

BlueWave **NEWS**

November 2019



Join us on December 3 for #GivingTuesday

All FSCJ students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to join us on December 3 for this annual day of giving back to the community and showing #FSCJCares.

There are a variety of ways to get involved:

- **Volunteer** - FSCJ is hosting volunteer opportunities at several nonprofits in northeast Florida. View the list of volunteer opportunities and sign up [here](#).
- **Contribute** - Make a financial contribution to the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. Your generosity will provide the funds necessary to help the pantry stock its shelves. All monetary donations up to \$10,000 will be matched by an anonymous donor. Make a gift [here](#).
- **Donate** - Donate nonperishable food items to the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry to help FSCJ students who are facing food insecurity.

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Equity Town Hall

Connect with colleagues at the Achieve@FSCJ Equity Town Hall meeting this Friday, November 15, at 10 a.m. at the ATC, Room 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.

[Register Now](#)



Financial Skills Academy

On November 21, from 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., we will host a Financial Skills Academy Workshop on Year-End Retirement Planning and Technical Investing. FSCJ employees, students and First Florida Credit Union employees are invited to participate.

Drinks will be provided but don't forget to bring your lunch.

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FSCJ to Compete for Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program recently named FSCJ as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.



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VERC Grand Opening Celebration

FSCJ Vision Education Rehabilitation Center (VERC) celebrated the grand opening of their newly remodeled space on October 17, 2019. The fully renovated space was designed to enhance the training opportunities available through improved functionality, greater mobility, and new equipment and technology.

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BRIDGES Grant Works to Support Student Needs

The BRIDGES – Title III Strengthening Institutions Program recently administered the #RealCollege national survey, which is the nation’s largest annual assessment of basic needs among college students. As a participating institution, FSCJ will receive a summary report of responses in spring 2020.



BRIDGES also allowed a team from FSCJ to attend the #RealCollege annual convening in Houston, TX. College students, practitioners, philanthropists and policymakers gathered to discuss strategies and to take action to secure students’ basic needs through interactive workshops, networking activities and multimedia learning opportunities.

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Join TEDxFSCJ for Unmasked

Comics, cosplay and conventions have become defining icons of today’s popular culture. Join TEDxFSCJ for Unmasked, an adventure event exploring the themes, identities and fandoms that define nerd culture on Thursday, December 5, at MOSH Planetarium.

Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the event will start promptly at 7 p.m. Seats that go unclaimed by 6:50 p.m. may be released to individuals on the waiting list.

Arrive early so you can tour our interactive pre-event exhibits. Hosted by FSCJ Guild of Geeks, our pre-event experience will feature a behind-the-scenes look at GAAM Founder Ryan Thompson’s livestreams, interviews with The Short Box podcasters, and a digital media journey through cosplay spaces and places.

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FSCJ Hosts Second Annual Science Symposium

More than seventy participants from FSCJ and area colleges and high schools delved into local environmental issues at the 2019 Root 2 STEM Science Symposium. Various speakers, demonstrators and vendors examined environmental issues and discussed the pedagogical methods to study them. The symposium ended with a lunch discussion on the possibilities of collaboration to approach the issues.



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TIAA Bank Supports First-Generation College Students

TIAA Bank presented the FSCJ Foundation with a check for \$5,000. This donation will help support first-generation college students on their educational journey at FSCJ. From left to right: Dr. John Avendano, FSCJ College President, Wanda Willis, Director of Development for Major Gifts, Cleve Warren, FSCJ Foundation Executive Director, and Curt Cunkle, President of Florida Banking, TIAA Bank.

FSCJ's Logistics Program Recognized by Online Schools Report

FSCJ's Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Logistics was ranked #13 in the Online Schools Report's list of the Best Online Supply Chain Management Degrees. The report ranked the top 15 programs in the U.S. based on student satisfaction, admission rates, number of online programs, graduate debt, related programs and popularity.

[View the Report](#)

BlueWave Volleyball Competes in State Tournament

FSCJ BlueWave Women's Volleyball Team recently competed in the NJCAA Region/FCSAA State Tournament. FSCJ served as this year's host for the tournament.

All teams were highly competitive and the tournament provided an opportunity for fans and followers of the sport to watch three days of athleticism and teamwork. Although our team ended up not placing at the tournament, we congratulate them on their successes this season and the hard work those student-athletes put in both on and off the court.



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BlueWave Softball Hosts FSU and UCF

On Saturday, November 9, Florida State University Softball and University of Central Florida Softball held a scrimmage at North Campus. On Sunday, November 10, the FSCJ BlueWave Softball Team hosted the Florida State University Softball team



for an exhibition game. Attendees on both days had the chance to meet the players and coaches for autographs and photos. It was a great way for all three teams to kick off their fall season.

