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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

# 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
- 4. Students
- 5. Teachers
- 6. Timeline
- 7. Q & A



#### What is FSI?

Forensic Science Initiative (FSI)



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

Prepare more students for success in STEM fields

Forensic Science appeals to students

Underwritten by COVID
Recovery grant

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 <u>dual enrollment</u> 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 <u>dual enrollment</u> 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

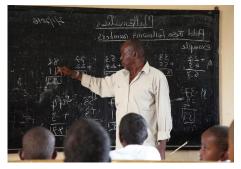
Regular attendance all 4 weeks



 Active participation in classes, program activities, college prep experiences

## **Teacher Requirements**

MS in Forensic Science, Biology, Chemistry, or closely related field



New cohort Summer 23
Returning teachers
ALSO Summer 23

- > 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



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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