

BlueWave NEWS

October 2019

NAVIGATING
**STUDENT
LOAN DEBT**
A collective approach to tackling the crisis.

October 15, 2019 | 6:30-8 p.m.
FSCJ Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts
Light refreshments will be provided.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
BRENTON PECK
Consultant, Financial Health Network

FSCJ BUSINESS SPEAKER SERIES
PRESENTED BY
First Priority

Reserve Your Seat for the Next Business Speaker Series Event

Seats are still available for the upcoming Business Speaker Series event which will be at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. Our keynote speaker, Brenton Peck, will be discussing the student loan debt crisis and ways to overcome it.

All are welcome, including students who are planning for college, guardians, graduates and educators.

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Fall Data Summit Recap

On Friday, September 20, more than 100 faculty and staff gathered at South Campus to discuss retention at the Fall 2019 Data Summit. Participants were led through presentations, discussions



Student Model Casting Call

We pride ourselves on our highly diverse student population and we can think of no better way to represent FSCJ than by showcasing our real students. We are hosting open casting

and activities through both a student services and academic lens, and focused on each person's individual role in retention. To review institutional-level data, click on the button for the FSCJ Data Library SharePoint.

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sessions across the College for students who are interested in the possibility of being featured in a variety of print and digital media.

No previous modeling experience is necessary.

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Save the Date for the Equity Town Hall Meeting

Connect with colleagues at the Achieve@FSCJ Equity Town Hall on Friday, November 15, 2019. As we continue our work surrounding equity at FSCJ, this town hall is intended to help stakeholders begin and continue to identify and implement equity-minded policies, practices and behaviors to promote achievement.

Friday, November 15, 2019
10 a.m.-noon
Advanced Technology Center, T-140/141

All FSCJ employees are invited to join us to network and engage in discussions on how to best serve our students. Employees who work directly with students may find this meeting especially beneficial.

The link to register will be coming soon. Your attendance counts for professional development toward the One Percent Salary Incentive.



VERC to Host Vision Awareness Day

All are invited to stop by the Downtown Campus Lobby on Thursday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Vision Awareness Day activities. FSCJ's Vision Education and Rehabilitation Center (VERC) will host this opportunity to explore the world of visual disability through different engagement activities.

[Learn More](#)

Register Now for TEDxFSCJ's Access to Care Event

Join TEDxFSCJ on November 7 at 6 p.m. at the Deerwood Center where an expert group of panelists will discuss the health care access challenges our community faces, the work being done to address the inequities and the local resources available to those in most need.



Panelists include:

Terrie Andrews, Ph.D., Behavioral Health System Administrator, Baptist Health

Carol Jenkins Neil, Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, FSCJ and President, First Coast Black Nurses Association
Melanie Patz, Vice President of Community Investment and Impact, Baptist Health
Mobeen Rathore, M.D., Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville
Shannon Shea, M.D., M.P.H., Pediatrician, Agape Community Health Center

Hosting the panel will be FSCJ Associate Dean of Nursing Joan Boyd and FSCJ Bachelor of Science in Nursing Student Larissa Mayer.

Register Now



I-TECH Holds STEAM Room Grand Opening Events

FSCJ's I-TECH grant recently opened two new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) rooms, which are used as a makerspace for creators and creations. North Campus and Deerwood Center celebrated their grand openings with speakers and presentations from faculty, staff and student assistants. More than 40 attendees at each location were able to watch demonstrations and have hands-on experience with the equipment. STEAM rooms are also located at Downtown and South campuses.

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FSCJ Student Loan Default Rates Among Lowest in Florida

The Florida Department of Education recently released the 2016 Cohort Default Rate which shows that, statewide, there was a significant reduction in student default rates. FSCJ's rate is listed at 2.8%, which is significantly lower than 13.5% from the previous year. This puts our 2016 cohort at the 14th lowest out of the 64 reporting public and private, two- and four-year colleges. [View the full report.](#)

BlueWave Athletics to Host NJCAA Volleyball Tournament

FSCJ was selected to host the NJCAA Region/FCSAA State Volleyball Tournament. Scheduled for October 31-November 3, the tournament weekend will kick off with a banquet for the eight teams that qualified for the tournament. Tournament passes will be \$25 for all games through the duration of the tournament and daily admission will be \$10.



You can follow the BlueWave Women's Volleyball Team to see if they qualify for the tournament, check out their schedule and cheer for them on the road to the state tournament at gobluewave.com.

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FSCJ to Host FSU and UCF Softball Games

FSCJ will be hosting scrimmages with the FSU Softball Team. This year, the FSU Softball team will play two inter-squad scrimmages as well as a scrimmage with the UCF Softball team. The weekend will conclude with an FSU vs. FSCJ scrimmage. There will also be a chance to get autographs with the FSU and UCF softball teams.

Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. FSCJ students can get in free with their student ID. Faculty and staff admission is \$5 with FSCJ ID.

