NJIT Forensic Science Initiative 2023-24
Agenda for Today

1. What is FSI?
2. Goals of the Forensic Science Initiative
3. Components of the Program
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What is FSI?

Forensic Science Initiative (FSI)

NBOE partnering with NJIT College of Science and Liberal Arts & Center for Pre-College Programs

Underwritten by COVID Recovery grant

Prepare more students for success in STEM fields

Forensic Science appeals to students

Forensic Science opens *many, many* career pathways
Program Goals

➢ Strengthen students’ science preparation by developing STEM skills and experiences for high school seniors

➢ Increase the pipeline to NJIT

➢ Preview for students a potential career trajectory

➢ Increase NBOE dual enrollment instructional capacity through teacher PD
Student Program

➢ Open to rising seniors

➢ Summer JumpStart includes 4 of the facets of Forensic Science; hands-on labs; field research; on-campus experience; activities to orient students to college; SAT/ACT prep; personal statement development

➢ Academic year dual enrollment course: FRSC 201 Introduction to Forensic Science
Student Requirements

➢ Letter expressing FS interest
➢ Completion of all three with at least a C:
  ○ Trigonometry
  ○ Biology
  ○ Chemistry
➢ Planned dual enrollment in FRSC 201 during senior year and Pre-Calculus for STEM majors
➢ Recommendation from science teacher
➢ Transcript and latest standardized test scores
➢ Completion of application
➢ Parent/guardian approval
JumpStart Student Characteristics

➢ Motivated to learn

➢ **Regular** attendance all 4 weeks

➢ Active participation in classes, program activities, college prep experiences
Teacher Requirements

➢ MS in Forensic Science, Biology, Chemistry, or closely related field
➢ NJ Teaching Certification in Science
➢ Recommendation from HS principal/DC
➢ Applicant letter expressing interest in teaching forensic science
➢ Sample of lesson plans taught in STEM subject

Consideration given to:
➢ AP teaching experience in a STEM subject
➢ Those who meet some qualifications; law background
Timeline Students

- **3/23** Nominate students who will take FRSC201 in Fall 2023
- **3-4/23** Students complete application
- **5/23** Students notified of selection
- **7/10/23 - 8/4/23** Students attend JumpStart
- **9/23** Students take FRSC201 @ high schools
Student Day Summer 2023

By 8:50  Be in your seat in class
9:00-11:50  Forensic science exploration/labs
noon-1:00  Lunch & Recreation
1:10-2:00  Case studies in forensic science
2:10-3:00  ACT/SAT/personal statement Prep 2 days / Professionalism and Special Topics 2 days
Fridays  9:00-noon Field Trips and Guest Speakers
Fridays end at noon

Last Friday is a celebration
Timeline - Teachers

➢ 3/23  Teachers complete application

➢ 4/23  Teachers notified of selection

➢ 6/26, 27, 28/23  Teachers attend NJ Forensic Science Education Conference on campus

➢ July - 8 days PD

➢ 9/23-6/24  Teachers in PD 2 days TBD

➢ 9/24 and beyond  Options teachers continued supports
Q & A

➢ We want to hear from you: What questions/comments do you have?
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