



The CJ Undergrad

a college of criminal justice newsletter

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Miller Time

Upcoming CJ Events

Beto Chair Lecture Series

Dr. Franklyn Zimring
October 17, 2008
9:30 AM
CJC Courtroom
Sam Houston State
University

Spanish for CJ Course

Summer 2009
2 Week 477
Special Topics Course in
Mexico
For more info contact the
CJ Advisement Office

CJ Tailgate

October 18, 2008
12:00 PM
Bowers Stadium

Welcome to the Fall 2008 semester people! We have had a rough start with Ike's visit, but things seem to be rolling along now. I hope you and your families are well and bouncing back.

This fall we have 2,222 Criminal Justice undergraduates –setting a new record! Whoop-whoop! Although we are very excited about all of you, having such a large program often makes it difficult to get to know people. Thus, we encourage you to get involved in as many university and college groups and activities as possible. Please check out our student organization page in this newsletter – we have 6 great student organizations that provide instant connection, contacts, and friends within our college. Another great way to connect with your colleagues and professors is through our study abroad program.



We offer several opportunities to study in other countries with a small group of students and learn about criminal justice outside of the United States. Please check out our website (www.cjcenter.org) for more information about our student organizations and study abroad programs. I hope you have a great semester and please contact me if you have questions or ideas for our criminal justice program

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

COMING SOON – An Annual CJ Undergraduate Conference

Beginning Spring 2009, the College of Criminal Justice will host our own Criminal Justice Undergraduate Conference. Here students will present their ideas, research, and papers. We will also have a research poster and paper competition where students may win awards for each category. Each research poster and paper will be judged and ranked. The awards will be as follows:

Research Poster

1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$300
3rd Place \$200

Paper

1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$300
3rd Place \$200

Each student winner will be recognized at our annual Honors Luncheon and Scholarship Commencement Ceremony in the spring. Announcements are coming soon – so please keep this in mind as you prepare your semester research proposals and papers! Can't wait to see your great work!

Webb Words

Reflections from Dean Webb!

It's all around you, but one career path that too few undergraduate criminal justice students explore is that of the academic or college criminal justice professor. Who me a professor! When speaking to groups such as the parents and students at our Spring Honors Convocation, I always point out that being a professor or faculty member is the world's best job. We get to interact with smart students such as you as well as with smart colleagues. We get paid to be creative and to generate and test and share new ideas and lot's of interesting information. Our subject matter is fascinating, and our work schedules are generally quite flexible. Where else do you get time off between semesters and spring breaks! We have international travel opportunities when we organize study abroad courses and we work in an environment that includes easy access to sporting events and performing arts. For a lucky few us we get to be Bearkats! The pathway to our career is not easy: five or more years of graduate study, which means living on a graduate student budget, but the rewards are great once you have arrived. Now here is a secret: demand for criminal justice academics far exceeds supply. There are probably 6-8 faculty positions available for every new criminal justice Ph.D., and this number will increase greatly in the next few years as my generation begins to retire. So give it some thought-maybe this is the career for you. Talk to any of our faculty members or deans if you would like to find out more about the life of a professor. Stop by our advising office for more information about our graduate programs. I once asked a police chief about his decision to become a police officer. He replied that he got tired of being in the back seat of the patrol car and decided he wanted to be in front. Maybe you will decide that you would rather be on the other side of the lectern, the professor's side and not the student's side-I hope so!



Student-oid

Meet Criminal Justice Major Emily Miller...



- Current Cadet Battalion Commander for the SHSU ROTC Program
- Ranked 11th in the nation out of over 4400 cadets branching and commissioning with her
- Will commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army 2009-branch Military Intelligence.

Staff-oid

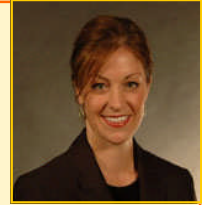
Meet Mrs. Karen Eads.



- Married for 27 years and has two beautifully girls ages 26 & 23.
- Enjoys going to garage sales, auctions, looking for antiques.
- Strangest job, helped drive pylons for a pier one summer.
- Moved to Huntsville 3 years ago to get out of the city (her husband still works for aerospace industry).

Fact-oid

Meet Dr. Gaylene Armstrong...



- Is originally from Winnipeg, Canada.
- Married to the handsome Todd Armstrong, a fellow faculty member, and has 2 adorable children – Alianna (1) and Nicholas (4).
- Was the Captain of Chesapeake Bay Lightning women's ice hockey team that won the 2001 USA Hockey Senior B National Championship. She still plays hockey in the Houston area.

CJ Trivia for CJ T-Shirt

What is the birth name of the notorious Egyptian born jihad philosopher who recanted his radical views of jihad in several well know books and is currently imprisoned in the Scorpion, a facility within the Tora Prison in Egypt?

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:

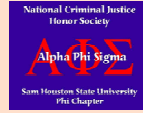
- Anyone is able to become a member
- Membership dues are \$20 for 1 year.
- Members are required to complete 5 hours of community service per semester.

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

Thanks,
Marcus Storey, NABCJ President

Alpha Phi Sigma

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



Thanks, *Fabia Bristow, APS President*

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

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:

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

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

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society



Membership Qualifications:

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

Thanks, *Shandria Reece, PAD President*

For more information contact Shandria Reece at stdssr15@shsu.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 Ehmman, President of SFS*

Lambda Alpha Epsilon American Criminal Justice Association

We are a national criminal justice coed fraternity. We have roughly 60 active members and have an internship available through the fraternity.

Requirements:

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

Thanks, *Laura Purcell, LAE President*

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



CJ Internship Corner

Looking to gain some experience before you graduate?....

The internship program is designed to provide students in their senior year valuable work experience, on-the-job training, and an opportunity to develop a 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 sheriffs' 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

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

CJ Advisement News



The Criminal Justice Advisement Office is currently advising students for the Spring 2009 semester.

Hate waiting to get advised? Avoid the long line by getting advised EARLY!

Don't have time to come by the office to be advised, E-MAIL US!

Visit <http://www.cjcenter.org/college/directory/> And click on Admissions/Advising and select an advisor of your choice.