



The CJ Undergrad

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Sam Houston
State University

Upcoming 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

For more information contact
the
CJ Advisement Office.

Student Money Management Center

"Financial Literacy Week"

February 23-27th

For more information on times
and locations visit

WWW.SHSU.EDU/SMMC

Sam Center Graduate School Presentation

5:00-6:30 pm

**College of Humanities and
Social Sciences Building
Room 170**

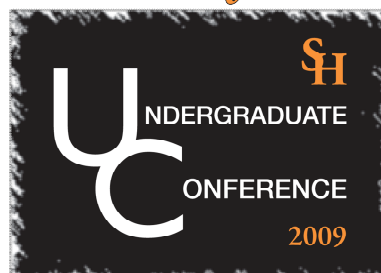
For more information contact
Adrienne Langelier
anl002@shsu.edu

Miller Time

Dear CJ Undergrads – Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday break and are ready for our Spring 09 semester! We have been working on some great opportunities for you all. Please mark your calendars for our First Annual College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Conference on April 22nd. See our website to find out how you can participate and win \$500. Another date to note will be March 4th – for our First Annual College of Criminal Justice Career Fair. Can I get a whoop-whoop? Please see the announcements below. I hope your semester is getting off to a good start.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



April 22, 2009

Enter the paper or poster
competition for your chance
to win:

- 1st place winner \$500
- 2nd place winner \$300
- 3rd place winner \$200

See our COCJ website and
click the [Undergraduate
Conference](#) link for details.

1st Annual College of Criminal Justice Career Fair - March 4, 2009



**Where? LSC Ballroom
When? 9am to 3pm**

Several organizations will be recruiting
for positions in:

- law enforcement
- corrections
- victim services
- legal services
- security

Webb Words



Some of the best career preparation tools for criminal justice majors are those that sometimes appear to have little to do with criminal justice. Ask any veteran criminal justice professional who has advanced up the ranks in their agency, and they will tell you that courses that help you develop communication skills are an essential part of career preparation. Written and oral communication skills are just as important if not more important than tactical skills for carrying the complex assignments that are part of every criminal justice occupation.

Years ago, I was involved in a community project that was addressing a growing gang problem. The community task force formed to study the problem decided to draw on the expertise of a Los Angeles Police Department gang expert. The LAPD expert came to town and was given a tour of a public housing complex that was the location of much of the community's gang problem. When the expert arrived at the complex he quickly noted that several young police officers were gathered on one side of a courtyard whereas several residents, including gang members, were gathered several yards away on the other side of the courtyard. The officers were communicating with themselves, and the residents and gang members were communicating with themselves, but there was no communication between officers and residents/gang members. The expert quickly diagnosed the problem as officer inability to confidently engage in cross-cultural communication and recommended that officers receive additional training to develop cross-cultural communication skills. A veteran gang unit officer in a Los Angeles area police department once told me that the single best tool for combating gangs was good intelligence on gangs and gang members, and the best way to gather intelligence was to establish rapport with gang members, and that requires effective "street level" interpersonal communication skills.

Good oral communication skills are only one part of the equation for success in a criminal justice professions. Both the rookie police officer and the police department executive find that much of their job involves preparing written communications. In addition to possessing good communication skills, criminal justice professionals are finding that effective job performance also requires analytical skills, since today's criminal justice operations and related decision-making depends on the analysis and interpretation of quantifiable information. More on this topic next edition, but for now I encourage all of our criminal justice majors to be the best possible communicators you can be, and build your skills by taking advantage of the numerous communications and writing courses offered at SHSU.

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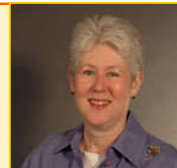
Meet Criminal Justice Major Camellia Ward...



- Sophomore from Marlin, Texas.
- Recipient of the Edward Owens Criminal Justice Scholarship 2008 -2009.
- Has been invited to join several honor societies such as Alpha Phi Sigma and Phi Sigma Pi.
- After graduating from Sam Houston, Camellia plans to become a juvenile probation officer.

