2027 AAFS Annual Scientific Conference
Calendar of Events

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel: RSC

Start	End	DNP	Session / Event	Event Location
Sunday, February 14, 2027				
8:00 AM	4:00 PM		ASB Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	Boardroom
8:30 AM	5:00 PM		Off-Site Kennedy Space Tour (Pre-Registration Required)	Transportation Lobby
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
1:00 PM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
Monday, February 15, 2027				
6:45 AM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
6:45 AM	5:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		IACME Board of Directors Winter Meeting	St. John's 30
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		AAFS Board of Directors	St. John's 26/27
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W1: Artificial Intelligence in Forensic Practice: Understanding, Evaluating, and Defending AI Tools Across Forensic Disciplines (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola F-1
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W2: ForDent: A New Tool for Estimating Population Affinity From the Dental Morphology of Unkown Human Skeletal Remains (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 4
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W3: From Glass Slides to Algorithm: Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence in Forensics Pathology Practice (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 2
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W4: Retaining an Expert Witness in Psychiatry: Avoiding Pitfalls and Maximizing Impact (Pre-Registration Required)	St. John's 28
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W5:The Pathology of Infant Head Trauma: Head, Neck, and Skeletal Injury, Their Mimics, and a Framework Analysis (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 3
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W6: Toxicology and Seized Drugs: Tear Down That Wall - Fostering Collaboration (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 11
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W7: A Practical Journey Through Forensic Imaging: A Global Perspective (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 1
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W8: Beyond the Standard: Understanding ISO 21043:2025 and Its Impact on Forensic Science (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola F-2
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W9: Beyond the Crime Scene Tape: Adapting Forensic Investigations to Uncommon and Challenging Environments (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola F-3
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W10: From Publication to Practice: Implementation and Application of ASTM E1618-25 and ASTM E3407-25 in Fire Debris Analysis (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 12
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Off-Site FDLE Crime Lab Tour (Pre-Registration Required)	Transportation Lobby
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W11: Interpreting Out of This World Mass Spectra: Using the NIST Mass Spectral Search Tools to Help Identify the Unknown (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 11
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W12: Forensic Conundrums of NPS Contraband in Correctional Facilities: Bridging the Toxicology Lab, Medical Examiners Office, Sheriff's Office, and Beyond (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 2
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W13: The Ground Truth vs. The Provable Truth: Problematic Results and Strategies to Reach Consenus in Forensic Document Examination (Pre-Registration Required)	St. John's 28
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W14: Process Mapping in Forensic Science: Innovation, Standards, AI Opportunities, and System Improvements (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 3
5:00 PM	**6:00 PM**		**Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) Legislative Update Annual Report**	**Panzacola F-1**
6:00 PM	8:00 PM		ASB Reception (by invitation only)	Suwannee 15
6:00 PM	8:00 PM		Student Academy Faculty Reception	St. John's 22
7:00 PM	8:30 PM		AAFS General Section Committee Chair Huddle	St. John's 28
