

Vineland High School Students Learn About Crime Scene Investigation at Stockton College

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Galloway Township, NJ- About 20 students from Vineland High School attended a one-day crime scene investigation camp on The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's campus.

Dr. Christine Tartaro, professor of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice, who lead Stockton's summer CSI camp, offered a one-day mini-camp to Vineland High School students on Nov. 14.

Aliya Simnor of Middletown, Monmouth County, a master's student in Stockton's Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program, is a death scene investigator at the State Medical Examiner's Office in Woodbine. She spoke about her personal experiences and offered the students advice. "I didn't know this was a position until I interned," she said.

She always introduces herself to the police officers on the scene. "It's teamwork. The PD have the scene, and I have the body," she explained.

The CSI television shows aren't completely accurate she told the students. It's a myth that police officers can touch the body.

Duntley demonstrated how a polygraph is used by hooking up the equipment to Vineland High School student Ariel Santiago as her classmates and teacher, Ms. Benita P. Villar, observed. A