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CONVOCATION 2017

<u>Convocation 2017: Achieve @ FSCJ</u>

FSCJ's 2017 Convocation was held August 24 at the South Campus Gymnasium to kick off the new academic year while embracing this year's theme, Achieve @ FSCJ.

Professor Joe LaBarbera did an excellent job as the event emcee, Dr. Cynthia Bioteau shared highlights of the past year, moving student stories, demonstrated each person's role in the overall masterpiece that is FSCJ and the inspiration behind the Achieve @ FSCJ theme. Security Officer Albert Murr demonstrated his musical talents and the art of looping. Associate Director of Student Success Elize Horowitz led an enlightening student panel where we gained the ability to hear first-hand stories of student success and areas of opportunity to elevate the experience for the students we serve. Dr. Rebecca Reeder brought statistics to life with her comedic, and even athletic, illustration of our student make up. Dr. Bioteau closed the event by thanking the Convocation

committee for their efforts in planning another successful event and expressed sincere appreciation for all faculty and staff for their dedication to our College, support for our students' success and adoption of FSCJ's values.

Employees also participated in our food drive for the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry by donating nonperishable food items. In one day, employees helped restock the pantry with more than 600 pounds of food, which equates to 500-plus meals for students in need.

You can continue to make donations at any time at all campus student life lounges. High need items include: tuna, canned pasta meals, grab-and-go snacks such as granola bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal, Ramen noodles, jelly in plastic containers, pasta, pasta sauce in plastic containers, coffee/tea packets, dry beans, and macaroni and cheese meal kits. Learn more about FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry <a href="https://example.com/here-beauty-tea-here-

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Celebrate Diversity Awareness Month

FSCJ Student Engagement is hosting a variety of events across the College to celebrate diversity among our students, faculty and staff.

Click <u>here</u> to view the full list of events continuing throughout the month of September.



<u>Advanced Manufacturing: Northeast Florida America's</u> <u>Promise Grant</u>

FSCJ received the Advanced Manufacturing: Northeast Florida America's Promise Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to strengthen and expand job training partnerships for the



community. The only college in Florida to receive this grant, FSCJ is using the \$1,804,656 award to support advanced manufacturing training opportunities.

Currently serving 31 students, the program provides fast track, high-tech training to individuals who are looking to begin a new career or advance their skills in manufacturing, construction or welding. Participating students receive hands-on training from certified industry experts using the latest equipment and, in as little as six months, they are ready to start an internship, enter the workforce or continue working toward an A.S. in Engineering Technology or A.S. in Industrial Management Technology.

Below are some students' responses when they were asked how the no-cost program will impact their lives:

"This will give me the skills needed to obtain a career to support my family."

"It will allow me to have a better standard of living without having any debt coming out of school."

"It will allow me to take control of my economic future and to become an independent person."

"As the first of my peers to go out to make a positive change, it will show my daughters that it is possible to be anything you want to be."

The program is supported by many community and corporate partners including Anheuser-Busch, CareerSource Northeast Florida, Flightstar Aviation, GE Oil & Gas, JAX Chamber, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., Pal-King, Inc., Special Tool Solutions, Inc., The Safariland Group and Veritas Steel.

Learn more about the program: <u>fscj.edu/neamericaspromise</u>.

<u>FSCJ's Sign Language Interpretation Program and MOSH Present "Sharing Our Signs"</u>



In partnership with the Museum of Science and History's (MOSH) quarterly On the Pulse series, FSCJ's Sign Language Interpretation program is hosting "Sharing Our Signs," a panel discussion aimed at bringing attention to the daily experiences of Jacksonville's Deaf community.

In honor of Deaf Awareness Week, join members of FSCJ's faculty and staff to discuss deafness, the Deaf population's access to health care and other relevant topics the community

faces on Friday, September 29, from 7-9 p.m. at the Museum of Science and History, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Click here to learn more and add the event to your calendar.

Faculty and Staff Are Invited to Open Forum Events with Dr. Cynthia Bioteau



You are cordially invited to an open conversation with Dr. Cynthia Bioteau. This is an opportunity to ask any questions that you might have about the College and current initiatives at FSCJ.

The following Fall Term Open Forum events have been scheduled. Additional dates and locations for Spring Term events will be

announced soon.

September 28

1-2 p.m.

