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## South Suburban College to Host Legal Studies Open Houses in May

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—South Suburban College (SSC) is hosting Open Houses for its Legal Studies Programs in May including Paralegal/Legal Assistant, Criminal Justice System, and Court Reporting/Verbatim Technology. All of the relevant information about SSC's Open Houses can be found online at <a href="mailto:ssc.edu/info">ssc.edu/info</a>.

SSC's Paralegal Program prepares students to become highly trained paralegals and legal assistants. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills and credentials to work in a variety of legal environments. SSC has the only American Bar Association (ABA) approved paralegal curriculum in the Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana region, equipping graduates with a significant advantage entering the workforce. Learn about the benefits of the college's Associate Degree and Certificate tracks as well as its new fully online Paralegal degree option at a virtual open house on Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. Register in advance and access the Zoom link from <a href="mailto:ssc.edu/info">ssc.edu/info</a>.

SSC's Criminal Justice System (CJS) Program is hosting an in-person Open House at the SSC Fieldhouse on May 26 at 6:00 p.m. It will take place in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff's Department as part of their *Stop the Bleed* campaign. Registration is required at <a href="mailto:ssc.edu/info">ssc.edu/info</a>. CJS is designed for individuals seeking employment with, or upgrading skills for police agencies, correctional facilities, or security companies. The field of law enforcement and criminal justice is an exciting in-demand career pathway with high earning potential.

SSC's Court Reporting Program provides students with the opportunity to learn a unique and highly valuable hands-on skill. New students can also take advantage of a free *Court Reporting A-Z* 6-week summer program. SSC student Caleb MacKenzie of Downers Grove, IL, initially became interested in the field of court reporting as a high school student when he jobshadowed 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." For more information about the rewarding court reporting profession and the option to take part in a free 6-week summer program at SSC, stop by an inperson open house on Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5250 at SSC's Oak Forest Center – 16333 S. Kilbourn Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

For more information about the Paralegal and Criminal Justice Programs, please contact Becky Walters, J.D., Paralegal Studies and Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at (708) 596-2000,

ext. 2579 or email <a href="mailto:bwalters@ssc.edu">bwalters@ssc.edu</a>. For more information about the Court Reporting Program, contact LaTherese Cooke, Court Reporting Coordinator at (708) 596-2000 ext. 3217 or email <a href="mailto:LCooke@ssc.edu">LCooke@ssc.edu</a>.

Summer classes begin Monday, June 6, 2022, and <u>class schedules</u>, registration services and a "live chat" with staff are all available online from <u>ssc.edu</u>.

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