and national competitions everywhere.

Membership Requirements:

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

For information please contact Laura Purcell LAP President at lap011@shsu.edu.

Thanks, Laura Purcell, LAE President



INTERNSHIP CORNER



Looking to gain some experience before you graduate?

The internship program is designed to provide senior-level students in their senior year valuable work experience, on-the-job training, and an opportunity to develop professional networking base for the future.

What are the Requirements?

- Must have completed 90+ semester hours toward degree requirements
- Must have completed the 18-semester-hour Criminal Justice core curriculum
- Must have a minimum overall G.P.A. of 2.0

For more information on internships in criminal justice contact our internship office at 936.294.1659 or e-mail Dr. Barrum at icc_jab@shsu.edu, or Dr. Dozier at icc_dcd@shsu.edu.

CJ Advisement News

Need Money For College?



The College of Criminal Justice Scholarship Application is now available online! Simply go to <http://www.cjcenter.org/college/scholarships/> and click on “Scholarship Application Online”. The application deadline is February 14, 2009. For more information contact Cutty Gilbert at

YIKES! I'm graduating in December and I need help finding a Job!

Check out WorkinTexas.com. This online job directory offers prospective employees the opportunity to browse available job openings in Texas and create an online portfolio.



Not having any luck finding a job on WorkinTexas.com? Visit our Career Services department website at http://www.shsu.edu/~ccp_www/



Important Dates To Remember

- November 26, 27, 28 Thanksgiving Break
- December 12 Last Day To Drop A Course With a “Q” by 5:00 PM
- December 15, 16, 17, 18, Final Examinations
- January 12, 2009 Spring Semester Begins

