

BlueWave NEWS

August 2020



Convocation 2020

Although it is bittersweet, we are excited to host our very first virtual Convocation Ceremony on Thursday, August 27. We know it won't be the same as gathering together face-to-face, sharing breakfast and enjoying each other's company, but we hope it will be a unique and memorable experience.

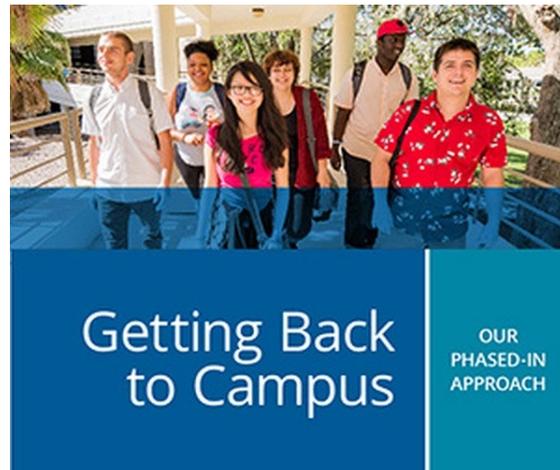
We are thrilled to welcome back Professor Joe LaBarbera as our emcee...and you all know, if Joe's there...it's going to be a great time. We will learn about exciting Collegewide initiatives to better serve our students and employees and will hear from a panel of our esteemed colleagues on some of the most relevant and sensitive topics facing us today. Please make sure you participate and engage with us by answering the very important poll questions that will be asked during the ceremony.

To view the ceremony, you will need to go to live.fscj.edu. Please tune in by 8:45 a.m. to make sure your internet, computer and speakers are working. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and we do not want anyone to miss it. We anticipate the ceremony will conclude by 10:30 a.m. to allow for a break before the Academic Plenary Session at 11 a.m.

A digital program will be emailed to all employees on the morning of the ceremony, so be sure to look for that. If you have any questions, email communications@fscj.edu.

Getting Back to Campus

We look forward to seeing everyone back on campus when the timing is right. While many classes and College offices continue to operate remotely, we have developed a phased approach for the full return of all students, faculty and staff.



Check the new "Getting Back to Campus" [website](#) for more information, including the Return to Campus Plan for [faculty and staff](#) as well as the version specifically for [students](#).

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August Recruitment Update

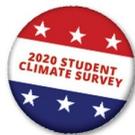
Though social distancing has continued to limit the opportunities for face-to-face engagement with prospective and incoming students, Recruitment and Admissions staff continue to engage with students in the digital world.

Team members continue to host virtual events daily, academic programs have had the opportunity to spotlight their offerings to future students, and more.

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BRIDGES to Launch Student Climate Survey

MEASURING CAMPUS EXPERIENCES + SERVICES
YOUR VOICE MATTERS



During the Fall Term, BRIDGES: A Title III Strengthening Institutions Program, will launch the College's first comprehensive student climate survey. FSCJ is committed to capturing student voices and the survey will help us learn more about our students' attitudes, habits and behaviors. Survey results will highlight strengths and provide actionable data for areas of opportunity for growth.

The survey will help us meet our goal of providing a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students. We can use these results to improve students' engagement, learning conditions and overall environment now and for future FSCJ students, so please help us encourage participation.

The survey will run from September 21 to November 1. Responses will be completely anonymous and confidential. Students who complete the survey may be eligible to win one of the 40 cash prizes provided by the FSCJ Foundation.

Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the August 11, 2020, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees authorized College administration to extend annual contracts for various services and products used Collegewide.
- The District Board of Trustees approved new Board Rule under Section 9 - Instruction, to establish the criteria for Distance Education in accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Standard 10.6 and current guidelines.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the proposed Ground Lease Agreement with River City Education Organization, Inc., D/B/A San Jose Tech Charter High School for the construction and operation of a charter school on the Cecil Center campus.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Surgical Technology Specialist Technical Certificate program embedded within the Associate in Science in Surgical Services degree program, effective at the end of Summer Term 2021.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Rooms Division Specialist Technical Certificate program embedded within the Associate in Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management degree program, effective at the end of Summer Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Fire Fighter I/II Career Certificate program, effective at the end of Summer Term 2020.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the activation of the Firefighter Career Certificate program, effective at the beginning of Fall Term 2020.

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

Business Solutions Provides Medical Assistant Training

FSCJ Business Solutions partnered with CareerSource Northeast Florida to provide customized training for current University of Florida Jacksonville Physicians, Inc. (UFJPI) employees earning their Medical Assistant Career Certificate. Finding qualified candidates was challenging for the practice and this partnership allowed UFJPI to grow their employee talent and help advance their careers. [Watch the spotlight video.](#)



FSCJ SHRM Student Chapter Receives National Recognition

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) awarded a 2019-20 Superior Merit Award designation to FSCJ's SHRM student chapter for providing superior growth and development opportunities to its student members. This is the fourth year in a row the chapter has received this recognition.

