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SJC Clerk's Office Partners with College Students on Jury Duty Campaign

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., January 11, 2024 — The St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller's Office had the unique opportunity to work with a group of George Washington University (GW) students to create a public information campaign to inform residents about the role of jurors in the legal system.

"As an alum, I'm proud of the GW students' hard work in developing several recommendations in how we can educate and motivate residents to serve as jurors in our county," said Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller, Brandon J. Patty. "The students presented several great ideas for our office to consider. We look forward to exploring those options and are very proud of their work."

"Gaining hands-on experience through a real-life group project is the best way for students to learn about communication," Dr. Wendy Riemann, the Small Group Communication class professor who organized this project said. "I am grateful to the clerk's office for helping GW students experience workplace interactions and receive great mentorship that will propel them forward in their understanding of public office, civic duties, as well as their education and careers."

The campaign lasted several months with five students dedicated to the project. Some of the recommendations being implemented include updating the clerk's office website, better utilizing social media, and enhancing public outreach.

The clerk's office is already planning the upcoming GWU communication class project for 2024. It will be our office's third year working with the GWU students on ways to better the clerk's office's initiatives.

[Click here](#) to hear from the students about their experience working with our office.

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About the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller function in 1838 to create a system of checks and balances at the county level. In St. Johns County, the clerk is Clerk of the Circuit Court and serves also as the County Treasurer, Recorder, Auditor, Finance Officer, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Commission.

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