Faculty and staff members may have been surprised to find a dead body in A-Wing earlier this week had they not known about the atypical summer camp run by Dr. Christine Tartaro, professor of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice.

The two are co-directing the eighth annual Stockton CSI Summer Camp where campers work as part of an elite team of investigators and professionals to help solve a mock murder case.

The CSI camp, which has received local, national and international media attention over the years, has student participants from New Jersey, Maine, Maryland, Connecticut and Canada in attendance this year.

Dr. Tartaro and Dr. Duntley stage a different murder scene during each of the three camp sessions and assist with every phase of the legal process from the crime scene investigation to the criminal murder trial.

Dr. Tartaro grabbed a handful of candy from her wagon packed with props and began sprinkling them up the stairway in the Alton Auditorium. Next she took out a jug of theatrical blood and carefully poured it next to the head of a dummy sprawled out on the stage and added a few trailing splatters.

Dr. Duntley planted a smartphone into the crime scene. A few days prior he manually entered a series of text messages for the CSI campers to analyze during the investigation of the double murder apparently sparked by romantic jealousy.

There’s evidence everywhere in a crime scene, but most is irrelevant Dr. Tartaro and Dr. Duntley warned. Shortly after the scene was created, high school-aged campers entered through the caution tape and began video documentation.

The co-directors teach participants evidence-gathering and testing techniques such as DNA analysis, impressions, forensic odontology (bite marks), ink analysis, fingerprints,
Dr. Tartaro, Dr. Duntley Co-Direct 8th Annual CSI Camp

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chemical analysis, hair and fibers, blood typing and spatter analysis.

“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 Dr. Tartaro. “The campers watch the TV shows, so we tell them what’s inaccurate and point out the myths and misconceptions.”

The team also teaches campers how to question suspects and witnesses, emphasizing techniques investigators use to learn the facts in a case.

Stockton’s Police Chief Gregory Coffin and Sgt. Anthony Lacovara gave a fingerprinting demonstration for the two camp sessions and Sgt. Tracy Stuart and K-9 Hemi demonstrated Hemi’s scent-tracking skills.

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,” said Dr. Duntley. “We teach them the skills they need to conduct an investigation, but they steer the entire investigative process.”

The co-directors brought the students to the Federal Air Marshals Training Facility for a tour given by Jason Worcel, an adjunct instructor in the School of General Studies. The group also toured the county jail where campers were shown what kind of weapons the correctional officers use, as well as homemade weapons made by inmates.

“We cap the camps at 27 or 28 campers and so far enrollment was 27 for the first session, and 26 for the second,” said Dr. Tartaro, adding that the last camp next week is sold out.

The camp’s media attention has included mentions in The Wall Street Journal, on The Today Show, Seoul Broadcasting System, NPR, and local and regional media outlets such as The Press of Atlantic City, NBC-40 and The Philadelphia Inquirer, among others.

To see more photos from the A-Wing mock murder, click here.

Reception Celebrates Visual Arts Faculty and Alumni Exhibition

This summer, the Stockton College Art Gallery exhibited selections of artwork by the college’s Visual Arts faculty from the Studies in the Arts program from June 2 through July 31. The Visual Arts Faculty and Guest Alumni Exhibition held a closing reception on July 29 to celebrate the exhibit featuring the works of four faculty members, seven adjunct instructors and four alumni.

The following individuals displayed their work in the Upper L-Wing gallery: Lisa Adamucci, adjunct instructor of Art; Marilyn Brent, adjunct instructor of Art, Drawing and Painting; Edward C. Cornell, video producer and adjunct instructor of Videography; Jacob Feige, associate professor of Painting; Michael McGarvey, professor of Art, Visual Communications; Neal McPheeters, adjunct instructor of Illustration, Graphic Novels; Robert Pierro, adjunct instructor of Graphic Design and 2D Design; Joseph Podlesnik, adjunct instructor of Drawing; Jill Sluka, adjunct instructor of Printmaking; Hannah Ueno, associate professor of Art, Visual Communications; and Wendel A. White, Distinguished Professor of Art, Photography and alumni Tim Buckley (’11); Michael DelFiandra (’06); Rodney Ibarra (’08) and Ray Nunzi (’11).

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Dr. Michael Pedicin Performs at Chicken Bone Beach Jazz Fest

Dr. Michael Pedicin and his Michael Pedicin Quartet performed at the Chicken Bone Beach Jazz Festival on July 17. The 15th annual beach series has become an Atlantic City summertime tradition showcasing some of the nation’s top jazz artists.

