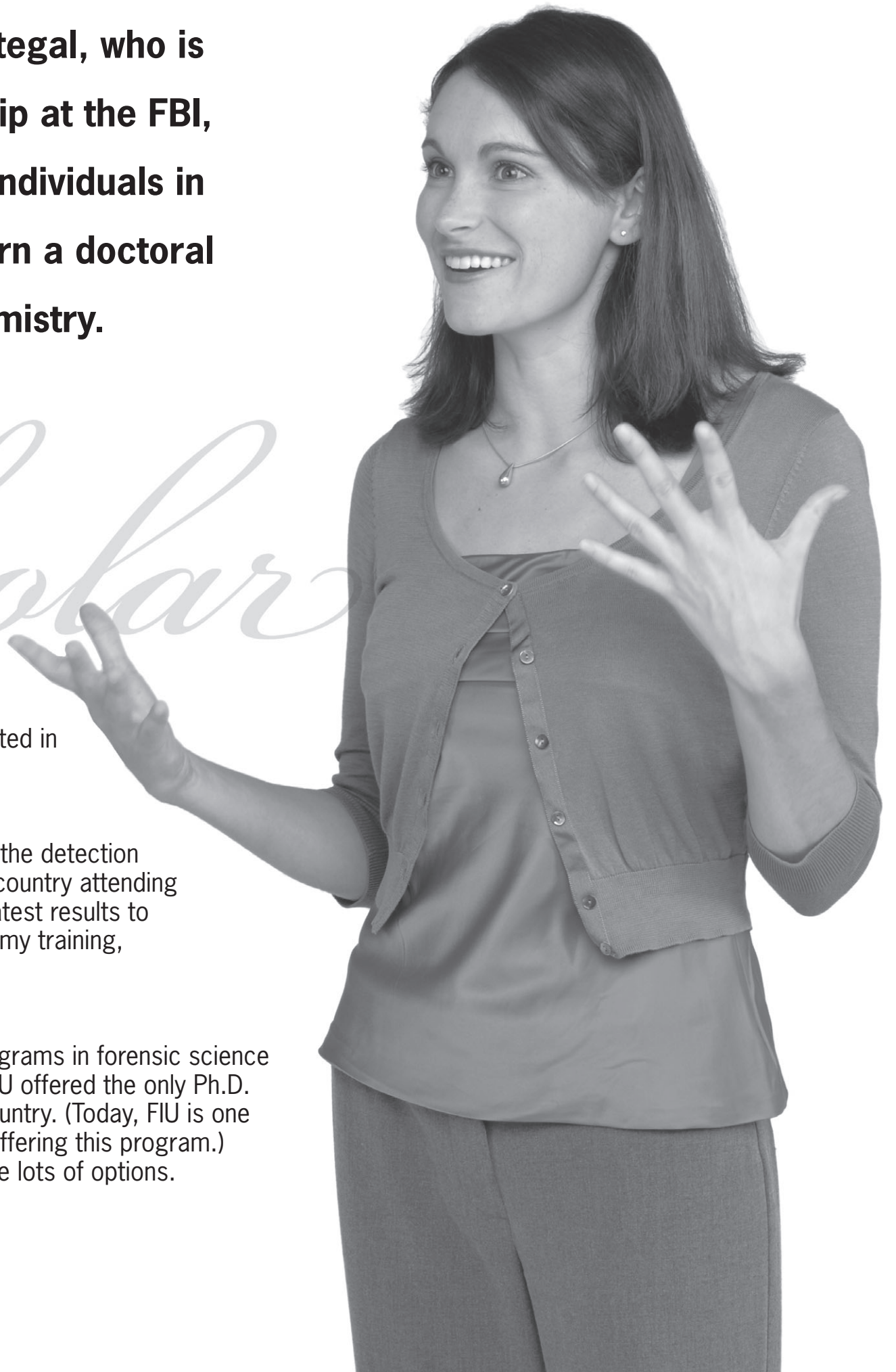


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**FIU student Megan Bottegal, who is conducting an internship at the FBI, will be one of the first individuals in the United States to earn a doctoral degree in forensic chemistry.**



**My passion:**

Forensic science. I first became interested in it watching "Law & Order" on TV.

**My research:**

My dissertation research is focused on the detection of explosives. I've traveled all over the country attending conferences where I've presented my latest results to the scientific community. As a result of my training, I have become a better scientist.

**On why she chose FIU:**

When I began to research graduate programs in forensic science in the United States I discovered that FIU offered the only Ph.D. program in forensic chemistry in the country. (Today, FIU is one of only four universities in the country offering this program.) I knew having this degree would give me lots of options.

**My dream:**

I'd like to work for the FBI one day.

**Megan Bottegal**

FIU Ph.D. Student of Forensic Chemistry

Megan Bottegal began her studies in forensic chemistry in 2004.

*"At FIU I've received top-notch instruction from some of the best minds in the field."*



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