Staff-oid

Meet Mrs. Ann Broussard, our CJ Conference Center Coordinator ...



- She loves her job! Ann has worked in the CJ Center for 15 years.
- Has been married to the same man for 35 years! And they share the same birthday.
- Has a beautiful granddaughter, named Averi Raegan Broussard.
- Had the pleasure of meeting President Gerald Ford when he was in office.

Fact-oid

Meet One Of Our Outstanding Professors, Dr. Howard Henderson...



- Avid player of EA Sports College Football since 1994. One game a day for relaxation.
- Serious fan of hip-hop and neo-soul genres of music. Favorites are Jay-Z and Erykah Badu.
- Enjoys dancing with 16-month-old daughter while wife looks on in amazement.
- Talks with his single mother, who raised him, several times a day (like 5-6 times).

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

Which President of the United States was once a New York City Police Commissioner?

- Grover Cleveland
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

Last issue winner: Andrew Rivera

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 as long as they have an interest in Criminal Justice.
- Membership dues are \$20 for one full year.
- Members are required to complete 5 hours of community service per semester.

Meetings are every Wednesday at 5 pm. LSC 315. For more info., email org_nabcj@shsu.edu.

Thanks,
Marcus Storey
SHSU-NABCJ President

Society of Forensic Science



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

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

For more information regarding 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 Galioto, President of SFS*

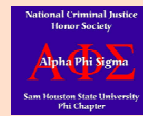
Alpha Phi Sigma

Membership Qualifications:

- 3.2 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 *Nicole M. Juarez* at stdnmj15@shsu.edu.

Thanks, *Nicole Juarez, APS President*



Phi Alpha Delta

Pre-Law Society

Membership Qualifications:

- Minimum 2.2 GPA.
- Phi Alpha Delta Membership Application.
- \$155 Dues (\$100 National, \$55Chapter).

For more information contact VaNita Kincade at vmk001@shsu.edu.

Thanks, *VaNita Kincade, PAD President*



CVSA



"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:

- Accepts 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 co-ed fraternity. We have roughly 70 active members and participate in regional and national competitions everywhere. We also provide opportunities to network in the criminal justice field and are involved in many activities on and off campus.

Membership Requirements:

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

For information please contact April Cano, LAE President, at alc015@shsu.edu.

Thanks, *April Cano, LAE President*



INTERNSHIP CORNER

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.

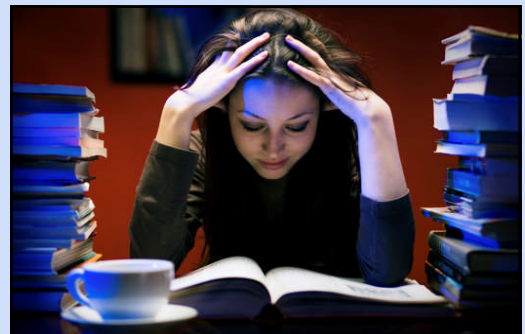


Lamont Perkins (on right) at TABC

CJ Advisement News

Having a hard time studying this semester?

Check out the tips below on how you can successfully get through this Spring Semester.



1. Go to Class!
2. Get 6 to 8 hours of sleep a night. No naps!
3. Don't study on your bed...that's where you are getting the 6 to 8 hours of sleep.
4. Ask questions in class. It takes you from the sidelines and makes you a player in the game.
5. If you are having an academic problem, seek help from an academic advisor, your professor, or a tutor.
6. Keep a schedule of your classes and assignments.
7. Study 2 or 3 hours for every hour in class (12 hours of class + 24 minimum study hours= 36 hours).
8. Set up a study schedule of when you are actually going to put in these 24 to 36 hours of study.
9. Study hard subjects first in case you don't get to the easier subjects.
10. Choose friends who want to do well academically.

For more information on how you can survive this semester of classes check out the SHSU Counseling Center website: www.shsu.edu/~counsel/