

Sam Houston
State University

Upcoming Events

College of Criminal Justice Annual Spring Picnic 2009

May 8, 2009

11:00 am

Intramural Field #2

Spring 2009 Commencement Ceremony

May 16, 2009

10:00 am

Bernard G. Johnson
Coliseum

Final Exam Schedule

Monday, May 11th

Tuesday, May 12th

Wednesday, May 13th

Thursday, May 14th



The CJ Undergrad

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Miller Time

Dear Criminal Justice Undergrads:

We have had a busy semester and I hope that you are successfully completing your classes and activities. We look forward to showing y'all how proud you make us through our Annual CJ Spring Picnic. This year's picnic will be on Friday May 8th (dead day) from 11am until 2pm on Intramural Field #2. Our theme is Caribbean this year so please wear your favorite Caribbean shirt and enjoy some jerk chicken and other yummys on us. Also, we will play several games for prizes and have music from our own SHSU Steel Drum Band. So please join us and let's celebrate the end of the semester together.

This spring we began two new traditions in our College – The CJ Career Fair and the CJ



Undergraduate Conference. The First Annual Career Fair, on March 4th, was extremely successful with over 600 students in attendance. We plan on doing it bigger and better next year on March 3, 2010. Below are a few pictures of the event. Please check out our First Annual Undergraduate Conference information and pictures on the next page.

I wish you luck on your finals and hope you have a wonderful summer.

Congratulations to those of you who are graduating on the 16th – please bring your families to our Criminal Justice Reception at the CJ Café right after the morning graduation ceremony!

*Your Assistant Dean
of Undergraduate*



College of Criminal Justice Commencement Reception

ATTENTION ALL MAY 2009 GRADUATES! The College of Criminal Justice will host its commencement reception May 16, 2009, in the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center Café. The reception will begin at 12:00 pm and close at 1:30 pm. All May graduates are encouraged to bring their families and friends for refreshments after the commencement ceremony. For more information and to RSVP please contact Cutty Gilbert, *Director of Alumni Relations and Development*, by May 11, 2009, at cutty@shsu.edu or call 936.294.3755.

The First Annual Criminal Justice Undergraduate Conference

On April 22, 2009, the College of Criminal Justice hosted the First Annual CJ Undergraduate Conference and Paper/Poster Competition. Several of our undergraduates proposed papers and research posters for the competition and then presented their projects at our conference last week. It was a fantastic kick-off to this new tradition. Below are the list of winners for the competitions and a few pictures that highlight the conference. Plan on submitting your work next year for a chance to win \$500 and present your project at our 2010 CJ Undergraduate Conference.

Paper competition winners:

- 1st place: Ashley Clark *Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Texas Prisoner Reentry Initiative through Pre and Post Risk & Treatment Scores*
- 2nd place: Chad Cryer *Police Satisfaction of SHSU Students*
- 3rd place: Detrick L. McAfee *Promoting Victim Assistance Awareness in the African American Community*

Poster competition winners:

- 1st place: Nicole Larison *The Affect of Water Salinity on Sodium Concentration in Bone*
- 2nd place: Kristen Pelo *Blood Spatter Variations Caused by Firearms*
- 3rd place: Rachel Schmid *Deterrence Theory of Capital Punishment*



Student-oid

Meet Criminal Justice Major Jason Mabry...



- Born in Los Angeles
- Was mentioned on the 2007 Deans List for his academic performance.
- Recipient of the Dr. Wayland Pilcher Memorial Scholarship for 2008-2009 school year.
- Interning with Huntsville Police Department this Summer
- Graduating in August 2009.

Staff-oid

Meet Mrs. Janie Burwick, Internship Assistant and Travel Coordinator for the College of Criminal Justice...



- Worked in downtown Houston for over twenty five years as a Legal Secretary and loved it.
- She and her husband were in the same grade in school; she couldn't stand him. They married six weeks after their 25th class reunion.
- The person she admires the most is her mother.

Fact-oid

Meet One Of Our Outstanding Professors Dr. Jerry Dowling...



- Has an English bulldog named Queen Elizabeth
- As a child he lived on the same street as former Astros manager Phil Garner
- Survived an earthquake while living in California.
- Once arrested the person who sold him a new car.
- In his next life he wants to be a race car driver.

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

Who is the current secretary of a major federal agency who has recently gained news coverage in his or her refusal to use the terms "terrorists" or "9/11" in any governmental documents or congressional addresses?

