

BlueWave NEWS

September 2019



Convocation 2019 Recap

Convocation 2019 was held on August 22 at the South Campus Gymnasium to kick off the new academic year. College President Dr. John Avendano gave the keynote address in which he shared his appreciation for the warm welcome and his confidence that together, we will reach new heights.

Serving as emcee, Professor Joe LaBarbera gave attendees a guided tour of the Contact Center where we learned more about the critical role the representatives there play in student success from Call Center Manager Donna Wilhelm.

Special thanks to our talented team members Professor of Early Childhood Education Dr. Guerino Terracciano, Library Assistant Ernestine Hall and Professor of Mathematics Dr. Ken Mulzet for providing the wonderful entertainment.

Donations were also accepted for FSCJ's H.O.P.E. Food Pantry as part of their Driving Out Hunger Drive.

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Achieve@FSCJ

Q&A with Dr. A

Achieve@FSCJ Fall Data Summit

All employees are invited to connect with colleagues at the Achieve@FSCJ Fall 2019 Data Summit – Retention: What’s Your Role? on Friday, September 20 at South Campus.

The focus will be retention data followed by presentations, discussions and activities through both a student services and academic lens.

[Learn More](#)

Q&A with Dr. A Events Continue

Q&A with Dr. A events are taking place throughout the month of September. This is an opportunity to hear from Dr. Avendano about the College, learn more about what's going on, and for him to hear directly from you. Events are being held at each campus and center.

Click below to view the list of all remaining times and locations.

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Early Childhood Education Club Opens Lending Library

The Early Childhood Education Club recently launched the Lending Library, located outside of the Chappell School at the Downtown Campus. The FSCJ Lending Library is stocked with age-appropriate books for preschoolers, and their parents to read at home. They are always in need new and gently-used children’s books with a target age-range from birth to age eight. The donation box is located in the lobby at the Downtown Campus, Building A.

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FSCJ EMS Students Participate in Stop the Bleed Campaign

Students from FSCJ’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program recently took an active role in Stop the Bleed (STB), a nationwide campaign intended to encourage individuals to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in an emergency.



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Apply to Speak at the TEDxFSCJ 2020 Annual Conference

TEDxFSCJ is now accepting speaker applications for its 2020 annual conference titled, "Wonder." The deadline to apply is Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

"Wonder" will focus on what connects us all. We may speak different languages and cherish different beliefs, but we are united by a common capacity to feel astonishment at the beauty of the universe and awe at the fathomless depths of human courage and creativity.

[Learn More](#)

Submit Your Nominations for the Suit and Tie Awards

FSCJ Diversity and Social Change is seeking nominations to recognize outstanding men whose work, life and legacy have helped make a difference in our College and community. The nominee should have served as a leader and role model to other men, students, colleagues and/or the community. Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 30.

The recipients will be honored at the "Suit and Tie" Ceremony on November 7, 2019, from noon-1:30 pm at Kent Campus.



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September Recruitment Update

September is here and with it comes the lead up to one of the busiest times of the year for the Recruitment and Admissions team! In partnership with our colleagues in Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) and Nassau County School District (NCSD), our team is scheduling visits and events daily with high schools throughout the service area.

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

Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the September 10, 2019, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the continuation of insurance benefit premiums for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (plan year).
- The District Board of Trustees authorized College administration to negotiate and enter into a satisfactory five year contract for student success portal services with EAG Global for a five-year

contract.

- The District Board of Trustees approved Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Operating Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Data Science Technology (60 credit hours) Associate in Science degree program effective Spring Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Data Science Technician I (15 credit hours) Technical Certificate program effective Spring Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Data Science Technician II (15 credit hours) Technical Certificate program embedded within the Associate in Science degree program in Data Science Technology effective Spring Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the activation of the Loan Originator - Mortgage (20 contact hours) Post-Secondary Adult Vocational program effective Spring Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the report on Textbook Affordability for submission to the Florida Department of Education.

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

Florida College System Presents Check for Student Scholarships

On August 27, Florida College System (FCS) Chancellor Kathy Hebda, along with FCS Foundation Board of Directors Chair Karen Moore and FCS Foundation President Judy Green, presented a check for \$46,040 to be allocated to three student scholarships.



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FSCJ Receives SunTrust Foundation's Lighting the Way Award

FSCJ was recently awarded the SunTrust Foundation's 2019 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 grant. The awards recognize select nonprofit organizations that work to build self-sufficient families and more financially confident communities through financial education, financial counseling, career readiness/workforce development and small business/entrepreneurship.

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Get to Know Your Fellow A&P Colleagues - Ginny Alexander

September's Administrative and Professional Collaborative (APC) Spotlight shines on Director of Athletics Ginny Alexander.



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Alumni Spotlight: Elias Hionides

Elias Hionides '08, is vice president of Petra, a family-founded real estate brokerage firm that specializes in historic redevelopment and adaptive reuse in Downtown Jacksonville, Historic Springfield and the Beaches. He earned his A.A. from FSCJ while on a talent scholarship for the student chorale.