7:00 PM	8:30 PM		International Attendee Welcome Reception (by Invitation Only)	Panzacola G-1
Tuesday, February 16, 2027				
6:45 AM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
6:45 AM	6:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
7:00 AM	5:30 PM		The American Society of Forensic Odontology - Business Meeting	Suwannee 15
7:30 AM	9:30 AM		Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) Board of Trustees	St. John's 22
7:30 AM	12:00 PM		ABFT Certification Exam	St. John's 23
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations - CFSO Board Meeting (Not Open to Public)	Boardroom
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W15: Advancing Your Forensic Science Program: From Industry Needs to Student Success	Wekiwa 4
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W16: Around the World and Beyond Reality: Combating AI and Synthetic Media Threats in Forensic Investigations	Wekiwa 1
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W17: Chemometric and Machine Learning Workflows for Forensic Analytical Chemisty Data: A Hands-On Workshop Using Free and Open Source Tools	Suwannee 11
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W18: From Possibility to Practice: Advancing the Adoption of AI in Forensic Science	Wekiwa 2
8:00 AM	12:00 PM		W19: The Practical Application of Evaluative Reporting Focusing on Forensic Document Examination and Trace Evidence	Wekiwa 3
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W20: Project Contamination: Rethinking the Impact of Contamination Events on Science and Law	Panzacola F-1
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W21: A Medicolegal Investigation of Child Abuse for Forensic and Legal Professionals: From the Initial Call to the Courtroom, Featuring a Mock Trial	Panzacola F-2
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W22: Perinatal and Pediatric Mortality: A Mulitdisciplinary Forensic Approach	Suwannee 12
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		W23: Ready When the Questions Comes: The Implementation of Practial Activity-Level Evaluation for DNA Laboratories	Panzacola F-3
8:00 AM	**4:30 PM**		**Special Session #1: Young Forensic Scientists Forum**	**Panzacola G-1**
8:30 AM	**12:00 PM**		**Special Session #2: Interdisciplinary Symposium**	**Panzacola G-2**
8:30 AM	12:45 PM		FEPAC: Accreditation of Forensic Science Academic Programs Through the AAFS	St. John's 28/29
9:00 AM	10:30 AM		2026-27 Program Committee Breakfast (by Invitation Only)	Suwannnee 16
9:00 AM	2:00 PM		AAFS Student Academy	Sebastian I1 -I2
11:30 AM	**12:15 PM**		**First Time Attendee Orientation and Networking Meetup (Open to all first time conference attendees)**	**Wekiwa 5**
12:00 PM	1:00 PM		The American Society of Forensic Odontology - Luncheon	Suwannee 13/14
12:00 PM	2:00 PM		AAFS 2026-27 Section Officers Luncheon and Meeting (by Invitation Only)	Wekiwa 6
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Off-Site Mosquito Control Tour (Pre-Registration Required)	Transportation Lobby
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W24: Forensic Biochemistry	Suwannee 11
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W25: Kratom and Beyond! A Multidisciplinary Forensic Approach to Emerging Mitragynine-Related Alkaloids	Wekiwa 1
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W26: Post-Conviction Testing in 2027: Modern Approaches to a New Landscape	Wekiwa 2
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		W27: Supervised Learning: AI and the Forensic Scientist	Wekiwa 4
1:00 PM	**6:00 PM**		**Special Session #3: Interdisciplinary Symposium**	Panzacola G-2
1:30 PM	3:00 PM		FEPAC Program Directors Meeting	St. John's 28/29
2:30 PM	**3:30 PM**		**ASB Standards and Snacks**	Wekiwa 5
3:00 PM	**4:00 PM**		**Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) Committee Meeting (Open to All Meeting Attendees)**	**St. John's 26/27**
4:00 PM	**6:00 PM**		**HHRRC Film Screening and Discussion**	**St. John's 26/27**
4:00 PM	6:00 PM		Standards Synergy Discussion Group	Wekiwa 5
4:30 PM	6:00 PM		AAFS Mentorship Meetup	Wekiwa 6
5:00 PM	6:30 PM		CARFS Poster Reception	St. John's 24/25
6:00 PM	**8:00 PM**		**AAFS Welcome Reception**	**Gatlin Terrace**
6:00 PM	**8:00 PM**		**Employment Forum**	**Gatlin Foyer**
