

BlueWave **NEWS**

February 2021



Olli is Coming to FSCJ

FSCJ is one step closer to developing the workforce for vehicles of the future. Together with a partnership through JTA and under grant funds from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERS), we are able to incorporate the Olli autonomous vehicle at FSCJ. The fully electric, autonomous, 3D-printed shuttle was produced by Local Motors and supplied by Orlando-based Beep.

Olli will be used in our programs that leverage the ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems) technology, which include automotive technology, engineering technology, aviation, business, IT and pneumatics. Students in these programs will get hands-on experience with an Olli, which will help prepare them for Industry 4.0 work issues and technologies that require enhanced skills and knowledge. Stay tuned for more information about Olli as we plan for its deployment at FSCJ.

[More Partnership Info](#)

Achieve@**FSCJ**

Achieve@FSCJ Data Summit

The virtual Achieve@FSCJ Spring 2021 Data Summit will take place on Friday, February 12, from 9-11 a.m. All employees are invited to join us as we talk about the definition of student success, review the student climate survey findings and discuss the student sense of belonging data. Attendance counts for three non-credit hours of professional development toward the One Percent Salary Incentive. With questions, email renita.thompson@fscj.edu.

[Register Here](#)



Commencement 2021 Events

This year's hybrid Commencement event will have two components: a virtual ceremony that you can view online beginning May 13 and drive-through events called Commencement Caravans. To participate, students must RSVP for each event. RSVP Registration closes on Friday, February 26.

Details about how faculty and staff can participate in Commencement Caravans will be shared soon.

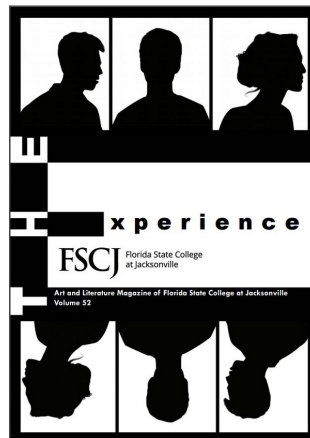
[Learn More](#)

FSCJ Students Win Florida College System Publication Awards

Two FSCJ students received awards during the 61st annual [Florida College System Publications Association Conference and Awards Banquet](#), which was held on January 29.

Hannah Murphy won third place for her cover design of ["The Experience"](#) Arts and Literature magazine. Gabriela Laracuente Sanchez won third place in the fiction category for her entry, "About a Letter," which can be found on page 25 of the magazine.

Congratulations to our student winners and to Professor Matthew Lany, who serves as the faculty advisor for the publication!



Getting Back to Campus



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

Be sure to check the online Return to Campus Plan to find the latest information regarding our plans to return, policies and procedures.

Getting Back to Campus

Submit Your Celebration of Student Success Awards Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Celebration of Student Success ceremonies. Faculty and staff are invited to nominate up to three students from your respective courses, programs, organizations or workplace from the Summer 2020, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Terms. The deadline to submit nominations is April 5, 2021.

While we will not be able to gather large groups for in-person ceremonies, recognition videos will be created to honor our awards recipients.



Make a Nomination

2021 FSCJ Author Series



The 2021 Author Series features the book, "Taking Flight" by Michaela DePrince, and virtual events kick off this month. This year's events will have an IDS 1107 focus, a global scholars distinction focus and service learning hours will be available. There will also be book discussions, contests and LLC and Art Gallery events.

Click on the button below to see the calendar of events that you can share with your students. For more information on this year's Author Series, visit the [web page](#) or email melissa.boyd@fscj.edu with questions.

View Event Information

Visionary Impact Plan

The VIP Teams have hit the ground running in 2021! The progress made has been truly amazing and we appreciate all who are working to support FSCJ's Strategic Plan.

Some recent highlights include:

- The FSCJ Foundation is launching the Employee IMPACT Campaign. Details are coming soon.

2020-21 VISIONARY IMPACT PLAN



- The Fund Your Future student financial resource landing page is in its final stages of design. The page will include information on all potential funding sources to pay for college as well as strategies for saving.
- The College's 52 A.S. degrees have been mapped; the 13 bachelor's degrees have been mapped and are open for stakeholder review.
- Completed Academic Degree Plans for Fall 2020 increased 42.1% over Fall 2019.
- Career and Workforce Education Fall 2020 enrollment matched Fall 2019 enrollment. The unit has also developed and/or redesigned 41 courses to align content to employer/industry needs.

