Special Points of Interest:

- Forensic Science Leadership Lecture
- NEAFS Annual Meeting
- New Laboratory Renovations

Upcoming Events:

- 14th Annual Forensic Science Symposium—March 19, 2016
  Cedar Crest College
  Allentown, PA
- PA Forensic Science Research Exchange—April 8-9, 2016
  Cedar Crest College
  Allentown, PA

Forensic Science Leadership Lecture

The Forensic Science Program at Cedar Crest College hosted the 5th Annual Forensic Science Leadership Lecture on October 8th, 2015. The lecture was held in the Alumnae Hall Auditorium. This year, the guest speaker was Dr. John M. Butler.

Dr. John M. Butler is the Special Assistant to the Director for Forensic Science at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). His past experience includes the National Institute of Standards and Technology, GeneTrace Systems, Inc., the FBI, and the University of Virginia. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Brigham Young University and his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Virginia. He completed a Post Doc in the Biotechnology Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He has also authored five text books on the subject of Forensic Science DNA Typing as well as co-authored several scholarly publications.

Dr. Butler’s presentation included detailed information about DNA Typing as well as his position at NIST and how it has evolved since he started working there. Dr. Butler also talked about writing and revising editions of his books.

This annual lecture is sponsored by Dr. Richard Saferstein, who directed the crime laboratory of the New Jersey State Police for over 21 years.

New Laboratory Renovations

During the summer of 2015, two laboratories and a hallway of the Dorothy Rider Pool Science Center were renovated. The renovation was made possible by a donation from Verna Canova ‘38. The renovation was completed by the beginning of the fall semester. The new freshman chemistry lab has a different layout better for teaching, new lab benches, tabletops and lights. As the spring semester gets ready to kick off, the remaining hallways and science center lounge are undergoing renovation as well.

New lab renovations in the freshmen chemistry laboratory
Forensic Science Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Forensic Science program at Cedar Crest is to provide students wishing to enter a career in the Forensic Sciences with a solid foundation in the natural sciences, to emphasize the importance of critical thinking skills in approaching forensic science problems, and to educate students in a broad range of forensic analytical techniques from a generalist perspective.

Mission of the Forensic Science Student Organization

The purpose of the FSSO shall be to inform students of information regarding forensic science, criminalistics, and any other areas related to the field. Areas of special interest include opportunities for attendance at professional meetings and workshops, forensic science internships, employment, and graduate education. The FSSO will acquaint students with individuals working in the forensic science field and bring speakers to the annual Cedar Crest College Forensic Science Symposium as well as other events to provide information on specific topics to interested students.

Forensic Science Facebook Pages

There are four Facebook groups dedicated to forensic science at Cedar Crest College. The CCC FSSO and CCC DDE pages are available to anyone and highlight upcoming events, fundraisers, and other important news. The Cedar Crest Forensic Science Alumni page allows alumni to stay informed on what is happening at their alma mater as well as connect with fellow classmates. Finally, the Cedar Crest College Forensic Science Program page is dedicated to serving both current students and graduates of the program. This page contains information about upcoming events such as the Annual Forensic Science Symposium and guest speakers.

41st Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

The 41st annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists was held in Hyannis, Massachusetts on October 14-17, 2015. NEAFS is a conference in which students are provided the opportunity to present their research in either poster or platform sessions. The meeting provides students with an opportunity to engage with professionals within the field of forensic science and meet other students in different forensic science programs. This year the Forensic Science Program sponsored thirteen students to represent Cedar Crest College at this meeting. Twelve of these students had the opportunity to present their research. The students that presented their research at NEAFS included Melanie Schade, Kaitlyn Hess, Emily Prisaznik, Andrea Jones, Emily Myers, Ashia Eckroth, Sagar Shah, Anusha Rankoth, Heidi Campbell, Erin Noval, Heather Moody, Clare Fried, as well as Forensic Program intern, Kevin Karakkat. Our very own Melanie Schade was one of the winners at the NEAFS annual meeting in Hyannis, Massachusetts. She won the Dr. Peter R. De Forest Student Research Award for the Best Poster Presentation. Kaitlin Hess of the graduate program was also awarded with a George W. Neighbor Jr. Graduate Memorial Scholarship. We congratulate her and all of those students who participated or presented at NEAFS.

Dr. Brettell and Melanie Schade in front of her poster.

Kaitlyn Hess with her award.

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