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CSI: SPARKILL? STAC OFFERS FORENSIC SCIENCES!

(SPARKILL, NY – April 8, 2008) -- St. Thomas Aquinas College will begin offering its newest major, a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science, announced Dr. L. John Durney, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The new major combines a foundation of courses in the sciences, humanities and criminal justice and meets the standards of the American Academy of Forensic Science.

“Employment opportunities in the forensic science field have greatly expanded in recent years. The need for specialized training on various scientific and technological protocols necessary to analyze a crime scene and related material has increased demand for academic programs that will educate students to fill these positions,” Dr. Durney said in making the announcement this month.

The degree program in Forensic Science features a required internship for students between their junior and senior year with a forensic science laboratory.

“This will allow our students to demonstrate their comprehension of forensic techniques and obtain hands-on experience that will prove to be valuable in their future careers,” commented Dr. Mary Ellen Ferraro, Chairperson of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

In accord with the American Academy of Forensic Science, all St. Thomas Aquinas graduates will be eligible to take a national licensing exam after they have completed two years of employment in the field.

“We are extremely excited to be offering this major in Forensic Science,” continued Dr. Ferraro. “It will complement the majors that currently exist at St. Thomas Aquinas College in biology and the natural sciences. By studying under the guidance of our highly trained faculty, completion of this major will afford our students employment opportunities in the forensic science field or prepare them to continue their education in a graduate program in forensic science.”

For more information on this degree program, contact the Admissions Office at 845-398-4100.

MORE ABOUT ST. THOMAS

The College's 2,700 full and part time students can choose from over 60 different majors, minors, specializations, and dual degree programs across five divisions: The Humanities; Business Administration; Social Sciences; Natural Sciences & Mathematics; and Teacher Education or are enrolled in one of our graduate programs. St. Thomas has expanded its offerings to include: a Master of Science in Education with specializations in Literacy, Special Education, and Educational Leadership, a Post Masters Certificate program in Education, a Master of Science in Teaching, a Master of Business Administration program, a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education, and an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science degree, the latter two offered at the West Point Military Academy. For more information on the College visit www.stac.edu.