

BlueWave NEWS

September 2020



Convocation 2020 Recap

Thanks to everyone for tuning in and participating in our Virtual Convocation Ceremony. We hope you enjoyed the event and are feeling prepared to embrace and conquer this new academic year.

Below you will find more information about topics that were mentioned during the ceremony:

- To watch the full-length interviews conducted by Sarah Reardon about myGradPlan and the A.A. roadmaps, please follow this [link](#).
- Watch this [video](#) to learn about ways that you can help yourself and others stay safe while on our campuses and how you can get involved to guide students in their journey.
- To continue the conversation or share your thoughts and ideas regarding topics covered in the Prospering in a Pandemic: Growth through Uncertainty Virtual Panel, email DEI@fscj.edu.
- Join us in the “Embrace Our Elders: Displaying Kindness and Compassion to our Senior Community” initiative and help us write heart-warming letters to the residents who may be experiencing isolation or separation from families and loved ones due to the current Coronavirus situation. [Read more](#) about our mission and how you can take the next steps to help us meet our goal. The deadline to mail letters is September 21, 2020.

Together, this will be a great year for FSCJ.



Achieve@FSCJ Data Summit

The virtual Achieve@FSCJ Fall 2020 Data Summit will take place on Friday, September 18, from 9 a.m.-noon. All employees are invited to attend as we focus on student, staff and service area demographics, a review of our #RealCollege Survey results and an overview of the effects of COVID-19 on the 2020 Spring Term.

Register via [myLearning](#). Attendance counts for three non-credit hours of professional development toward the One Percent Salary Incentive. With questions, email jerrett.dumouchel@fscj.edu.



College and COVID-19: Teaching and Learning Through Crisis

On Friday, October 23, the Center for Civic Engagement will host "College and COVID-19: Teaching and Learning Through Crisis" a virtual town hall with a guided discussion from a panel of local university and college presidents, including our own Dr. Avendano. All faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend and hear from the presidents as they share how their institution is changing, innovating and looking to the future in the face of COVID-19. Registration and more information to come.

JTA and FSCJ Autonomous Vehicle Partnership

On Thursday, August 20, FSCJ and Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) held a signing event at Cecil Center to announce the expansion of JTA's autonomous vehicle program through new testing and educational initiatives on FSCJ campuses. The agreement will allow the expansion of the Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) Test & Learn Program to FSCJ's Commercial Driver's License Test Track on the Cecil Center Campus; the development of autonomous vehicle deployment on an FSCJ campus; and the development of curriculum, technology and educational initiatives relative to autonomous vehicles.



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Six Sigma at FSCJ

There's been a lot of talk about Six Sigma at FSCJ lately but what is it all about? Six Sigma will help the College work toward our goal of becoming a leader in education by improving the ways we help students find success. Executive Director



of Project Development and Management and Six Sigma Black Belt Dr. Kip Strasma has answered many of your questions.

Click on the green button below to read more. Don't see your question or do you want to know more? Please reach out to kip.strasma@fscj.edu.

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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. We are now in Phase 2 of our return plan. Check the "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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BRIDGES Student Climate Survey Begins September 21

MEASURING CAMPUS EXPERIENCES + SERVICES
YOUR VOICE MATTERS



The BRIDGES: A Title III Strengthening Institutions Program 2020 Student Climate Survey kicks off on September 21. Students will be able to let their voices be heard and responses will help measure campus experiences and services and help us to provide a safer, more equitable and inclusive learning environment for everyone.

Please help us encourage student participation by sharing the digital flier with your class or with any students you work with. For questions about the survey, please email bridgesresearch@fscj.edu.

The survey will run through 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.

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Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the September 8, 2020, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the posthumous awarding of the Honorary Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration to Mr. James H. Winston and the naming of the FSCJ Foundation conference room in his honor.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the posthumous awarding of the Honorary Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration to Mr. Donald D. Zell.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the continuation of insurance benefit premiums for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Florida College System Affordability Report for submission to the Florida Department of Education.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's intent to pursue two applications in support of our students with intellectual disabilities: 1) to apply to become a Florida Post-Secondary Comprehensive Transition Program and 2) to apply for federal status as a Comprehensive Transition Program.

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

Nursing Honor Society Helps Elementary Students Begin School Safely

Nursing students in FSCJ's Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society Alpha Lambda Chapter helped Henry F. Kite Elementary School students go back to school safely this year. They teamed up to develop and distribute educational materials to help the elementary students adapt to wearing a mask and to teach them about social distancing, handwashing and sanitizing surfaces. They donated hand sanitizer, antibacterial cleaner, paper towels and non-contact infrared thermometers.



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FSCJ Receives Bank of America Grant to Support Workforce Training

FSCJ was recently awarded a grant from Bank of America that will cover the course fees and tuition for 20 students to participate in the Northeast Florida Environmental Workforce Training Program. The program was developed to prepare students for long-term careers in occupational and environmental safety.