South Campus, Lakeside Room, M-1140

October 11

1-2 p.m.

Deerwood Center, Room B-1204

November 13

1-2 p.m.

Downtown Campus, Room A-1068

Board Highlights

FSCJ Announces Officers and Welcomes New Board Member for 2017-18 District Board of Trustees

The FSCJ District Board of Trustees elected new officers and welcomed a new Board member at the August 2017 Board meeting for the 2017-18 year.

"This is truly an exciting time for us as we prepare for the new academic year and are fortunate to welcome a new Board member, as well as identify the new chair and vice chairs for the coming year," said FSCJ President Dr. Cynthia Bioteau. "I continue to be humbled by the distinguished service provided by our esteemed Board members and honor the passion they bring to us in sharing their knowledge and guidance to enable us to provide the highest-quality education to all of our students."

Karen Bowling, was elected to serve as Board chair. Ms. Bowling was appointed to the Board in August 2011 and was elected as a committee member for the Board's Finance & Audit Committee in August 2016. Ms. Bowling also previously served on the Board of the Florida State College at Jacksonville Foundation.

Thomas McGehee Jr. was elected as vice chair for Duval County. Mr. McGehee was originally appointed to the District Board of Trustees in 1999 and has held several positions during his time on the Board, including Board chair, Board liaison to the Foundation Board and member of the Board Finance and Audit committee.

Candace Holloway was elected as vice chair for Nassau County, a position she has held previously. Ms. Holloway was appointed to the District Board of Trustees in August 2011. Ms. Holloway actively serves on coalitions and committees representing the American Lung Association working with colleagues and volunteers at the state, regional and national levels.

Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees also welcomes Mike Bell as its newest Board member representing Nassau County, appointed by Governor Scott for a term beginning August 15, 2017 and ending May 31, 2021. Over the last 15 years, Mr. Bell has been heavily involved in workforce and economic

development in Northeast Florida. Mr. Bell is currently the vice president of public affairs at Rayonier, Inc. Mr. Bell received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Maryland. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

"I know how vital affordable education and workforce training is to creating opportunity, competing for economic development and to our collective future prosperity," said Mike Bell. "I want to serve in the capacity to support Dr. Bioteau and her team in the work they're doing to create these opportunities and to build a better educational institution and stronger communities surrounding their campuses."

Also serving on the Board and representing Duval County are Randle DeFoor, J.D., Latasha Fullwood, J.D., Thomas Majdanics and Hunt Hawkins. Representing Nassau County along with Holloway and Bell is Jimmie Mayo.

You can find more information on the Board of Trustees meeting on our website.

Foundation

<u>Enjoy Discounted Tickets to Sporting Events Through the FSCJ Foundation</u>



Get the best deal in town on Jaguars tickets thanks to the FSCJ Foundation's involvement in the Jaguars Give and Go program. Receive special ticket pricing for Jaguars home games. The Foundation receives \$10 for every Jaguars ticket purchased through its Give and Go 100 site.

For more details, visit FSCJ Foundation Give and Go 100.

Be a part of Jacksonville Icemen history. The Icemen will hit the ice for the very first time at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena against the Orlando Solar Bears on October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Discounted tickets are available by visiting Jacksonville Icemen and using the promotional code **FSCJ**.



Program Spotlight

FSCJ Receives Economic Mobility Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation

FSCJ was awarded a \$10,000 Economic Mobility Grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to prepare students for meaningful employment and support the College's capacity to deliver practical cybersecurity education.

The majority of the funds will be used to build a more robust paid internship experience for 20 students in the Associate in Science in IT Security program during the 2017-18 academic year which will enhance the College's overall workforce development initiatives, while also addressing the community's shortage of highly skilled cybersecurity professionals.

In partnership with the Northeast Florida Regional STEM²Hub, Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History (MOSH) and Brunet-García Advertising Agency, the remaining funds will support the development and implementation of an interactive, educational exhibit with the purpose of raising awareness of cybersecurity issues and informing youth about the field.

As cyberattacks have become more frequent, sophisticated and financially damaging, the demand for experienced and proficient cybersecurity professionals has grown significantly. According to economic modeling data from Emsi for Duval and Nassau counties, Florida universities and state colleges are not producing enough graduates to fulfill the need. In fact, for every new IT security student graduating within the region, there are nine open positions waiting to be filled in northeast Florida.

