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Cristalena Smith of Richton Park, IL has worked in the legal field for the past 20 years. She is currently a litigation project assistant at a law firm in Chicago and has a goal to transition into the company's litigation paralegal role after she earns her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from South Suburban College (SSC) in 2023. Cristalena said, "One of the things that drew me to SSC's **Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program** is that it's approved by the American Bar Association. Many law firms look for that credential when hiring and SSC provides one of the only programs in the area with that accreditation. It is definitely top-notch in terms of receiving a quality education."



SSC will offer the option to complete the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program fully online this fall! Reduced tuition rates are also available for Northwest Indiana residents. Learn about these benefits and more at a virtual open house on Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. Register in advance and access the Zoom link: ssc.edu/info.



Caleb MacKenzie of Downers Grove, IL initially became interested in the field of court reporting as a high school student when he job shadowed his aunt. He stated, "Being able to have a front row seat to the legal profession as a court reporter is really interesting to me. Adding a flexible schedule and excellent income potential is definitely a bonus." South Suburban College provides students the opportunity to learn hands-on in the **Court Reporting/Verbatim Technology Program**. Caleb continued, "SSC offers a cost-effective, two-year program. The instructors are great. They keep in touch with a network of working alumni. These are valuable connections for current students."

Learn about this rewarding profession and the option to take part in a free 6-week summer program at an open house on Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in room 5250 at SSC's Oak Forest Center located at 16333 S. Kilbourn Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Contact LaTherese Cooke, Court Reporting Coordinator at (708) 596-2000 ext. 3217 or email LCooke@ssc.edu for more details.

Trina Pappas of Dyer, IN is a sophomore studying criminal justice at SSC. She has an interest in collecting evidence and learning how the criminal mind works. Her eventual career goal is to work for the FBI. "The knowledge from the classes that I am taking at SSC can directly be applied when I begin my career. Right now, I'm learning different legalities and what is considered hearsay. Understanding different aspects of the law that the average person doesn't know is very interesting to me," Trina remarked.

SSC's **Criminal Justice System Program** is designed for individuals with a desire to enter the field of law enforcement or upgrade their skills in police agencies, correctional facilities or security companies. Questions about this program and ann the open house coming in June can be directed to Becky Walters, J.D., Paralegal Studies and Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2579 or email BWalters@ssc.edu.

