



Stockton College's CSI Summer Camp Teaches High School Students to Solve Murder Cases

Registration Open for Three Camp Sessions in June and July

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey this summer will be hosting a group of young investigators — CSI campers — as they learn about crime scene investigation and courtroom techniques.

Dr. Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Christine Tartaro, professor of Criminal Justice, are the masterminds who imagined and designed the five-day overnight summer camp for high school students, which is entering its seventh year.

Campers first learn how to collect evidence and how to record a crime scene as first responders. Then they spend the rest of their time solving a murder case that is staged on campus. Campers experience all aspects of an investigation including police reports, eye-witness interviews, fingerprinting, DNA analysis, jury selection and trial preparation.

"The campers watch the TV shows, so we tell them what's inaccurate and point out the myths and misconceptions," said Tartaro.

The camp combines classroom learning with hands-on exercises. Officers from the Stockton Police Department go over fingerprinting and introduce police dog Hemi to the campers. The students also visit a local jail and the Medical Examiner's Office.

"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 those jobs and encourage them to pick one and to major in that," said Tartaro.

Registration for all three camp sessions is open. The camps run June 23-27, July 14-18 and July 28-August 1. For more information or to register, visit www.stocktoncsi.com.

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