

BlueWave NEWS

June 2019



FSCJ Hosts Instrumentation and Controls Technology Center Grand Opening

FSCJ held a grand opening event on June 11 to introduce the community to our new Instrumentation and Control Technology Center (ICTC), featuring state-of-the-art instrumentation and controls that are currently being utilized in the leading manufacturing systems throughout the world.

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FSCJ Celebrates Adult Education Program Graduates

On June 6, FSCJ celebrated the students who earned their high school diploma at the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony. It was an exciting evening featuring an uplifting message from keynote speaker, Uncle



FSCJ Participates in National Science Foundation Showcase

FSCJ professors and students were recently featured in the National Science Foundation's (NSF) 2019 STEM for All Video Showcase on May 13-20, 2019. Professors Ivetta Abramyan, Christopher Lee and Dr.

Reece, a gospel rapper, musician and FSCJ alum.

[Watch the video spotlight here.](#)

[View Photos](#)

Holly Wiegrefe served as investigators for the presentation titled, "Building Opportunities for STEM Success."

[Learn More](#)

Business Baccalaureate Program Accreditation

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Board of Commissioners approved FSCJ's four business baccalaureate programs for accreditation. In fact, FSCJ was the only state college in Florida to have all of its business baccalaureate programs accredited.

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Culinary Students Host Themed Dining Events

Last month, FSCJ culinary students from the Catering and Buffet Management summer class prepared and presented a selection of themed lunches and dinners, each with a unique twist. Some of the culinary themes included Gatsby Nights, A Day at the Spa and Latin American Gastronomic Adventure. Students were charged with preparing all dishes and adding their creative touch to bring it all to life with decorations. Check out a few photos of the events below.



FSCJ Hosts First-Ever Welding Day

The Florida Job Growth Grant sponsored the College's first-ever Welding Day on Friday, June 7. The event included a panel discussion featuring the current grant recipient, faculty and local employers.

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Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the June 11, 2019, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the 2019-20 Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the specified successor articles of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the College and the United Faculty of Florida - Florida State College at Jacksonville ("Union") as ratified by the faculty on May 29, 2019.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the submission of the College's 2018-19 Annual Equity Update

Report to the Florida Department of Education as required by Florida Statute.

- The District Board of Trustees accepted the audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, for the Florida State College at Jacksonville Foundation, Inc. and the audit checklist, as required by Florida law.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's 2019-20 Operating Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget.

[You can find more information on the Board of Trustees meeting on our website.](#)



FSCJ Employees Can Purchase Discounted Jaguars Tickets

As a member of the FSCJ community, faculty and staff can benefit from special ticket pricing for all 2019 Jaguars home games. Prices range based on the home opponent. For pricing information, visit jags.net/fscj.

ENC1102 Class Explores Broadway Hits

Dr. Samantha Ertenberg's ENC1102 Writing About Texts class took an interesting turn during the Spring Term when the class began their studies centered around "School of Rock: The Musical," presented by FSCJ Artist Series.



The class will continue in the Fall Term with the focus on "Wicked," in collaboration with the FSCJ Foundation who will supplement the cost of student tickets.

[Watch the Video](#)



Get to Know Your Fellow A&P Colleagues - Deana Waite

June's Administrative and Professional Collaborative (APC) Spotlight shines on Interim Director of Institutional Research Deana Waite.

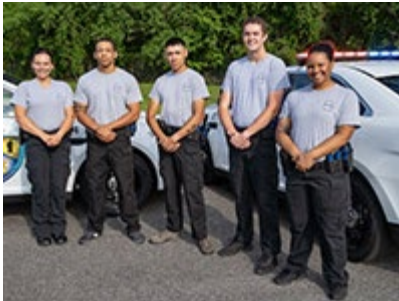
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FSCJ Students Named to Florida College System Academic Team

The following FSCJ Student Government Association representatives were named to the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) All-Academic Team in recognition of their academic achievements:



- Marjan Ahmadzada
- Samantha Bertematti
- Brianna Dearmon
- Jesse Dimuna
- Nadia Esha
- April Keller
- Nashaly Nazario
- Darinka Ochoa Rincon
- Alejandro Pavon
- Anida Pollo
- Austin Reed Fritsche
- Ronald Saunders
- Keiona Wallace



FSCJ Criminal Justice Center Enhancements

As a result of the number of FSCJ Criminal Justice Center graduates who have passed the state officer certification exam, the program was awarded nearly \$125,000 through the Florida Career and Professional Education Act (CAPE). The funds have supported necessary enhancements.