[Watch the Video](#)

Comings and Goings

Who's New

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

Faculty Full-Time

- Howard Beckham - Professor of Funeral Services
- Ryan Downs - Professor of Building Construction
- Jason Hamilton - Professor of Automotive, Collision, Repair and Refinishing
- Walter Heppner - Professor of Medium/Heavy (Diesel) Technology
- Kimberly Hurndon - Temporary Professor of Medical Assisting
- Therese Kernen - Professor of Nursing (ASN)
- Kathryn Millspaw - Professor of Practical Nursing
- Kalia Toro-Sepulveda - Professor of Humanities
- Allison Turner - Temporary Professor of Business - ISM/Data Analytics
- Jessica Wade - Professor of Dental Assisting
- Tadesse Zerihun - Professor of Mathematics

A&P Full-Time

- Shannon Groff - Interim Instructional Program Manager
- Kenia Fuentes - Assistant Director of Accounting
- Kyle Jones - Employee Relations and Equity Coordinator
- Jamie Turner - Functional Analyst of Student Services

Career Full-Time

- Gerald Abbot - Center Facilities Supervisor
- Dalon Barksdale - Armed Security Officer
- Cynkia Barrett - Security Officer I
- April Bradley - Accounts Receivable Specialist II

- Royce Brown - Security Officer I
- Jalaine Buford - Project Coordinator
- John Carpenter - Security Supervisor in Charge
- Olga Cabrera - Senior Plant Service Worker
- Heaven Cleckler - Student Recruitment
- Eric Colvin - Security Officer II
- Tanica Devaughn - Advisor II
- Virginia Harris - Assistant Box Office Coordinator
- Heather Howard - Project Coordinator
- Rohelia Kelly - Armed Security Officer
- Krystal Kunjufu - Plant Service Worker
- Heather Peters - Administrative Specialist
- Julie-Anne Sutton - Academic Department Coordinator

Who's Retiring

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

- Cheryl James
- Ed Jones
- Barbara Markham
- Gayle Mebane
- Jeff Rehkopf
- Michael Reynolds
- Judy Warner
- Melonee Slocum
- Paul Stark Jr.
- Deborah V. Williams

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 Presents BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL in December

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents A BRONX TALE in November

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

What area colleges, universities are doing to meet workforce needs of business

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL DECEMBER 20

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents A CAPELLA LIVE!

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents FAMILY FEUD LIVE: CELEBRITY EDITION

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents GEORGIA ON MY MIND: CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF RAY CHARLES

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents THE HIP HOP NUTCRACKER

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

They're Here! JaxbyJax Literary Arts Festival announces 2019 lineup

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents JERSEY BOYS March 11, 2020

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

FSCJ Kicks Off Broadway Series with WICKED

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

FSCJ Artist Series Presents ROMEO & JULIET BALLET

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

**FSCJ Artist Series Presents THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL: A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON
Starring Belinda Davids**

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

SERMC Hosts Visually Impaired Engineering Students

Published on dvidshub.net. [Learn more.](#)

FSCJ Artist Series Presents A MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

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

President Avendano Speaks on Time at FSCJ

Published on wjct.org. [Learn more.](#)

FSCJ Artist Series Presents THE SIMON AND GARFUNKLE STORY for One Performance Only

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

Upcoming Events

FSCJ Blood Drive

September 25, 2019

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
SOUTH CAMPUS, M2 LOT | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.



*Look for
the Big Red Bus!*



Town Hall

Friday, September 27, 2019 | 9-11:30 a.m.
FSCJ Advanced Technology Center

**FSCJ Surplus
Property Auction**

Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m.
Doors open at 8 a.m. for preview

FSCJ Warehouse, 35 West State Street

[Learn More](#)

[View All Upcoming Events](#)

FSCJ In Action

As a community, we know all too well the devastating impact a hurricane can bring. As a College we are lending assistance to those affected in the Bahamas by Hurricane Dorian. All donations collected will be given to Hunger Fight as they continue to raise money, pack much needed meals and gather supplies for the families in the Bahamas.



[Make a Donation](#)

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) Where is the upcoming Achieve@FSCJ Data Summit being held?
 - a. Downtown Campus
 - b. Deerwood Center
 - c. South Campus
 - d. Kent Campus

- 2) The Early Childhood Education Club is requesting what type of donated items?
 - a. Children's books
 - b. School supplies
 - c. Nonperishable food items
 - d. Money

- 3) What is the deadline to submit nominations for the Suit and Tie Awards?
 - a. October 5
 - b. September 30
 - c. September 20
 - d. September 27

- 4) How many student scholarships will be supported by the latest check presented by the Florida College System?
- a. 3
 - b. 5
 - c. 65
 - d. 350
- 5) Where will funds donated through FSCJ's Hurricane Dorian Donation Drive be directed?
- a. American Red Cross
 - b. Hunger Fight
 - c. United Way
 - d. GoFundMe

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