"We are grateful to the Bank of America Charitable Foundation for partnering with us in our efforts to support our students and the entire community through workforce development initiatives," said Dean of Career Education Dr. Mamdouh Babi. "Their generosity directly impacts our students' learning and employment opportunities and, at a time when cyber activity is both an economic engine and a national security concern, aids in closing the talent gap."

Through the grant, Bank of America continues their focus on the economic mobility of individuals and families by investing in workforce development and education to address basic and prevalent needs.

For additional information on FSCJ's information technology program, click <u>here</u>.

<u>Associate in Science in Business Administration Program</u> <u>Receives National Ranking</u>

Congratulations to our Associate in Science in Business Administration program which was ranked in the 20 Best Online Associate of Business Administration Degree Programs by <u>The Best Schools</u>. Our A.S. in Business Administration is available online, in an accelerated format that can be finished in 18 to 24 months, and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

The Best Schools made their selections based on the quality of the programs, the types of courses offered, and the faculty, rankings, awards and reputation, including the school's reputation for effectively providing quality online degree programs.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Reynolds and Team Get Front Row Seats to Solar Eclipse



A team of FSCJ faculty, students and alumni led by FSCJ Professor of Astronomy Mike Reynolds traveled to study the solar eclipse. Dr. Reynolds also gave a pre-eclipse talk at Missouri Western State University. He spoke on topics like photographing the eclipse, how to protect your pets and even shared solar eclipse myths.

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Next month: Find out which of your colleagues was held up for a dozen

Staff Spotlight

Get to Know Your Fellow A&P Colleagues - Jametoria Burton



The Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) is the representative voice for the Administrative & Professional employees of FSCJ. In an effort to build cohesiveness, awareness and collegiality, each month we put a "spotlight" on one of our members.

September's Administrative and Professional Collaborative (APC) Spotlight shines on Jametoria Burton. As Associate Director of Program Development in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Jametoria Burton provides Collegewide leadership by supporting academic engagement, curriculum services, academic foundations and service learning through the Center for Civic Engagement. In addition, she also serves as the Chair of the Administrative and Professional Collaborative for the 2017-18

academic year.

Jametoria holds a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in secondary education from Spelman College and a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island. She is a currently on target to complete her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida in 2017. Jametoria worked for community organizations spanning 10 years before transitioning into academia. She has spent 16 years in higher education having served FSCJ since 2006 in several roles including Librarian/Faculty and department head of the former Deerwood Library between 2006-11); Chair, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning from 2011-13; Coordinator, General Education Assessment from 2013-15); and Coordinator, Transfer and Articulation from 2015-17). Her research interests include higher education leadership, information leadership, student equity and inclusive excellence. She is a consummate lifelong learner.

Jametoria was proud to celebrate her 11 years at FSCJ having served the College on numerous committees, initiatives and programs in Academic Affairs, while keeping pace with connections to Student Affairs. Her motto centers on the importance and critical need of educating the whole student, while fulfilling the mission of the community college of providing open access and academic support.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, extended family and close friends. She loves watching classic television, game shows and talent programs. She relishes the opportunity to listen to and perform great vocal music and travels for leisure when time allows.

Our spotlight shines on each campus/center at least once a year. Nominations for the spotlight may be directed to your campus representative or any officer. Learn more about APC on their website, <u>blogs.fscj.edu/apcollaborative</u>.

FSCJ Employee, Morton Perry, Pens "I Am the Blue Wave"

I Am the Blue Wave By Morton Perry

The Blue Wave is one of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring of natural occurrences. The ocean has always been a major defining characteristic of the state of Florida. The rivers and lakes within our great Sunshine State are the veins which pump the heart of how we work, play, live and learn. Florida State College at Jacksonville has evolved over the 50 years since its founding in 1965 and it continues to grow and expand at an ever increasing rate. I love the Blue Wave because it reflects some of the same attributes that I often see in myself, as well as the in the College. Much like the Blue Wave, I am relentless; a true go-getter who will stop at nothing to reach my potential academically. I am the Blue Wave.

Consider the Blue Wave team logo for a moment. The blue wave is royal blue; crowned with golden sunlight. Rising above the rest, the Blue Wave flexes its muscles. The relaxing sounds of crashing currents harmonize with whistling winds. The white edges along the outer rim of the Blue Wave represent the suds that are churned from the crashing current; spraying a mist sparkling diamonds round about. The Blue Wave's yellow trim resembles reflected sunlight which suggests that we have some of the best and brightest who matriculate through the College.

