Stockton Offers CSI Summer Camp to High School Students

Students Solve Murder Mysteries at 3 Residential Summer Camps

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey’s Criminal Justice Program invites you to be part of Stockton CSI, a residential summer camp for high school students who want hands-on experience with a criminal investigation and trial.

Participants can choose from three camp sessions: Camp 1 runs from July 13-17; Camp 2 runs July 27-31; and Camp 3 runs Aug. 3-7.

Campers will work as part of an elite team of investigators and professionals to help solve a murder. They will be involved with every phase of the legal process, from the crime scene investigation to the criminal murder trial. Every camp session features a different murder case!

Campers will gain experience with evidence gathering and testing techniques, such as DNA analysis, impressions, forensic odontology (bite marks), ink analysis, fingerprints, chemical analysis, hair and fibers, blood typing, and spatter analysis.

Campers will also learn how to question suspects and witnesses. They will use the techniques that investigators do to learn the facts in a case, know when people are telling the truth or lying, and figure out when peoples' memories may be distorted.

Finally, campers will learn how to prepare a case for trial. They will learn: (a) jury selection techniques to help pick jurors to hear their case, (b) strategies for presenting their cases and make arguments in a camp courtroom, and (c) what life is like in jail for those awaiting trial and life in prison for those who are convicted.

“We talk to students about the reality of criminal justice careers. On television, actors are often doing five or six jobs as one job. We explain to the students that they would not be doing all of -more-
those jobs and encourage them to pick one and to major in that,” said Dr. Christine Tartaro, professor of Criminal Justice and camp co-director. “The campers watch the TV shows, so we tell them what's inaccurate and point out the myths and misconceptions.”

“The goal of the camp is to bring learning about forensic investigations to life by putting our campers in charge of solving a murder mystery. We teach them the skills they need to conduct an investigation, but they steer the entire investigative process,” said Dr. Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice and camp co-director.

The all-inclusive price of $849 for the camp includes all meals, room and board, classes taught by experts, hands-on investigative and trial experience, and field trips.

For more information, visit www.stocktoncsi.com.

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