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FSCJ BlueWave Athletics Signs Cross Country Athletes

BlueWave Athletics welcomes the following student athletes who recently signed with FSCJ Cross Country team. We look forward to watching our local talent compete!

John Bear – Orange Park High School
Kiersten Bohm – Bartram Trail High School
Steven Gregory – Atlantic Coast High School
Joseph Hale – Bishop Kenny High School
Ally Newkirk – Bishop Snyder High School
Kellee Valaro – Duval Charter School at Baymeadows
Gage West – Fleming Island High School



Faculty/Staff Accomplishments

The Department of Education and Human Services was recently recognized for their data collection and analysis efforts by the Florida Department of Education. Dr. Shannon Groff, Early Childhood Education faculty, was asked to present on best practices at the Florida Department of Education's Community of Practice webinar in May. The webinar included participants from other state colleges and universities.



We would like to recognize and congratulate the following people who recently received a degree and completed the [Earned Degree Recognition steps](#):

Ellin Iselin

Doctor of Arts, Harrison Middleton University

Ansa Reams-Johnson

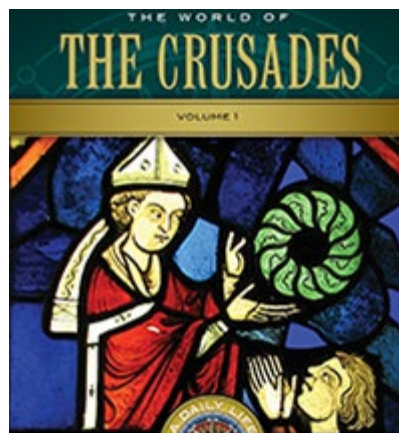
Doctor of Education, University of Florida

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Master of Science in Management, University of North Florida

Dr. Andrew Holt's two-volume encyclopedia, "The World of the Crusades," was recently published by Greenwood Press. The work includes 270 essays written by Dr. Holt as well as over 40 translations of primary source selections. [Learn more](#).

Click [here](#) to read his blog post from the publisher's website.



Comings and Goings

Who's New

This list includes those individuals who are filling the newly appointed A&P positions and full-time Career Employee positions.

Faculty Full-Time

- Wendy Arp – Professor of Adult Basic Education
- Lolanda Francis-Blackshear – Professor of Nursing

- Steven McCauley – Professor of Automotive Technology

A&P Full-Time

- Alisha Deleston – Budget Analyst
- Ronald French – Engineer IV-Network
- Ayshea Golden – Instructional Program Manager
- Schevell Golden – Interim Program Manager for Instruction
- Erica Goodenough – E-Learning Instructional Designer
- Tara Haley – Dean of Education and Human Services
- Jill Johnson – Chief Communications Officer
- Tracy Lakes – Functional Analyst-HRIS
- Shirley Learn – Interim Instructional Program Manager
- Edric Poitier – Coach
- Wendy Ruddock-Williams – Interim Department Chair
- Marisa Smith – Budget Analyst
- Eddy Stringer – Dean of Arts and Sciences
- Jacquelyn Thompson – AVP Enrollment Management
- Renita Thompson – Data Program Manager
- Pramod Thontadarya – Engineer V-Software
- Gregory Wurth – Director of Workforce and Community Development

Career Full-Time

- Shannon Adams – Call Center Representative II
- Leroy Amos – Plant Service Worker
- Katie Balzer – Interim Library Assistant I
- Cheyenne Baumgartner – Student Records Analyst I
- Francisco Borrillo Perez – Academic Department Coordinator
- Samuel Carrol – Security Officer I
- Patricia Clarkson – Call Center Representative II
- Thomas Clifton – Project Coordinator
- Jocelyn Covington – Call Center Representative I
- Marilyn Craig – Financial Aid Advisor II
- Candice Crews – Senior Plant Service Worker
- Edward Cruz – Call Center Representative II
- Jaylin Daniels – Student Success Advisor I
- Raina Durrence – Interim Senior Research Analyst
- Ronald Dykeman – Senior Supervisor of Campus Plant
- Milly Eminger – Call Center Representative I
- Maria Garcia – Call Center Representative I
- Brittney Garner – Enrollment Coach
- Johnathan Geake – Call Center Representative I
- Kristen Givens – Call Center Representative II
- DeAnn Greenawalt – Student Success Advisor II
- Beverly Greene – Call Center Representative II
- Samyra Harrington – Student Records Analyst I
- Megan Holt – Project Coordinator
- Megan James – Call Center Representative I
- Trenton Jones – Call Center Representative II
- Brittany Knowles – Student Engagement Advisor II
- Claudio Lopez – Call Center Representative II
- Rhonda Manning – Lead Business Office Specialist
- Daniela Marra – Student Records Specialist
- Courtney Mccown – Academic Department Coordinator
- Wendall McGahee – Student Records Specialist

