



CoLA Collaboratory Provides Relaxed Introduction to Mock Trials

Much like a broadcast network trying to find a broader audience, the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University Fort Wayne recently attempted to utilize a popular TV show to attract participants to its summer camp, The Collaboratory.

One of the sessions called "So you want to be Harvey Specter?" was inspired by the series "Suits." Staci Bougher, a limited-term lecturer, introduced a lighter version of the mock trials she utilizes in her business law class to a group of 10 high school students.

During **fall and spring semesters**, Bougher has eight weeks to prepare her PFW students for the end-of-the-semester event, bringing in local judges and bailiffs to add some gravitas to the proceedings, which also account for a good portion of the students' grades. During the CoLA summer camp, she had a one-hour [session](#) to cover as much ground as possible, with Damian

Fleming, associate professor of English and linguistics, filling in as the judge to mostly bang a gavel.

Bougher's primary goal was offering campers a chance to experience the judicial system in a fun and entertaining way.

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Student success coach Mandy Dyson shows it takes more than Monday's oppressive heat to deter a New Student Orientation campus tour. Multiple NSO sessions including overnight stays in student housing are being held this week.



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