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

*****PREVIOUS TRIVA QUESTION WINNER: WILLIAM COYLE*****

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Marcus Storey



- President of NABCI
- President/Step master of The Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Parliamentarian of The SHSU National Pan-Hellenic Council
- Graduating May '09
- Voted for Hillary Clinton (whoop whoop).

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.

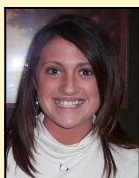
- Membership is \$20 for the full academic year and includes an SFS Club T-Shirt
- Bi-weekly meetings Wednesdays at CFS Building Room 103 at 5:30pm

For more information regarding our volunteer and fundraising events for our organization, visit <http://samhoustonfs.com>, join our Facebook group "SHSU Society of Forensic Science," or e-mail SFS at shsusfs@gmail.com.

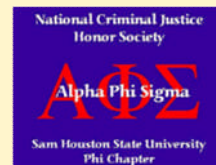
Thanks, *Mario Galito, President of SFS*

Alpha Phi Sigma

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Chloe Parr



- Native of Amarillo, TX
- Plans to attend graduate school when she finishes her undergraduate degree.
- Interning with The Bridge this summer, which is a child advocacy center.
- Interested in pursuing a career in victim services in the future



Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT VaNita Kincade



- Native of Fort Worth, TX
- President of Phi Alpha Delta
- Parliamentarian/co-correspondence chair in Adopt-A-Heart
- After graduation she plans to do private investigation, start a program for adolescent teenage girls in Ft Worth, and later go to Law School.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon American Criminal Justice Association

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Chad Cryer



- His heritage is mostly German.
- Popcorn is his all-time favorite snack.
- He has made the Dean's List for 6 semesters in a row.
- Won 2nd place at this year's CJ Undergraduate Conference
- He is double-jointed in both of his thumbs.



INTERSHIP CORNER

INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Jocelyn Rex
Walker County DA Office Spring 2009

Looking to gain some experience before you graduate?

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

Why Do an internship?

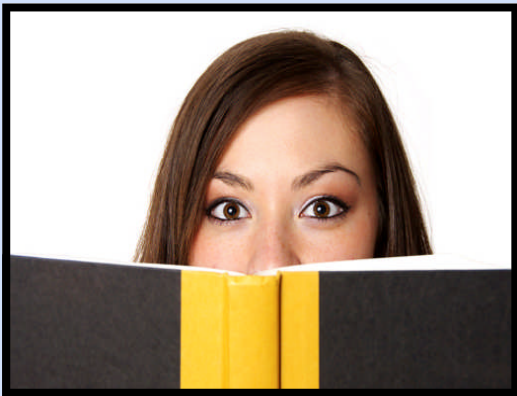
Students earn 9 hours of academic credit while interning with such organizations as INTERPOL, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service, or the Department of Homeland Security, as well as local probation and parole agencies, police and sheriff's departments, child protective agencies, crime labs, and prosecutors' offices.

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.
- Must meet respective agency requirements.

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



Final Exams are just around the corner...Are you prepared?

Time management. Before finals begin, get out your calendar and map out a specific study schedule. Then stick with the schedule.

Schedule in study breaks. Don't plan to study non-stop for the next five days. You'll go insane, and you'll be too fried to do well on the exams. When you write your schedule, include short study breaks to help you recharge.

Schedule in sleep. Some people can function well on three hours of sleep a night. Most cannot. You'll do much better during exams if your mental state is good, and sleep is essential for this.

Prioritize. You have limited time to study and will have to choose what to spend the most time with.

Ask your professor for help. If you're confused about your notes or the readings, go to the resident expert. This works much better if you don't put off studying until the last minute. It's a good idea to read through all of your notes before you start to study, so that you can inquire early about things that confuse you.

Keep things in perspective. What's the worst thing that can happen if you don't do well on this test? Excessive stress will make you crazy and hurt your performance on tests, so as much as you can, relax. And if you're having serious problems with anxiety during final exams, seek help at your school's counseling center. This is a common problem that schools are well equipped to help you with.

Read more: http://collegeuniversity.suite101.com/article.cfm/study_tips_for_final_exams#ixzz0DKSwZiNr&B.

- Schedules will get dropped for non-payment May 8th
- May 8th Final Exam Study Day and CJ Annual Spring Picnic
- Final Examinations are May 11, 12, 13, and 14
- Criminal Justice Commencement Ceremony May 16th @ 10:00 am Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