The Blue Wave will sweep away the odds that stack up against it and conquer the most insurmountable of obstacles. That's my nature as well. I will find a way to push beyond and rise above all of my barriers to student success and career enrichment. As a result of the knowledge gained from FSCJ, I realize that I can help to shape the lives of the people who I rub shoulders with every day. I am a highly effective citizen who realizes that as I better myself, I in turn, make the lives of those around me better. Therefore, I realize that my voice among the academic community carries weight. I am inspired to make meaningful contributions as a valued stakeholder. As I know that education and ethics go hand in hand, I am committed to be an effective agent for positive change.

The Blue Wave boils down to one substance: **H-2-0**. **H-2-0** is the formula to our success which identifies us as a triple threat. The solidarity of our defense combined with the fluidity of our offense will stand to vaporize any doubt that we have the heart of a champion! Our Blue Wave student athletes are destined to break barriers, shatter records, and level the playing field between all opponents. It's only natural! The Blue Wave will sweep away the odds that stack up against it and conquer the most insurmountable of obstacles. We draw from an inner strength that compels us to rise. Winds of change may blow but we adapt, adjust and go with the flow. We are a progressive people. We feel the need to succeed! Our experiences have made us to grow stronger and reach daunting heights. Woe is unto the opposition who make the fatal assumption that our waters are too shallow. The depth of our talent is enough to drown our competition. Our message is crystal clear: The Blue Wave is **H**ard **2 O**vertake. Moving as one body with one mission; the ripple effect of our collective impact has spawned across the nation; from sea to shining sea. As the Blue Wave continues to go the distance, our course is charted toward boundless possibilities.

Alumni Spotlight

#lamFSCJ: Michael Trujillo



Check out or latest <u>#lamFSCJ</u> video about Michael, a dangerous goods agent at FedEx who took advantage of our distance learning courses after being out of school for 25 years.

FSCJ In Action

This is your chance to share a glimpse into life at FSCJ! We invite our faculty and staff to send active and fun photos of your experiences at the College and in the community. This could include anything from working with students on unique classroom and lab activities, everyday interactions with colleagues and your engagement

efforts throughout the community. Be sure to keep an eye on this section to see if your photo is featured! You can send your submissions to <u>bluewavenews@fscj.edu</u>.



FSCJ's Student Nursing Association was featured for serving as August's Heart Cart sponsors for the Healing Arts Project. They donated snacks, toiletries and other comfort items free of charge to the patients and families in the Wolfson Children's Hospital Cardiac ICU.

The 1st Annual Can Castle competition was held at South Campus to collect donations for the H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. Thanks to the Cardiovascular Technology A.S. program for sharing this photo of their winning display at the competition.



Faculty and Staff Achievements

FSCJ faculty and staff are leaders, not only within the College, but outside the College as well. We are proud to recognize and honor their achievements and successes.



Professor Jerry Santiago was recently named the winner of the Peggy Wenk Histology Program Scholarship from the National Society for Histotechnology. Sponsored by Sakura Finetek USA, the award comes with a \$5,000 scholarship to be used for materials, meetings and speakers to support the histotechnology program.

The following list includes FSCJ employees who have left, or are preparing to leave, their positions with the College. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Employee	Title
Gregory Anderson	Warehouse Clerk I
Malcolm Andrews	Security Officer I
Laura Bearl	Multimedia Author
Leah Bennett	Assistant Coach
Barbara Burroughs	RPT Career DSS
Jessica Collins	Academic Tutor
Elizabeth Cooper	RPT Career DSS
Tyler Dimario	Academic Tutor
Brittney Garner	Assessment Coordinator
Jennifer Griner	Student Success Advisor I

Frances Hamley Academic Tutor

Glenn Lynch Professor

William Maslan Cert-Assess Ctr Mgr Paul McNamara Exec Dir Cecil Center

Stefania Pinion Admin Svcs Support Specialist

Rickie Pritchard Painter

Gina Reynolds Sr Supp Specialist John Scudder Security Officer II

Kandice Stevens Student Success Advisor I

Selena Stokes Sr Supp Specialist
Terry West Sr Research Analyst

In the News

<u>FSCJ's faculty, staff, students, programs and leadership are often highlighted by local and regional media outlets</u> <u>- online, on air and in print. Read all of the recent articles regarding important activities happening with the Colle ge.</u>