6:00 PM	**8:00 PM**		**Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) Poster & Networking Session**	**Gatlin Foyer**
8:00 PM	**10:00 PM**		**Community Connections Forum & Reception**	**Sandlake**
Wednesday, February 17, 2027				
6:45 AM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
6:45 AM	5:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
7:15 AM	**8:15 AM**		**Case Break # 1: Beyond the Verdict: How Post-Trial Scientific Review Changed the Interpretation of Complex DNA Evidence**	**Suwannee 11**

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7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break #2: Buried Standing: Crime Scene Investigation of a Vertical Clandestine Grave	Suwannee 12
7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break #3: An Interdisciplinary Collaboration in a Novel Synthetic Opioid Death Investigation	Suwannee 13
9:00 AM	11:00 AM		AAFS Plenary Session (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	Sebastian JK
11:30 AM	1:00 PM		Poster Sessions Anthropology, Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences, Pathology/Biology, Questioned Documents,YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Gatlin CDE
11:30 AM	4:00 PM		The Forensic Exchange (exhibit hall)	Gatlin CDE
12:00 PM	1:00 PM		Criminalistics Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Sebastian I1 -I3
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Sebastian L-1
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Pathology/Biology Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola H1-H2
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Toxicology Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola G-1
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		General Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Panzacola F-1
12:00 PM	1:00 PM		Jurisprudence Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Wekiwa 5
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section Luncheon (Pre-Registration Required)	Sebastian L-2
12:30 PM	3:00 PM		Forensic Nursing Science Section Business Meeting	Wekiwa 6
1:00 PM	3:15 PM		Anthropology Section Business Meeting	Panzacola H3-H4
1:00 PM	2:30 PM		Odontology Section Business Meeting	Panzacola F-3
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Criminalistics Section Business Meeting	Sebastian I1 -I3
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Questioned Documents Section Business Meeting	Wekiwa 3/4
1:00 PM	3:15 PM		Jurisprudence Section Business Meeting	Wekiwa 5
1:30 PM	3:15 PM		Pathology/Biology Section Business Meeting	Panzacola H1-H2
1:30 PM	3:15 PM		Toxicology Section Business Meeting	Panzacola G-1
1:30 PM	3:15 PM		Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Business Meeting	Sebastian L-1
1:30 PM	3:15 PM		Engineering & Applied Sciences Section Business Meeting	Wekiwa 7
1:45 PM	3:15 PM		General Section Business Meeting	Panzacola F-1
1:45 PM	3:45 PM		Society of Forensic Anthropologists General Meeting	Wekiwa 1/2
2:00 PM	3:15 PM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section Business Meeting	Sebastian L-2
3:45 PM	5:30 PM		AAFS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	Sebastian JK
7:30 PM	9:00 PM		Toxicology Section Poster Session	Gatlin A-1
8:00 PM	10:00 PM		Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) (Open to All Meeting Attendees)	Panzacola G-1
8:00 PM	10:00 PM		Friends of Sam Houston University Reception	St. John's 28/29
8:00 PM	10:00 PM		Virginia Commonwealth University: Student Alumni and Friends Reception	St. John's 22
Thursday, February 18, 2027				
6:45 AM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
6:45 AM	5:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break # 4: Beyond the Search Grid: Applying Modern Forensic Science to a 30-Year Old Aviation Cold Case Investigation	Suwannee 11
7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break # 5: Ultra-Rapid Onset of Generalized Rigor Mortis Following Severe Psychomotor Agitation, Physcial Restraint, and Conducted Electric Weapon Exposure: A Case Report	Suwannee 12
			Morning Scientific Sessions	
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Criminalistics Session I	Panzacola G-1
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Criminalistics Session II	Panzacola G-2
