

Comments from teachers who have attended an FSEC:

I have attended conferences in Virginia (2007), Indiana (2006), and Florida (2006 & 2008). Each conference provides a unique perspective on topics covered in forensic science. I incorporate new information from the conferences as well as update my present curriculum from the generous information shared at the workshops. Another important reason for me to attend conferences is networking. I am communicating with teachers from Michigan now and have exchanged material with them. I want to continue to improve and broaden the course offered at my school. I can do this by the wealth of information available at conferences. Each presenter enriches my course by expanding my ability to use scientific principles from all sciences. Teacher applying to attend a fifth conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

Six years ago I attended my first Forensic Science Educators Conference hosted by the American Academy of Forensic Science. At the time I was exploring the possibility of developing a forensic science course as a science elective. Attending that conference was by far one of the best professional development activities that I have experienced in my fourteen years as a science educator. I was afforded the opportunity to meet and talk with fellow educators and professionals in the field of forensics. They shared their resources and experiences, inspiring me to go forward with the development of the course, and I am now in my fifth year of teaching forensics. Since then I have attended four more of AAFS sponsored conferences, in St. Louis, Florida, Indianapolis, and most recently in at the Florida Gulf Coast University last May. I have received a multitude of resources from each and every one. Attending the AAFS educator's conferences have afforded me the opportunity to acquire more resources and learn more skills so that I may continue to develop and improve my course. Teacher applying to attend a sixth conference at CSULA (2009).

I am already applying the knowledge I gained from attending past conferences in Arlington, TX (2003) and St. Louis, MO (2004). Both conferences provided a wealth of information both in content and resources. Teacher applying to attend a third conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

I proposed a new forensic science course at my high school last year and it was accepted. I spent the entire summer preparing for the course. In my preparation, I used much of the information that I gather from the AAFS conference in Florida last year (2008). The conference helped me write a curriculum that was rigorous and thorough. The class was a huge success and we have added section for the next year. I would like to attend the conference in Boulder this summer (2009) in order to make this new course better for all students.

In the summer of 2008, I attended a forensic science workshop (Florida) that was designed for teachers to implement in their schools. It was an extremely educational and informational workshop and has further motivated me to become more educated in the field of forensic science. Teacher applying to attend a second conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

Your conferences present the key topics and also provide many realistic experiences to carry into the science classrooms, and were recommended to me as such by our current forensic science teachers (who attended a previous conference).

Seven years ago I developed and implemented a Forensic Science class at Snohomish High School. At the time that I began this class, there was very little offered at any other high school and there were no text books for the high school level. However, AAFS did offer a workshop for teachers in Dallas, Texas (2003) and it was fantastic. It gave me a jump start as I put together curriculum for this class. I would love to attend another workshop offered by AAFS to broaden my repertoire and to expand my professional network. Attending the AAFS workshop for educators will provide me with new information and labs as well as the latest techniques being used in crime scene investigation. Teacher applying to attend a second conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

I have attended several of the AAFS conferences (Indiana 2006 & Michigan 2008) and have learned so much. Teacher applying to attend a third conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

I was fortunate enough to participate in the AAFS conference in Honolulu (2003). I am still using the CD we were given that has analysis of shoe prints and tool marks. I would be very happy and privileged to attend this conference. Teacher applying to attend a second conference in Boulder, CO (2009).

I want to thank you again for organizing the conference at Hamline University (2007). The conference was GREAT!!! I learned much that I can bring back and incorporate into my class. I will definitely share my information with my colleagues and encourage them to attend a conference. THANKS AGAIN!

I am so appreciative of the time and effort that went into the event (Minnesota 2007). I took a lot away from the conference that I will share with my students; and I had fun in the process!

I wanted to thank you and the rest of the folks at Hamline (2007) for hosting such a fantastic conference. It exceeded all my expectations and I felt it was one of the most worthwhile things I have attended in my 10 years of teaching. You all were very organized, had great guest speakers, and put together some really useful resources and activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Forensic Science workshop for educators at Purdue (2011). What a wonderful experience. I have picked up several ideas that I will use in my class room this upcoming school year. The leaders of this workshop were great and made this a truly worthwhile educational experience. Thanks again for sponsoring this event.

When I signed up for Purdue's conference (2011) on forensic science I was concerned that college lectures and labs might be too advanced for my middle-school classroom. Still, I wanted some challenging material to add knowledge and depth to my instruction.

The seminar last week was amazing. It met all of my expectations and more. I came away with a new look at forensic science and some well-designed lessons that I can modify for a younger, less-skilled audience. Ralph Williams and Patrick Jones put together a program that was packed with practical information, real-life stories and good hands-on activities. They added humor, too – necessary for such a grim subject as CSI. They made learning fun and showed us that we can do the same in our own classrooms...I brought home lots of resources – PowerPoints, books and papers, plus tips on how to shop for inexpensive forensics supplies.