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Campers Investigate Crime Scene

Campers Learn The Ropes At CSI Camp

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WEST HAVEN, Conn. -- Thirty high-schoolers from across the state got to see a lot of blood at summer camp.

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"We learned a lot about blood spatter, actually, and where the blood came from and how fast it was coming from," said Chris Hanna, of Milford.

The students were at the CSI Camp, held at the Henry Lee College of Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven, where they got to learn what it takes to be a crime scene investigator.

In the finale of the weeklong program, officials said, three mock crime scenes were set up, giving the campers a chance to use what they learned as they examined the scene, marked and photographed the evidence, and solved the crime.

"I just think it's really interesting," said Emily Sobestanovich, of East Hartford. "It makes you think, it's not just like a regular summer camp."

The students said the skills they're learning can be helpful no matter what they're doing.

"We're taking notes, investigating, looking at different vantage points, anything you can do in life to look around be able to look at things closer and get the whole picture," Sobestanovich said.

And Dr. Henry Lee, of the Henry Lee College of Criminal Justice, said he hopes that learning by doing will result in a better grasp of some very important skills.

The camp offers "real-life situations, combined with science, mathematics and logic so students can walk out learning so much and in the future can appreciate the science much more," said Lee.

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