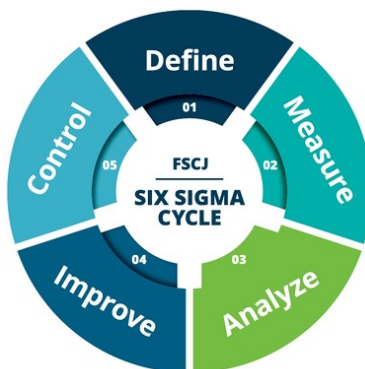
Minutes from our Fall 2020 meetings can be reviewed on the [Strategic Plan website](#). With questions or ideas, please contact Dr. Deb Fontaine at deborah.fontaine@fscj.edu.

Six Sigma at FSCJ

The next set of Six Sigma Gate Reviews, Wave 2 of the project, is underway. Processes involving adjunct evaluations, admission pathways, block scheduling and contact service center are just some of the areas included in Wave 2. You are encouraged to get involved in one of the gate reviews.

The [my6sigma website](#) outlines all waves in the project, provides important dates for gate reviews and allows you to submit project ideas. To learn more about Wave 2 projects and timelines, click [here](#).

Six Sigma White Belt training continues to be a part of professional development through [myLearning](#).



BlueWave Athletics Update

The spring sports season has kicked off with a different look this year which includes games for the fall sports teams that were postponed due to COVID-19. In response to the ongoing pandemic, the NJCAA pushed all sports, except cross country, to the spring season with safety protocols in place. Unfortunately, at this time, athletic events are closed to general admission spectators for all home events through at least the month of February. College officials will determine protocols for March and April's home events at a later date.

"The safety and well-being of all game participants, including visiting teams, as well as game officials and game management staff, is our number one priority and we are determined to provide an environment that will preserve the opportunity for our student-athletes to compete," said Director of Athletics Ginny Alexander.

You can still cheer on the BlueWave as FSCJ Athletics will livestream as many home events as possible at no cost to the public. Most, if not all, game links can be found on our athletic fan page, [BlueWave Livestream](#). Game times and dates are subject to change. Please visit gobluewave.com for up-to-date game schedules and cancellations or postponements.

[GoBlueWave.com](#)

Get to Know Your A&P Colleagues: Karen Acevedo

February's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Assessment Coordinator Karen Acevedo. She works collaboratively with faculty and staff in the development, reporting and analysis of outcomes assessment activities to enhance student learning and College operations.

[Learn More](#)



Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to **Stephanie Castro**, **Shannon Oliver** and **Trina Steinmaker** for recently completing the Diversity at FSCJ Certificate program! Stephanie also completed the Managing at FSCJ Certificate program.

February Recruitment Update

Recruitment and Admissions continue to participate in several outreach events, with a mix of virtual and in-person events scheduled throughout February. These events include popular topics such as College and Career Exploration, Application Assistance and Financial Aid Nights. In addition to regular weekly events, we recently hosted a couple of important annual events in late January, Form Your Future and the FSCJ School Counselor Workshop.

Please go to visit.fscj.edu to see our full schedule of events, which is updated regularly.

Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the February 9, 2021, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved Amendment One to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the District Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida - Florida State College at Jacksonville addressing the impact of the coronavirus on the CBA for the 2020-21 academic year.
- The District Board of Trustees approved Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Academic Calendar for 2021-22.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Real Estate Sales Agent Career Certificate program, effective at the end of Spring Term 2021.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Real Estate Sales Post Licensing Career Certificate program, effective at the end of Spring Term 2021.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the curriculum review and purge process conducted in Spring Term 2021 for the Fall 2015 through the Summer 2020 timeframe, resulting in zero courses needing inactivation in Fall Term 2021.

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

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

- Rachel Douglas - Professor of Human Services
- Zvobgo Goremushandu - Professor of Surgical Services
- Amanda Hagg - Professor of Nursing

A&P Full-Time

- Abdulaziz Abumilha - Interim Program Manager
- Kevin Burnell - Coach - Men's Basketball
- Kerri Burns - Director of Program Development
- Maggy Dartiguenave - Director of Program Development
- Maria Donaire-Cirsovius - Director of Honors Program
- Denise Giarrusso - Certification-Assessment Center Manager
- Cristina Gillis - Interim E-Learning Instructional Designer
- Paul Hudson - Systems Engineer III
- Chelsea Hunt - Director of Program Development
- Brandon Lettow - Instructional Program Manager
- Thomas Lewis - Engineer II - Multimedia
- Patricia McConnell - Associate Director of the Center for International Education
- Douglas Moore - Systems Engineer IV
- Laura Pitois - International Admission & Academic Coordinator
- Robyn Reese - Engineer III - Multimedia