- Dawn McGinley – Assistant Call Center Manager
- Vickie Meeks – Project Coordinator
- Maria Merlano Dams – Student Records Analyst I
- Stacy Middleton – Call Center Representative II
- Laila Milatyar – Military Program Specialist
- Miranda Minton – Administrative Assistant II
- Osa Mumphrey – Call Center Representative I
- Brandon Nance – Plant Service Worker
- Kye Norris – Library Assistant I
- Shantelle Ortiz – Administrative Assistant II
- Christina Perrin – Administrative Assistant II
- Hilary Perry – Student Records Coordinator
- Catherine Peter – Plant Service Worker
- Gianna Piazza – Call Center Representative I
- Michael Reid – Call Center Representative II
- Alberto Rodriguez – Student Records Specialist
- James Rohman – Administrative Specialist-Student Success
- Alexa Seal – Call Center Representative II
- Andrea Selkirk – Academic Tutor
- Gina Settle – Call Center Representative I
- Stephanie Shaffer – Administrative Specialist-Student Success
- Jaden Skaggs – Student Records Specialist
- George Solomon – Campus Security Officer in Charge
- Peter Sukalo – Financial Aid Advisor I
- Bernard Tamares – Assistant Call Center Manager
- Leofric Thomas – Research Analyst
- Barbara Titus – Security Officer I

Who's Retiring

The following employees have recently retired, or will soon be retiring, from FSCJ:

- Dennis Ardley
- Rosemary Harper
- Jacquelin Smith

In the News

FSCJ's faculty, staff, students, programs and leadership are often highlighted by local and regional media outlets - online, on air and in print. Read all of the recent articles regarding important activities happening within the College by clicking [here](#).

FSCJ Artist Series Announces HAMILTON, ANASTASIA, and More

Published on [broadwayworld.com](#). [Learn more](#).

Business leaders discuss challenges of changing technology

Published on [jaxdailyrecord.com](#). [Learn more](#).

'Hamilton,' 'Wicked' and more coming to Jacksonville

Published on [firstcoastnews.com](#). [Learn more](#).

'Hamilton' tickets now on sale for Jacksonville series

Published on [jacksonville.com](#). [Learn more](#).

Broadway plays 'Wicked,' 'Rent' coming to Jacksonville

Published on news4jax.com. [Learn more.](#)

Here's what you can look forward to next season with Broadway in Jacksonville

Published on firstcoastnews.com. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Events



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Did You Know?

Did you know we have a new performance management, goal setting, tracking and professional development planning tool called myIMPACT?

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FSCJ In Action

FSCJ staff from Advising and the Military and Veterans Service Center attended the Association of Florida Colleges' (AFC) Student Development Conference. The attendees spent the day learning how to better serve our students and developing their teamwork.



Many of our students will be busy this summer through their participation in Service Learning Days through the Center for Civic Engagement. Service learning opportunities for the summer include Summer BreakSpot, BEAM, Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of Northeast Florida and Groundwork Jacksonville.

BlueWave News Quiz

Test your knowledge. To ensure all faculty and staff have an opportunity to submit answers, the quiz winners will be selected at random from all entries that have answered all questions correctly. You have until 6 p.m. on the day the newsletter is distributed to email your answers to bluwavenews@fscj.edu. The three winners will receive a BlueWave promo pack! **Please note:** Previous quiz promo prize pack winners, while eligible to submit answers, are not eligible for additional prizes for six months.

1) What Broadway hit will Dr. Ertenberg's Fall Term ENC1102 class focus on?

- a. Hamilton
 - b. Cats
 - c. School of Rock
 - d. Wicked
- 2) When is the 2019 Convocation event scheduled?
- a. August 11
 - b. August 15
 - c. August 22
 - d. August 26
- 3) How much monetary support did the Criminal Justice Center secure recently from the state?
- a. \$125,000
 - b. \$25,000
 - c. \$100,000
 - d. \$225,000
- 4) What does ICTC stand for?
- a. Instrumentation and Control Teaching Center
 - b. Instrumentation and Control Technology Center
 - c. Instrumentation and Career Technology Center
 - d. Instrumentation-Centered Teaching Controls
- 5) When was the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony?
- a. June 6
 - b. June 11
 - c. May 9
 - d. June 1

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