Message from the President

I hope that you are all having a great end of your 2021-22 academic year and finding some new ways to incorporate new ideas in your learning environment. As we start to be back in-person full-time, I have found our students a little different and wanting a more inclusive environment. Getting used to recordings and online resources, I am also now using new learning technologies in my classroom. We have also been able to take advantage of these ideas for COFSE as well. Holding our annual meeting virtually has allowed for more of our members to attend and participate. We will be offering a summer workshop and fall webinar - both fully online and recorded. I hope that you are finding the resources helpful and useful in your teaching.

Gina Londino-Smolar
Annual Meeting

Did you miss the annual meeting? Review the recording and minutes by visiting the member resources on the COFSE website.

Welcome – Josh Brunty

Digital Forensics Education: Past, Present, Future

Although the science and practice of digital forensics has been around for quite some time, it is just now starting to find its way into the curriculum of most forensic science, cybersecurity, and computer science college programs. This presentation will explore the past, present, and future of digital forensics education, what makes a strong curriculum and program in digital forensics, and additional resources to help programs that are considering adding such courses to their curriculum.

Membership Information

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a few volunteer opportunities open to COFSE members. These need to be filled as soon as possible. If you are interested or have any questions about any of the opportunities below, please contact COFSE at cofse.ed@gmail.com. We are hoping to fill these positions by June 30th.

- **Member of Higher Education Committee** - 2 year term
- **Member of the Nominating Committee** - 2 year term
- **Social Media Representative** - post to COFSE social media accounts on current events related to forensic science education, COFSE events, etc. Currently COFSE has a LinkedIn and Facebook account.

Dues Notice

This is a reminder that your dues for COFSE membership for 2022 are due June 1, 2022. If you no longer wish to continue your COFSE membership, please contact COFSE at cofse.ed@gmail.com.

**COFSE 2022 Annual Membership Dues Invoice**

**Amount:** $25.00

**Payment Information**

1. Pay online via PayPal (you do not need to have a PayPal account)
2. Go to [COFSE Membership Dues page](#) and follow the links to pay online.
3. Please use your PayPal receipt for proof of payment.

How to print your membership card from website

Go to COFSE.org and log in to the Membership Login page. At the top right hand of your profile, you can click on Print Your Membership Card. This is confirmation of your membership. If you have any issues, please contact cofse.ed@gmail.com.
Since the fall 2019, the Journal of Forensic Science Education has published 33 articles and commentaries over 5 issues. Two issues are being published each year and we are beginning Volume 4 in 2022. Look for Volume 4, Issue 1 in early June. We wish to thank all the authors who have published with us as well as the reviewers who take the time to peer review each paper.
Currently the Journal is indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals and we have begun the process of being indexed in PubMed. Please consider submitting an article. Articles describing innovative approaches to forensic science education, pedagogical research, activities on laboratory experiments, and commentaries are welcome. We realize everyone is so busy but publishing in our journal is a great way to develop collaborations. If we work together all our students will benefit. The sharing of information is vital to the collegial aspect of science. How to submit an article can be found at our website (www.jfse.info).

If you are interested in becoming a reviewer please register at our website. We are also interested in having guest editors direct special issues on a topic that they are interested in. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a guest editor.

Adrienne Brundage
Kelly Elkins
Lawrence Quarino
Tri-Editors-In-Chief

AAFS Travel Grant - 2022 Student Recipients

Alexandria Plyler - Duquesne University

**Major:** Forensic Science and Law, 5th year graduate student

**AAFS Presentation Title:** Development of a Rapid Drug Detection Method for Insects Using Paper Spray Ionization Mass Spectrometry (PSI-MS)

“This past February, I was thrilled to attend my first AAFS meeting in Seattle, Washington with the help of the DDE Travel Grant. I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and meeting other forensic science students and professionals. I’m excited to return for future meetings and learn more about the field.”

Alexandra Kuchinos – Cedar Crest College

**Major:** Forensic Science, 2nd year graduate student

**AAFS Presentation Title:** Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry of PCP Analogues
enjoyed not only the networking opportunities AAFS had to offer, but also the chance to showcase my research at several poster sessions. This was an incredible experience that I won’t soon forget!"

“I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to present my graduate research at my first AAFS conference! It was such a rewarding experience to be able to share in the exchange of scientific research in the field and make valuable connections along the way.”

Delta Delta Epsilon (DDE) Forensic Science Honor Society

Benefits of having a chapter at your University:
- Recognize academic achievement of students in forensic science programs
- Promote community engagement
- Network with other chapters
- Advance fields of forensic science
- Travel grants for student’s presenting at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences conference

How to establish a chapter at your University:
- Meet program requirements:
  - Must offer a baccalaureate or advanced degree in one or more forensic science disciplines
  - University must be fully accredited by its regional accrediting agency in one or more forensic science disciplines
- Complete and submit application with $50 application fee

Visit the DDE page on the COFSE website for additional information including chapter application, Constitution, and student membership requirements.
DDE Chapter Highlight

Cedar Crest College – Epsilon Chapter
Cedar Crest College Forensic Science Program, 100 College Drive, Allentown PA, 18104
E-mail: Deltade@cedarcrest.edu

The Epsilon Chapter was founded in 2012 and nearly 90 undergraduate and graduate forensic science students from Cedar Crest College have been inducted. Graduate students are eligible after their first semester of academic work and must have a minimum GPA of 3.5. Undergraduates are eligible after 75 credits and must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3. On April 29, 2022, the Epsilon Chapter welcomed 10 new members in the Chapter’s annual induction ceremony.

The Chapter holds at least one outreach event each year. In April of 2022, the Epsilon Chapter performed an outreach event at Trexler Middle School in Allentown, PA. This event was aimed at students in grades 6-8 who are interested in learning more about STEM programs. During this event, members of DDE set up a crime scene and various stations where evidence was processed and analyzed. Middle school students learned about bloodstain pattern analysis, microscopic hair analysis, footwear impressions, fingerprint analysis, and DNA profiling. The students used all these tools to create a report for what they believed happened. In the end the students were able to see if their investigative skills were correct as there was a video depicting what happened.

Members of the Epsilon Chapter also contribute to the success of forensic science program events at Cedar Crest College. In March of 2022 members of DDE volunteered at the 20th Annual Forensic Science Symposium at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA. Members helped with registration as well as the distribution of food and beverages. This event was created in part to help develop interest in forensic science in high school students and community members by having presentations from forensic science professionals as well as other users of the profession.

The Epsilon Chapter is looking forward to the next academic year with more events and is always mindful of “Justice through Science”.


Epsilon Chapter Members at Trexler Middle School
(Allentown, PA, April 2022)

New Epsilon Chapter Members at Induction Ceremony
(Cedar Crest College, April 2022)

2021-2022 DDE Epsilon Chapter Executive Board Members

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Webinars & Other Opportunities
**Fall Webinar - September 2022**

COFSE is planning a webinar during National Forensic Science Week, please look for more information closer to the start of the 2022-23 academic year. We are planning to host Henry Mayard to discuss opportunities for research collaboration between academia and industry.

[https://www.ascld.org/forensic-research-committee/](https://www.ascld.org/forensic-research-committee/)

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**Visit the Member Resources Page**

There are a plethora of resources and past workshops and presentations available for COFSE members:

- Project-Based Learning Approaches
- Pedagogy and Educational Models
- Research-Related Topics
- High Impact Practices in Forensic Science Education
- Online Teaching Resources

[Member Resources](#)