Saturday, November 9
12:30 p.m., Garnet & Gold inter-squad scrimmage
3 p.m., FSU vs. UCF scrimmage

Sunday, November 10
11:45 a.m., Garnet & Gold inter-squad scrimmage
2 p.m., FSU vs. FSCJ scrimmage

View Calendar

October Recruitment Update

For the Office of Recruitment and Admissions, fall is the busiest time of the year, from our annual Principal and Counselor Breakfast to the NACAC National College Fair. Work has also commenced on our online orientation program and the next iteration of the Online Application for Admission (OAA).

[Check out the latest update to learn about all that's going on.](#)

Claude Nolan Cadillac Supports Student Scholarships

Representatives from Claude Nolan Cadillac recently presented a check to FSCJ Foundation in support of scholarships for students in our automotive program.

Mr. Charles Bentley said, "Claude Nolan Cadillac has been serving the automotive needs of the Jacksonville community since 1905. We have taken pride in hiring qualified technicians and offering continuous education to maintain these qualifications. We have been involved in the FSCJ automotive program for a number of years and



many of our current employees received training at the FSCJ facility. The importance of this scholarship to Claude Nolan Cadillac is to assist FSCJ in continuing to graduate qualified technicians for the future automotive needs of our community.”



Don't Miss Benefits Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment begins October 21 and continues through November 1. Stop by one of the enrollment sessions between October 21 and October 25 to learn about all available options. Benefit representatives will be on hand to provide details and answer your questions. Free flu shots will also be available at select locations.

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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Ansa Reams-Johnson was selected to be a presenter at the 12th Annual Mentoring Conference, held by the University of New Mexico's Mentoring Institute on October 24, 2019. She will give her presentation, "A discussion on cross racial mentorship and a path to inclusion," which discusses normally accepted personal and institutional mentorship practices and how a redesign of those practices could promote the inclusion of people of color in higher education. Her peer-reviewed paper will be published in the accompanying conference papers. [Learn more about the conference.](#)

FSCJ's Marketing and Communications team was recognized by the Association of Florida College (AFC) Communications and Marketing Commission's Annual Awards of Excellence competition in the following categories:

First Place

BlueWave Newsletter

Second Place

FSCJ Foundation Annual Report
FSCJ Athletics Media Guide
It's Your Turn :15 Video Spots
Cecil Commerce Center Brochure Redesign
Business Speaker Series Flier

Third Place

Florida Trend, Florida Education Guide Print Ad
Business Solutions/CWE Flier
Video/Digital Promotion

Comings and Goings

Who's Retiring

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

- William Baker
- Rosa Frazier
- Choe Kow

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](#).

Maiya Elaine, A Young Jacksonville Artist with an Old Soul, Embarks on Her First Solo Exhibition
Published on eujacksonville.com. [Learn more](#).

Ranking of the Best Online Bachelor's in Supply Chain Management for 2019-2020
Published on media.newswire.ca/journalnewstoday. [Learn more](#).

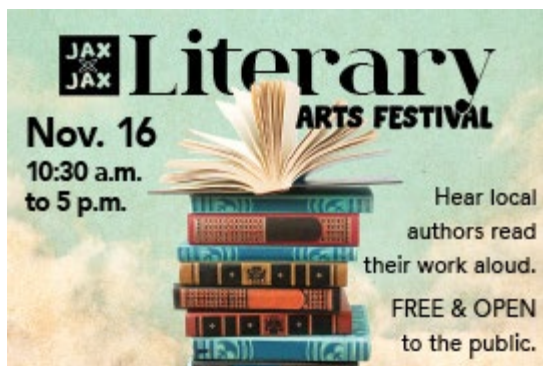
FSCJ Artist Series Will Present MUTTS GONE NUTS
Published on broadwayworld.com. [Learn more](#).

FSCJ Artist Series Presents AN EVENING WITH C.S. LEWIS May 1-3
Published on broadwayworld.com. [Learn more](#).

FSCJ Artist Series Presents REZA, EDGE OF ILLUSION April 3, 2020
Published on broadwayworld.com. [Learn more](#).

Upcoming Events





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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 entries with all questions answered correctly. You have until 6 p.m. on the day the newsletter is distributed to email your answers to bluewavenews@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) When does benefits open enrollment begin?
 - a. October 15
 - b. October 21
 - c. October 25
 - d. November 1

- 2) How much is daily admission to the NJCAA Region/FCSAA State Volleyball Tournament?
 - a. \$5
 - b. Free with FSCJ ID
 - c. \$10
 - d. \$25

- 3) Where can employees find institutional-level data?
 - a. Canvas
 - b. myFSCJ
 - c. FSCJ.edu
 - d. FSCJ Data Library SharePoint

- 4) What does VERC stand for?
 - a. Vision Experiences and Restoration Center
 - b. Vision Education and Rehabilitation Center
 - c. Very Exciting Reunion Center

d. Visionary Educational and Resources Center

5) What is the topic of the upcoming TEDxFSCJ event?

- a. Health care access
- b. Wonder
- c. Student loan debt
- d. Student retention

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