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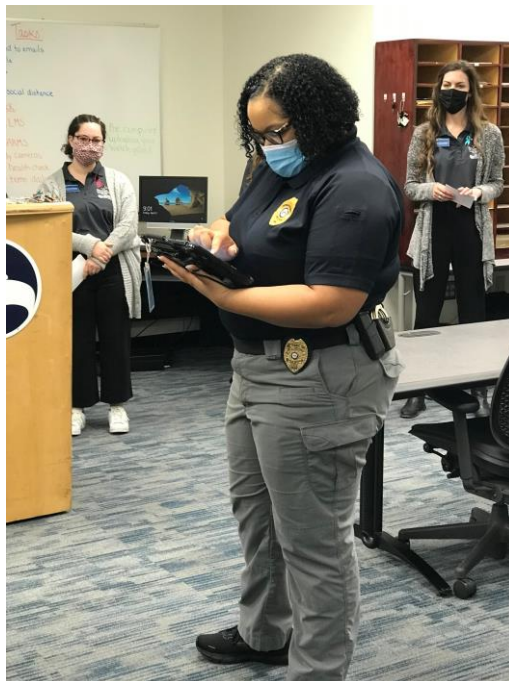


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Graduate Students Provide Communication Disorders Training

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Georgia Southern University graduate students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDS) program partnered with Georgia Southern's Campus Police Department to provide communication disorders training. During the student-led training, officers were able to engage in different scenarios and participate in using different augmentative/alternative communication devices. The training focused on improving police interactions with individuals impacted by communication disorders.

"In addition to working with law enforcement, students gained valuable insight on how to prepare their future clients to interact successfully with law enforcement," stated Tory Candea, SLPD, CCC-SLP, CBIS, CDP, clinic coordinator at the RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders.

First year CSDS graduate student, Arianna Krakovsky, recalled the benefits the disability training provided.

"The disability training was beneficial to both myself and the campus police officers as we were able to learn from one another how to best serve our community, especially when it comes to keeping individuals with disabilities safe and practicing inclusion for all. We were able to gain one another's perspectives regarding various scenarios and decide what might be best to do."

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