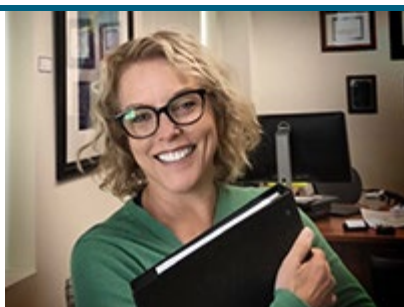
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November Recruitment Update

For the Office of Recruitment and Admissions, fall is a time where we look ahead to the future by participating in several different outreach events to support students throughout our service area. This past month, the team supported the NACAC National College Fair, held a Career and Workforce Fair at Robert E. Lee High School, and continues to participate in BEACON events with Duval County Public Schools.



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Get to Know Your Fellow A&P Colleagues - Talani Torres

November's spotlight shines on Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Humanities Talani Torres.

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Wellness Fair 2020

Save the Date! Wellness Fair 2020 will be held on February 28, 2020, at Downtown Campus. This event targets the Employee Wellness Program's five elements of health and wellness: Physical, Nutritional, Financial, Emotional/Social, and Spiritual and is open to all employees. Be on the lookout for additional information as we near the event.



Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Professor of Histology Dr. Jerry Santiago received the 2019 Lee G. Luna Foreign Travel Scholarship



from the National Society for Histotechnology. Dr. Santiago is committed to global collaboration and has been invited to speak on many histology topics, both nationally and abroad, throughout his career. He will be going to Argentina to do multiple presentations and workshops to advance histology in that area.

Instructional Program Manager Tameiko Grant is a Community College Leadership doctoral student at Old Dominion University and recently completed her dissertation, "The Business of Choice: Why Students Select For-Profit Career Colleges in Northeast Florida and the Implications for Community College Leaders."



Business Solutions Strategist Betzy Santiago was given the Professional Minority Woman Award from the Jax Chamber Professional Women's Council. She was selected for this recognition for her active leadership, community service and extraordinary work in supporting the cause of professional women. [Learn more.](#)

She was also one of the featured speakers at the Navigate Women's Summit, which is hosted each year to help women entrepreneurs take control of their business and their life.

Comings and Goings

Who's Retiring

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

- Rosemary James

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](#).

BANDSTAND THE MUSICAL is Coming to Jacksonville

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

Learn more about FSCJ's participation for #GivingTuesday

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

American La Ronde: A Provocative Dietz Play Staged by FSCJ DramaWorks

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JAX Chamber honors seven leaders

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

Locals lead BlueWave volleyball

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

Karel Brighteyes LLC: The State of Homelessness 2019

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

College volleyball: FSCJ downs Vikings in five sets

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

Check Out All the Broadway Productions in Jacksonville

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

Jobs, jobs, jobs

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

FSCJ holding career fair on Halloween Day for job seekers

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FSCJ to host free 'Navigating Student Loan Debt' event

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

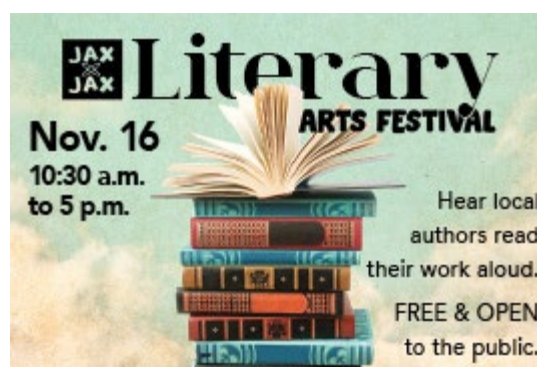
FSCJ among 28 Florida colleges with new program to help students finish their degrees

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

FSCJ Artist Series & Abhann Productions Presents RIVERDANCE - 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

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Upcoming Events



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FSCJ In Action

Students from Professor Harry Beasley's Honors Fundamentals of Public Speaking course created and delivered a presentation for the Jacksonville National College Fair on honors education as their class service learning project. Accompanied by Interim Director of Honors Ali Hicks, the students also served as members on the panel, as the panel moderator, and as greeters for the session. The annual event was sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).



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) What place was FSCJ's B.A.S. in Applied Science ranked on the Online Schools Report's list of Best Online Supply Chain Management Degrees?
 - a. 15
 - b. 1
 - c. 150
 - d. 13
- 2) How many community colleges are eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence?
 - a. 100
 - b. 150
 - c. 10
 - d. 2021
- 3) Where will TEDxFSCJ's "Unmasked" event be held?
 - a. MOCA
 - b. MOSH
 - c. South Campus
 - d. Kent Campus
- 4) How can the FSCJ community support #GivingTuesday?
 - a. Volunteer in the community
 - b. Donate food to the food pantry
 - c. Donate money to the food pantry
 - d. All of the above
- 5) When is the Achieve@FSCJ Equity Town Hall?
 - a. November 15

- b. November 21
- c. December 5
- d. January 3

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