FSCJ Artist Series Presents CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

Published on broadwayworld.com on September 21, 2017. Learn more »

Mechatronics/Automation Education On the Move in Florida and Around the Country

Published on flate-mif.blogspot.com on September 5, 2017. Learn more »

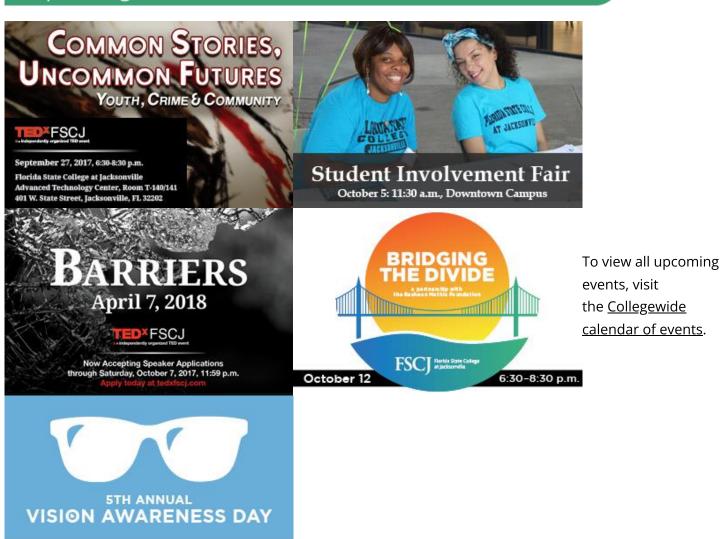
FSCJ Graduate with Autism Enrolls in UF College of Veterinary Medicine

Published on jacksonville.com on September 9, 2017. Learn more »

First Coast Connect: FSCJ Business Speaker Series

Published on wict.org on August 22, 2017. Learn more »

Upcoming Events



OCTOBER 19 · 10 a.m.-noon

Did You Know?

Did you know you can purchase season tickets to the FSCJ Artist Series and lock in single ticket prices? This year's lineup includes Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," Disney's "The Lion King," "Beautiful-The Carole King Musical" and "Chicago." Visit <u>fscjartistseries.org</u> to purchase tickets and to learn more.

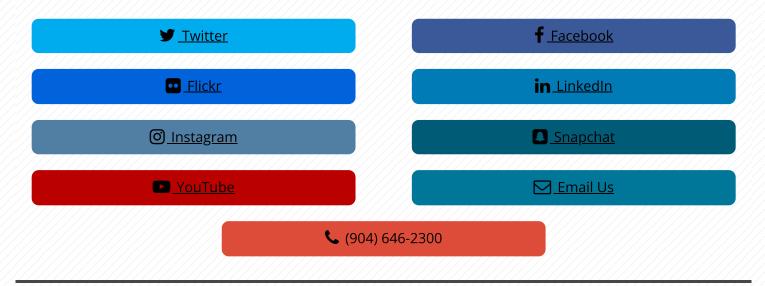
BlueWave News Quiz

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 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. The FSCJ Foundation is offering discounted tickets to what sporting events?
 - a. Football
 - b. Baseball
 - c. Ice Hockey
 - d. Both a and c
- 2. What is the name of the grant that FSCJ was the only college in Florida to receive?
 - a. Florida Apprenticeship Grant
 - b. Economic Mobility Grant
 - c. Advanced Manufacturing: Northeast Florida America's Promise Grant
 - d. I-Tech Program Grant
- 3. Where did Dr. Mike Reynolds give his pre-eclipse talk?
 - a. University of Missouri
 - b. Missouri State University
 - c. Lindenwood University
 - d. Missouri Western State University
- 4. What student organization was featured for serving as August's Heart Cart sponsors for the Healing Arts Project?
 - a. Best Buddies Club
 - b. Student Nursing Association
 - c. Film Club
 - d. EMS Club
- 5. How much food was collected for the FSCJ H.O.P.E Food Pantry at Convocation?
 - a. More than 300 pounds
 - b. More than 600 pounds
 - c. More than 200 pounds
 - d. More than 800 pounds

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