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Get to Know Your A&P Colleagues: Beth McClain

August's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Beth McClain. She is the director of project budgeting and accounting and will be transitioning to the bursar role this month.



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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

FSCJ Professor of Dance Rebecca Levy was nominated for Art Educator of the Year in the 44th Annual Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's Arts Awards. The virtual ceremony will be streamed live at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

The Association of Florida Colleges Technology Commission named FSCJ's Adult Education program the third-place winner of the 2020 Technology Commission Exemplary Practice Award for their "Using YouTube to Enhance the Student Experience" project.

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Free Personal Health Assessments Now Available

The free Personal Health Assessment (PHA) is now available online for FSCJ employees with Florida Blue health insurance. The PHA only takes 10 minutes and provides a custom wellness plan based on your interests, goals and current health status. To complete this quick health assessment and earn a code worth \$15 on Amazon, follow these steps:

- Log in to Florida Blue.
- Click on the "Better You Strides" box as shown to get started.
- Complete the online health assessment provided by Onhealthlife.
- An email notification containing the eCode will be sent from betteryoustrides@incentiveusa.com 2-3 weeks after completing the assessment. A separate email from the same address will be sent that includes instructions on how to redeem the eCode.

Contact hrrtraining@fscj.edu for information and help.

Comings and Goings

Career Full-Time

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

- Kim Killy - Professor of Mathematics
- Felicia Mason - Professor of Nursing, ASN
- Sherri Smith - Professor of Nursing, ASN
- Michelle Spoon - Temporary Professor of Medical Assisting
- Bryce Wakefield - Professor of Mathematics
- Britt Webb - Professor of Reading

A&P Full-Time

- Kasey Anderson - Instructional Program Manager
- Fletcher Basch - Associate Director of Admissions
- Sonja Cross - Director of Talent Acquisition
- Antoinette Everett - Student Housing Coordinator
- Herschel Finch - Director of Campus/Center Enrollment and Student Services
- Lauren Finch - Associate Director of Admissions
- Mitessa Jones - Instructional Program Manager
- Shallyn Kenney - Assistant Director of Accounting
- Elizabeth McClain - Bursar
- Lisa Moore - Chief Officer, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Executive Director, Employee Relations
- Jennifer Parker - Engineer IV - Software
- Crystal Wickline - E-Learning Instructional Designer

- Anna Alomar Kissoonlal - Academic Department Coordinator
- Bethany Bachelor - Call Center Representative I
- Ronald Bennett, Jr. - Armed Security Officer
- Chiffon Guest - Student Success Advisor I
- Michael Hamlin - Security Officer I
- Junie Jean - Student Records Specialist
- Opal Johnson - Financial Aid Advisor I
- Mary Lu - Student Records Specialist
- Yvonne Martel - Financial Aid Advisor I
- Stephen Matsulavage - Campus HVAC Facilities Manager
- Harvard McCorvey - Security Officer I
- Courtney McCown - Academic and Career Advisor
- Jennifer Reid - Call Center Representative I
- Jaden Skaggs - Interim Student Records Coordinator
- Misel Soto - Administrative Assistant II
- Allison Stapleton - Academic Department Coordinator
- Ladiamond Stevenson - Distance Learning Assessment Specialist
- Derek Suits - Journeyman

Who's Retiring

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

- Mary Ebener
- William Mark
- Larry Ragsdale
- Robert Rupp
- Christine Smith

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](#).

FSCJ One Year or Less Programs-Enroll Now For Fall

Published on wjbt.iheart.com. [Learn more](#).

FSCJ president reflects on his first year's challenges and accomplishments

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

Upcoming Events



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for FALL TERM



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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 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) What kind of survey will BRIDGES: A Title III Strengthening Institutions Program launch during the Fall Term?

- a. Student basic needs
- b. College experience
- c. Student climate survey
- d. Technology needs

3) What kind of training did Business Solutions help provide to University of Florida Jacksonville Physicians?

- a. Dental Hygiene
- b. Surgical Services
- c. Nursing
- d. Medical Assistant

4) What place did FSCJ's Adult Education program win in the 2020 Technology Commission Exemplary Practice Awards?

- a. First
- b. Second
- c. Third
- d. Fourth

5) What position will Beth McClain be transitioning to this month?

- a. Bursar
- b. Director of Project Budgeting and Accounting
- c. Professor
- d. Accountant

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