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		General Session I	Sebastian L3-L4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		General Session II	Sebastian L-2
8:30 AM	11:20 AM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Session	Sebastian I-4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Anthropology Session I	Panzacola F1-F2
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Anthropology Session II	Panzacola F4
8:30 AM	11:25 AM		Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	Panzacola H-4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Questioned Documents Session	Wekiwa 6
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Engineering & Applied Sciences Session	Wekiwa 5
8:30 AM	11:10 AM		Pathology/Biology Session I	Sebastian I-1
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Toxicology Session	Gatlin A3-A4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Odontology Session	Wekiwa 1/2
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Jurisprudence Session	Panzacola H-3
8:30 AM	11:25 AM		Pathology/Biology Session III - Jay Dix Memorial Lecture Series I	Sebastian I-3
8:30 AM	11:20 AM		Forensic Nursing Science Session	Wekiwa 9/10
8:30 AM	11:10 AM		Pathology/Biology Session II	Sebastian I-2
9:30 AM	11:30 AM		Multidisciplinary Session: Criminalistics, Jurisprudence	Panzacola H1-H2
9:00 AM	2:00 PM		The Forensic Exchange (exhibit hall)	Gatlin CDE
11:30 AM	1:00 PM		Poster Sessions Anthropology, Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences, Engineering & Applied Sciences, General, Jurisprudence, Odontology, Pathology/Biology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Gatlin CDE
			Luncheon Sessions	
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Luncheon #1: No Body, No Problem: 24 minutes to a Guilty Verdict (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 15
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Luncheon #2: Forensic Expert Testimony Then and Now: Evolving Standards of Reliability (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 16
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		*Journal of Forensic Sciences* Editorial Board Luncheon	St. John's 26/27
12:00 PM	1:00 PM		AAFS Soft Oral Fluid Committee Meeting	Board Room
12:30 PM	1:30 PM		AAFS International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP)	St. John's 25
			Afternoon Scientific Sessions	
1:00 PM	3:30 PM		Questioned Documents Session	Wekiwa 6
1:00 PM	5:30 PM		Criminalistics Session I	Panzacola G-1
1:00 PM	5:45 PM		Criminalistics Session II	Panzacola G-2
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		Multidisciplinary Session: Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Toxicology and Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences	Panzacola H1-H2
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		General Session I	Sebastian L3-L4
1:00 PM	5:00 PM		General Session II	Sebastian L-2
1:00 PM	4:55 PM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	Sebastian I-4
1:00 PM	2:10 PM		Engineering & Applied Sciences Session	Wekiwa 5
1:00 PM	2:45 PM		Multidisciplinary Session: Toxicology, Pathology/Biology	Gatlin A1-A2
1:30 PM	4:35 PM		Anthropology Session I	Panzacola F1-F2
1:30 PM	4:55 PM		Anthropology Session II	Panzacola F4
1:30 PM	4:00 PM		Odontology Session	Wekiwa 1/2
2:00 PM	4:20 PM		Pathology/Biology Session I	Sebastian I-1
1:00 PM	4:20 PM		Forensic Nursing Science Session	Wekiwa 9/10
1:00 PM	5:45 PM		Jurisprudence Session	Panzacola H-3
2:00 PM	4:20 PM		Pathology/Biology Session II	Sebastian I-2
2:00 PM	4:45 PM		Pathology/Biology Session III - Jay Dix Memorial Lecture Series II	Sebastian I-3
3:00 PM	5:30 PM		Toxicology Session	Gatlin A3-A4
1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Professional Deep Dive #1: Around the World and Ignored: Why Bad Visual Design Risks the Future of Forensics	Suwannee 11

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2:00 PM	3:00 PM		Professional Deep Dive #2: Art, Crime, and Millions: How Forensic Science Unmasks Fraud and Money Laundering	Suwannee 11
2:30 PM	3:30 PM		AAFS Exhibitor Appreciation Reception	St. John's 22/23
3:00 PM	4:00 PM		Professional Deep Dive #3: Invisible Variables: Universal Lessons from Forensic Laboratories Around the World	Suwannee 11
