Scholarship opportunity in forensics

The International Association for Identification is announcing the opportunity to apply for scholarships with their organization.

The IAI is committed to six objectives, which can be sited in their Constitution. In brief, to associate persons in the forensic science profession, keep them up to date and informed, advance the relevant sciences, encourage research, provide training, education, and to the dissemination of this information through its publications thereby fostering a relationship amongst forensic practitioners worldwide.

The scholarship awards vary in number and amount and students majoring in criminal justice and/or studying forensics may apply. The deadline for applications is no later than May 1, 2008. Applications can be downloaded directly from their website at theiai.org.

Students can also go to our website at lamission.edu/aj and go to the links page which will take them to the IAI website.

Students also have the opportunity to join the association which offers several educational and training opportunities in the area of forensics and crime scene investigation.

The International Association for Identification has been around for the past 100 years and also offers certification in various areas of forensics including crime scene investigation, impression evidence, fingerprinting and blood stain pattern interpretation.

New home for the Criminal Justice Dept. at Cal State L.A.

The criminal justice department at Cal State Los Angeles recently moved into the new Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center on campus.

The new forensic science center houses the crime labs of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the California Forensic Science Center.

Classrooms are state of the art and are located on the second floor of the center. As part of the curriculum in criminalistics, the graduate program in the department has its own crime lab where students can replicate crime scenes and practice collecting and analyzing evidence.
Testing for the California Highway Patrol

The California Highway Patrol is currently testing for the position of officer. The department is holding several informational seminars as part of preparing applicants to enter the department. The seminars will provide information about the upcoming testing process as well as the academy training. No appointments are necessary. The following are dates and locations for the seminars:

2-13-2008 (Wed) and 3-5-2008 (Wed)
Southern Division CHP office 411 N. Central Avenue, 4th floor, Glendale 91203 at 6:30pm. Students need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the starting time and each seminar will last approximately 2 hours.

In addition to the seminars, applicants wishing to take the written test can also ask to take a Mock Oral Interview. Mock Oral interviews are designed to help applicants prepare for the actual interview.

For additional information, you can call Officer Antonio Garrett at (818) 240-8200.

Criminal justice resources in library growing

The reference collection of criminal justice resources is growing in the Mission College library.

In order to support students in their studies, the Administration of Justice program has donated and added several books and videos to the library collection. The criminal justice book collection is well over 300 texts and criminal justice videos is nearing the 150 mark, including VHS and DVD’s. Topics for both books and videos include criminal law, forensics, serial killers, profiling, criminal investigation, policing and corrections. Although students cannot take out videos from the library, they can view them while in the library.

In addition, most of the textbooks used in Administration of Justice courses have at least one copy on reserve in the library. Students cannot take them out but can read them or make copies of chapters.

Administration of Justice shirts are here!

The Administration of Justice program now has its own shirts.

Shirts come in S,M,L, XL and XXL sizes in navy blue.
T-shirts sell for $10 and proceeds go to the Administration of Justice program trust fund which is used to support students in our program.

To purchase shirts, contact Mr. Kelly William Enos in the Administration of Justice program at 818-364-7610 or e-mail at enoskw@yahoo.com