“This was my first time performing at Chicken Bone in about 10 years, and was the first time I played with my own band,” said Dr. Pedicin. “I was anxious to do it - it’s a great festival.”

Dr. Pedicin explained how the event “brings in the real Atlantic City folks who come for the right reasons.” The outdoor venue hosts a crowd “actually paying attention to the music.”

“It’s always fun to play outside and it was a wonderful outdoor experience. As a musician, you appreciate when things are done the right way,” he said.

Pedicin came up on the Philadelphia jazz scene in the early 1960s. The son of popular Philly saxophonist Mike Pedicin, he was immersed in music from birth.

The Philadelphia native has roots in Atlantic City extending back to the 1980s when he spent much of his time working in Atlantic City hotels and casinos contracting bands and accompanying stars such as Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

At the festival, Dr. Pedicin performed original music from his latest album, “Why Stop Now… Ubuntu.”

“Ubuntu, an African philosophy translating to mean ‘human kindness,’ echoes my constant hope for peace and connectedness in our world,” he said.

The musician connected to “a great band” onstage, including a young jazz drummer named Justin Faulkner.

Faulkner, also a Philadelphia native, has been playing drums since age 3 and entered the jazz scene at age 13, performing his first professional gig.

“He is one of the best jazz drummers in the world right now,” explained Dr. Pedicin. “It was great to share this wonderful experience with talented musicians.”

The Chicken Bone Beach Historical Foundation, Inc., and Atlantic City Free Public Library present the free concert series, which takes place on Thursdays in July and August from 7 to 10 p.m. at Kennedy Plaza, located on the Atlantic City Boardwalk between Mississippi and Georgia avenues. Tune in to WLFR 91.7 on Wednesdays for the Chicken Bone Beach Hour from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information on upcoming events, click here.
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News about distinguished students can now be found at [Distinctive Stockton Students](#). To contribute a news item for the blog, please contact the editor at distinctive@stockton.edu

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**Stockton Recognized as New Jersey’s Greenest College**

Stockton has been selected as the “Greenest College in New Jersey” by College Prowler, which produces print guides and a website using reviews from students, parents and professionals.

College Prowler rates each school on a scale of 1-10, and defines the rankings by stating: “Green living is steadily becoming the norm. These days, schools boast a high number of LEED-certified facilities and sustainability initiatives.”

Stockton’s Campus Center was awarded LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold for its energy use, and the college is known for its emphasis on sustainability and its environmental programs. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Stockton Athletics Department Hires Baseball Coach Scott Baker**

Stockton Athletics has hired Scott Baker as the college’s new head baseball coach. Baker, a native of Linwood, returns to the Garden State after a lengthy career at two schools in the South.

Baker spent the last 14 seasons as the head coach at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee. Prior to his arrival at Sewanee, he served on the coaching staff at Georgia Southern University for 15 years.

The new baseball coach holds the school record for victories at Sewanee with 166 wins in his 14-year tenure. Baker became the winningest coach in the school’s history in 2009, earning 36 all-conference honors and five all-region selections.

Before assuming the head coach position at Sewanee, Baker was an assistant coach at Georgia Southern for 10 years and associate head coach for five. During those 15 years, he helped the Eagles to 521 wins, seven conference championships and one appearance in the College World Series.

Baker also served one season as an assistant at Salisbury University and two years as head freshman and varsity assistant coach at his alma mater, Mainland Regional High School.

Baker replaces Marty Kavanagh, who retired after winning 220 games in 12 years on the Stockton bench.

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**The Office of External Affairs Welcomes Meaghan Haugh Resta**

Meaghan Haugh Resta has joined the Office of External Affairs as the manager of publications and special projects.

Resta will produce *Stockton Now*, the college’s E-zine, as well as *The Stockton Times*, the *President’s Newsletter*, *The President’s Annual Report* and assist with other publications and marketing content. She brings more than 10 years of experience in public relations, writing and editing, marketing and publication management to the college.

Resta formerly worked at The Cooper Foundation as a web and communications associate and as a public relations writer at Rider University, where she managed the *Honor Roll of Donors* publication and wrote for the website, alumni magazine and newsletters.

She has a Master’s in Organizational Leadership in Higher Education from Rider and a B.A. in Journalism with a minor in English from The Pennsylvania State University.