5:00 PM	6:00 PM		ABFA Diplomate Reception	St. John's 28
5:00 PM	6:00 PM		AAFS/SOFT Drugs and Driving Committee Meeting	Wekiwa 4
6:00 PM	7:00 PM		Last Word Society Speaker Preconvene	Panzacola H1-H2
6:00 PM	8:00 PM		National Center for Forensics Reception: Friends and Alumni of UCF: Celebrating 30 Years	Suwannee 13
6:00 PM	8:00 PM		University Fair	Gatlin CDE
6:00 PM	8:00 PM		AAFS 79th Forensics After Hours Reception	Gatlin CDE
7:00 PM	9:00 PM		Toxicology Open Forum	Suwannee 16/17
8:00 PM	11:00 PM		President's Reception (by Invitation Only)	Conway
8:00 PM	10:00 PM		Last Word Society	Panzacola H1-H2
Friday, February 19, 2027				
6:45 AM	4:30 PM		AAFS Speaker Ready Room	St. John's 32/33
6:45 AM	4:00 PM		AAFS Registration Open	Panzacola Registration Desk
7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break # 6: Operation Containement - Rio de Janeiro/BR 3 D Scanning in Forensic Reconstruction: The Experience in Analyzing Multiple Victims in the Largest Police Operation Against Drug Trafficking	Suwannee 11
7:15 AM	8:15 AM		Case Break # 7: The Five-Year Mark: Innovations in the Identification of the Lake and NG Serial Killer Victims	Suwannee 12
			Morning Scientific Sessions	
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Criminalistics Session I	Panzacola G-1
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Criminalistics Session II	Panzacola G-2
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Multidisciplinary Session: Criminalistics, Toxicology	Panzacola H1-H2
8:30 AM	11:15 AM		General Session	Sebastian L3-L4
8:30 AM	11:00 AM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Session	Sebastian I-4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Anthropology Session	Panzacola F1-F2
8:30 AM	11:25 AM		Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	Panzacola H-4
8:30 AM	11:30 AM		Questioned Documents Session	Wekiwa 6
8:30 AM	10:20 AM		Odontology Session	Wekiwa 1/2
8:30 AM	11:20 AM		Multidisciplinary Session: Jurisprudence, Forensic Nursing	Panzacola H-3
8:50 AM	11:10 AM		Pathology/Biology Session I	Sebastian I-1
8:50 AM	11:10 AM		Pathology/Biology Session II	Sebastian I-2
9:00 AM	1:00 PM		The Forensic Exchange (exhibit hall) *(Posters will remain available after Exhibits Close)*	Gatlin CDE
11:30 AM	12:00 PM		Passport to Prizes in The Forensic Exchange (exhibit hall)	Gatlin CDE
11:30 AM	1:00 PM		Poster Sessions – Anthropology, Criminalistics, Engineering & Applied Sciences, Forensic Nursing,General, Jurisprudence, Pathology/Biology,Psychiatry & Behavorial Science,YFSF Posters will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presenting authors will be available for discussion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		**Luncheon Sessions**	
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		Luncheon #3: Austin, we have a problem: a Case Study of the Austin Serial Bombings (Pre-Registration Required)	Suwannee 15
12:00 PM	1:30 PM		AAFS Past Presidents Council Luncheon	St. John's 28/29
1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Professional Deep Dive #4: Around the World: Standards Development Activities in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Forensic Sciences	Suwannee 11
			Afternoon Scientific Sessions	
1:00 PM	5:15 PM		Criminalistics Session I	Panzacola G-1
1:00 PM	5:45 PM		Criminalistics Session II	Panzacola G-2
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Multidisciplinary Session: Criminalistics, Toxicology	Panzacola H1-H2
1:00 PM	3:30 PM		General Session	Sebastian L3-L4
1:00 PM	4:35 PM		Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Session	Sebastian I-4
1:00 PM	4:55 PM		Digital & Multimedia Sciences Session	Panzacola H-4
1:30 PM	5:00 PM		Anthropology Session	Panzacola F1-F2
2:00 PM	4:20 PM		Pathology/Biology Session I	Sebastian I-1
2:00 PM	4:20 PM		Pathology/Biology Session II	Sebastian I-2
1:00 PM	4:50 PM		Forensic Nursing Science Session	Wekiwa 9/10
1:00 PM	3:00 PM		Multidisciplinary Session: Toxicology, Pathology/Biology	Gatlin A1-A2
1:00 PM	5:45 PM		Jurisprudence Session	Panzacola H-3
2:00 PM	3:00 PM		Professional Deep Dive #5: The Development of a Comprehensive Forensic Methodology for Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Based on Actual Incidents After 2022	Suwannee 11
3:00 PM	5:00 PM		AAFS 2027-28 Board of Directors Orientation	St. John's 26/27