

BlueWave NEWS

July 2020



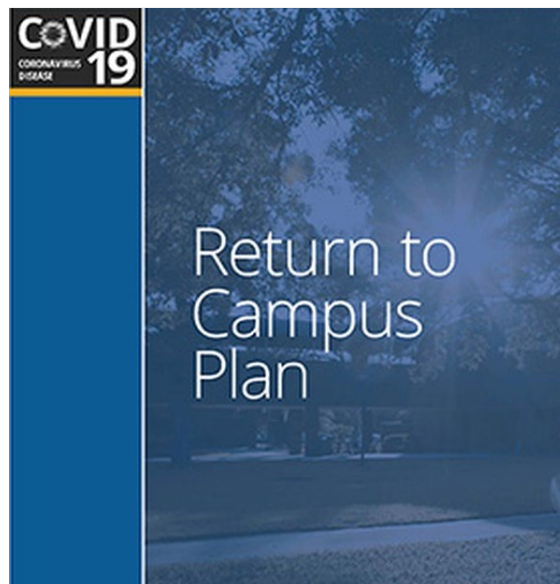
Convocation 2020

Mark your calendar! Convocation 2020 will be held virtually on Thursday, August 27. We look forward to this opportunity to convene, even while we aren't physically together, to kick off the beginning of a new academic year.

Be on the lookout for email communications that may request your participation to help us make this a memorable Convocation ceremony. More information will be shared soon.

Return to Campus Plan

The Return to Campus Plan is serving as our guide as we prepare for our return to onsite operations. Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, adjustments have been made to the phased-in return plan in order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our faculty, staff, students and community. The phases have been modified to address the current trends in our community and the educational and training needs taking place on campus. The most recent version of the plan can be found on [fscj.edu/covid-19](https://www.fscj.edu/covid-19) or by clicking on the button below.



[View the Plan](#)

July Recruitment Update

Though social distancing may limit opportunities for face-to-face engagement with prospective and incoming students, Recruitment and Admissions staff are hosting virtual events, with three main sessions offered each week: "College and Career Exploration," "Why FSCJ?," and "Let's Talk About Money." FSCJ will also be hosting "Form Your Future: Jump-Start to College" on July 23 and our first-ever Virtual Open House on July 25.

[Learn More](#)

GEAR UP Summer Camps Go Virtual

Each year, our Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Potential (GEAR UP) program looks forward to hosting students from Duval County Public Schools for summer camp. Due to COVID-19, the camps were forced to shift to a fully online format this year but they are proving to be no less fun and educational for participants.

Each session of the six-week camp features a different theme, all with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

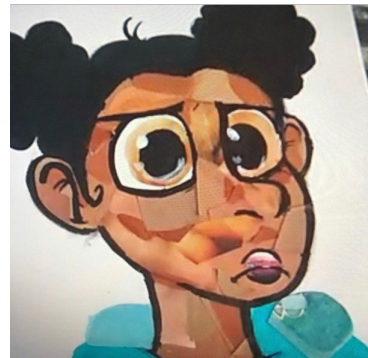
Week 1: Architecture – Led by FSCJ Professor Dr. Andreia Thaxton-Simmons, students learned about prominent architects including those who had an influence here in our community.

Week 2: Science/Energy – Students participated in engineering design activities around speed and propulsion.

Week 3: Art – Students explored their mind, body and spirit through multimedia art activities. *(Pictured at right is a camper's self-portrait.)*

Weeks 4 and 5: Taught by MAD-learn, students will learn how to develop an app and will present their creation to judges to win prizes.

Week 6: Travel and COVID19 – Students will talk about traveling and handling COVID-19 by making their own no-sew mask and hand sanitizer.



Adult Education Graduation

Be sure to celebrate the achievements of our Adult Education graduates by watching along with the full Virtual Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony will be posted online at [fscj.edu/aegraduation](https://www.fscj.edu/aegraduation) on Thursday, July 9, beginning at 6 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

FSCJ Alumni Association Launches New Look



The FSCJ Alumni Association has launched a new website and video featuring some of our notable alumni. The new look was developed to engage with even more members of the FSCJ family through success stories. Digital ads are also being shared on various marketing platforms. These ads focus on building engagement with alum and expanding new opportunities for them to get involved and make an impact in the lives of current students.

[See More](#)

Get to Know Your A&P Colleagues: Billy Thomas

July's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences Billy Thomas. He has been with FSCJ since 1988, serving as an advisor, counselor and faculty member.



[Learn More](#)

FSCJ Athletes Named to NJCAA All-Academic Teams

Twenty-five student-athletes from FSCJ's BlueWave Athletics program have earned placement on the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Academic Teams for the 2019-20 academic year. Student-athletes are eligible to earn this academic honor by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher, with 9 of FSCJ's honorees earning a perfect 4.0 GPA for the academic year.

[Learn More](#)

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 more articles featuring important updates and activities happening within the College by clicking [here](#).

Autonomous vehicle testing and educational initiatives expanding in Jacksonville

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

"Buzzworthy Businesses" with Betzy Santiago

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

Upcoming Events



REGISTER NOW
for FALL TERM

Virtual
Career Fair

- NETWORK WITH EMPLOYERS
- EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS
- PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER NOW

July 8, 2020 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
July 9, 2020 • 2-5 p.m.

FORM YOUR FUTURE
JUMP-START TO COLLEGE

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
Virtual Event [fscj.edu/future](#)
Live Presentation at 6 p.m.

FSCJ's Academy for Teaching & Learning
THIRD ANNUAL
Science Symposium
FROM ROOT 2 STEM

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 16, 2020 | 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
FSCJ Advanced Technology Center

This event is open to all College and K-12 educators.
#Root2STEM

[View All Upcoming Events](#)

Did You Know?

Did you know that you can still watch the Virtual Commencement Ceremony? The full ceremony is posted online at [fscj.edu/commencement](#) and will remain available through January.

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 prize pack when the College resumes onsite work! **Please note:** Previous quiz winners, while eligible to submit answers, are not eligible for additional prizes for six months.

- 1) What day will Virtual Convocation be held?
 - a. July 9
 - b. August 27
 - c. August 24
 - d. July 23

- 2) How many FSCJ student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA for the academic year?
 - a. 9
 - b. 19
 - c. 25
 - d. 36

- 3) What time will the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony be posted online on July 9?
 - a. noon
 - b. 4 p.m.
 - c. 6 p.m.
 - d. 7:30 p.m.

- 4) What is the focus of the GEAR UP summer camps?
 - a. Sports and Fitness
 - b. Fine Arts
 - c. STEM
 - d. STEAM

- 5) What date will the Virtual Open House be held?
 - a. July 23
 - b. July 25
 - c. August 27
 - d. July 16

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