



At South Georgia College

MESA is a program located on the South Georgia College campus in Stubbs Hall, Room 125. All students are encouraged and welcome to talk with the director, Marie Brooks, in Room 129, about the program and qualifications to become a member.

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MESA Students Visit the State Crime Lab

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Ever wondered what it's like to be a CSI? SGC's MESA students now know it is nothing like the television show after a visit to the State Crime Lab in Savannah, GA.

Several students attended the trip, while Dr. Adam Safer served as a chaperone. Students met with the forensic biologist, who investigates trace evidence such as plant life as well as bodily fluids. The forensic chemist investigates trace evidence such as chemicals and other solutions. A separate chemist, the drug chemist, identifies and tests drug samples, often having to identify unknown substances to determine if they are illegal substances. The ballistics expert tests firearms and bullets; this field requires knowledge of not only physics, but also chemistry.

Students also learned about the chain of custody involved in the processing of evidence.

Jobs in the field of criminal investigations are difficult to come by; many people with advanced degrees work for the lab as technicians until

a position of higher rank opens up.

Students enjoyed the trip and learned much about the world of forensic science. Most will now watch the CSI television shows with a new appreciation for the reality of crime scene investigations.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ MESA Center Hours
- ✓ How to Join MESA
- ✓ Mission Statement
- ✓ Calendar of Events

MESA Center Hours

9:00 am—12:00 pm M-Th

1:00 pm—5:30 pm M, W

2:30 pm-5:30 pm T, Th

MISSION STATEMENT

MESA enables educationally disadvantaged students to prepare for and graduate from a four-year college or university with a math-based degree in areas such as engineering, the sciences, computer science, and mathematics. Through **MESA**, students develop academic and leadership skills, increase educational performance, and gain confidence in their ability to compete professionally.

Schedule of Events:

- ✓ 4/3 Trip to PCC Airfoils
- ✓ 4/8-4/9 Advance Registration
- ✓ 4/15 Honors Day
- ✓ 4/16-4/18 Trip to Orlando