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Get to Know Your A&P Colleagues: Lisa Moore

September's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer/Executive Director Employee Relations Lisa Moore. She's been with the College for 13 years and has recently stepped into her new role.



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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to FSCJ Professor of Dance **Rebecca Levy** who was named Art Educator of the Year in the 44th Annual Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's Arts Awards. The virtual ceremony was streamed live on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. You can watch the full awards ceremony [here](#).

Congratulations to **Terrence Eaton** for earning a Master of Public Administration from Barry University and **Patricia McConnell** for earning a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from the University of North Florida.

September Athletics Update

FSCJ men's and women's cross country are the only BlueWave teams competing this fall. They will be competing at the NJCAA Division II level this season and will be one of 55 other junior colleges in the United States making this transition, which is competitively a better fit.

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Benefits Open Enrollment Begins Soon



The Open Enrollment period gives employees an opportunity to review benefit plan options and make changes for the next plan year. Open Enrollment for the 2021 plan year will be held October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020. Due to the pandemic, all help sessions will be 100% online. Details about Open Enrollment, including dates and times of virtual help sessions, will be sent in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, flu shots will not be available on campus this year. Employees covered by one of the College's medical plans are encouraged to get their flu shot directly from any provider in the network (members age 6 months and older) or at a pharmacy such as Walgreens, Publix or Winn Dixie (members age 18 and older). All Florida Blue health plans offered by the College cover the cost of the flu vaccine, so plan members pay \$0 for the shot. Please be sure to provide a health plan ID card at the time of service.

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

- Yevgeniy Breytaman - Professor of Nursing, ASN
- Violeta Gordon - Professor of Surgical Services
- Wilson Jatiya - Professor of Practical Nursing
- Laila Kadi - Temporary Professor of Building Construction
- Jessica Legler - Temporary Professor of Nursing
- James Smith - Temporary Professor of Electricity
- Jevetta Stanford - Professor of Clinical Research
- Catherine Titus - Temporary Professor of Ophthalmic Technician
- Daniel Woods - Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology

A&P Full-Time

- Morris Bellick - Associate Vice President for Facilities
- Lenora Bodway - Interim Associate Dean of Nursing
- Kerri Burns - Business Analyst - Curriculum and Scheduling
- Myisha De Nose - Associate Director of Academic Advising Services
- Alexandra Diaz - Associate Director of Academic Advising Services
- Michael Hart - Building and HVAC Controls Specialist
- Mitessa Jones - Instructional Program Manager
- Paula Marshall - Interim Dean of Nursing
- Jennifer Schmidt - Project Accounting Officer

Career Full-Time

- Jamie Cox - Accounts Payable Supervisor
- Maliaha Crawford - Accountant IV
- Debbie Dickerson - Interim Project Coordinator
- Blake Ehlers - Project Coordinator
- Lindsay Halford - Student Success Advisor I
- Nichole Harris - Enrollment Development Coordinator
- Ardine Isma - Case Manager/Career Specialist
- LaSabra Johnson - Retention Specialist
- Amber Lee - Payroll Technical Support Specialist
- Brianna Lee - Student Success Advisor II
- Daniela Marra - Student Records Analyst I
- Shirley McClain - Armed Security Officer
- Helen Morris - Accounts Receivable Supervisor
- Aaron Murdorf - Tradesworker III
- Samuel Parker - Scene Shop Supervisor
- Robin Sarge - Administrative Project Manager
- Chassidy Williams - Interim Student Records Specialist
- DeAngelo Williams - Case Manager/Career Specialist

Who's Retiring

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

- Jill Bradbery
- Gary Davidson
- Paulette El Souessi
- Patricia Lamell
- Darlene Pike
- Kenneth Ward

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](#).

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) and Florida State College at Jacksonville Sign Agreement for Automated Vehicle Partnership

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

FSCJ nursing students helping elementary kids go back to school safely

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

Upcoming Events



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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! **Please note:** Previous quiz winners, while eligible to submit answers, are not eligible for additional prizes for six months.

1) How many students will be able to participate in the Northeast Florida Environmental Workforce Training Program thanks to the grant from Bank of America?

- a. 10
- b. 20
- c. 25
- d. 40

- 2) Which BlueWave athletics teams are competing this fall?
 - a. Men's and women's basketball
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Men's and women's cross country
 - d. Baseball and softball

- 3) FSCJ's Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society students are working to enter what career?
 - a. Nursing
 - b. Surgical Services
 - c. Dental Hygiene
 - d. Medical Assistant

- 4) What award did FSCJ Professor of Dance Rebecca Levy in the 44th Annual Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's Arts Awards?
 - a. Art Educator of the Year
 - b. Dance Professor of the Year
 - c. Choreographer of the Year
 - d. Artist of the Year

- 5) What date will Benefits Open Enrollment begin for the 2021 plan year?
 - a. September 19, 2020
 - b. October 19, 2020
 - c. October 30, 2020
 - d. October 31, 2020

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