Career Full-Time

- Elizabeth Abbott - Project Coordinator
- Chanita Beaufort - Job Placement Specialist
- Jalaine Buford - Student Success Advisor I
- Dionne Cobourne - Project Coordinator
- William Dando - Laboratory Assistant
- Sadaf Ebadi - Senior Support Specialist
- Tracy Farson - Project Coordinator

- Mary Freund - Laboratory Manager
- Harry Hall - Armed Security Officer
- Rosalyn Hardy - Student Records Specialist
- Rachal Havens - Vision Rehabilitation Case Manager/Career Specialist
- Wendy Heape - Assistant Call Center Manager
- Mairelis Hildebrand - Administrative Assistant II
- Ronald Jackson - Instructional Support Specialist
- Lucetia Johnson - Security Officer I
- Maiah Leon - Call Center Representative I
- Bryan LePage - Tradesworker II
- Jesenia Lopez Matos - Student Records Analyst I
- Derrick Matos - Student Success Advisor I
- Janet McInall - Academic and Career Coordinator
- Ethan Mehrlust - Security Officer II
- Kylie Millan - Administrative Assistant I
- Paul Nuccio - Integrated Systems Specialist
- Madison Owens - Student Success Advisor I
- Gianna Piazza - Call Center Representative II
- Scott Reinhold - Senior Security Officer
- Alexa Rosa - Financial Aid Advisor II
- James Spies - Tradesworker II
- Ethel Still-Richardson - Student Support Coordinator
- Leofric Thomas - Institutional Research Associate Analyst
- Jarius Vines - Plant Service Worker
- Geanene White - Retention Specialist
- Marcus Williams - Security Officer II
- Rosa Wynn - Interim Project Coordinator

Who's Retiring?

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

- Rebecca Bouchard
- Lorraine Cunningham
- Denise Dougherty
- Sergio Faenza
- Fernando Figuerrez
- Catherine Horn
- Amy Johnson
- Carol Kelly
- Patricia Marshall
- Carol Michael
- Elizabeth Prosser
- Deborah 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](#).

JTA/FSCJ Autonomous Vehicle

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

Operation Boost

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

FSCJ Business Speaker Series Event

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

FSCJ hosting free event to help college students with FAFSA

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

Upcoming Events

REGISTER NOW for SUMMER TERM

View schedule now at fscj.edu/schedules

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2021

Virtual

IT Career Day

February 16, 2021 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Career Development
Canvas Course

You.Me.We.

An interactive program on racism,
sexism and LGBTQ issues.

Friday, March 26, 2021
Noon-1:30 p.m.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



[View Upcoming Events](#)

FSCJ In Action

During this past Fall Term, about 30 students participated in the Half-Penny for Public Schools phone bank project leading up to the November 2 vote as part of their virtual service learning activities. Students worked the phone lines remotely from their homes one to two times per week, helping to educate local citizens on the referendum and to gain support. The campaign phone bank coordinator said, "The FSCJ students were the most committed volunteers we had and, if it wasn't for them, the phone banking campaign may not have been as successful as it was." Many students said it was the first time they have been involved in this type of campaign and felt like their participation was helping to make a difference.

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) The NJCAA pushed all sports, except _____, to the spring season.
 - a. Volleyball
 - b. Baseball
 - c. Cross country
 - d. Softball
- 2) What is the deadline for 2020-21 Celebration of Student Success nominations?
 - a. March 15, 2021
 - b. April 5, 2021
 - c. May 13, 2021
 - d. February 12, 2021
- 3) What does ADAS stand for?
 - a. Automated Driver Automobile Systems
 - b. Automobile Driver Assistance Systems
 - c. Automated Driver Assistance Systems
 - d. Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
- 4) This year's virtual Commencement Ceremony will be available for viewing online beginning on what date?
 - a. May 13
 - b. February 26
 - c. April 15
 - d. March 26
- 5) Which of the following processes are NOT included in Wave 2 of the Six Sigma Gate Reviews?
 - a. Block scheduling
 - b. Encoding
 - c. Adjunct evaluations
 - d. Admission pathways



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