

## August 2023



### Convocation 2023

Please join us at FSCJ South Campus Gymnasium on Thursday, August 24 for the kickoff to our academic year, Convocation 2023! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and the official program will begin at 9:45 a.m. This is your chance to reconnect with colleagues, hear the latest updates from across the College and be entered to win raffle prizes. Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food donations for the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry!

The Plenary will begin at 1 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

### News and Updates

#### FSCJ Partners with U.S. Navy for Apprenticeship Program

FSCJ was awarded the U.S. Navy contract in partnership with Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCE) for an apprenticeship program. The program offers apprentices up to four years of tuition-free education and training in one of eight skilled trades while they also earn an hourly wage and benefits as an FRCE employee at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville.

Following acceptance into the program, apprentices are employed by FRCE while completing courses to earn credit toward FSCJ's Engineering Technology Support Specialist Technical Certificate (T.C.)

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#### New Parking Decals Are Here

New parking decals are now available for faculty, staff and students. On-campus parking is still free but you need a decal to signify your vehicle has been registered with Campus Security. Register your vehicle at [fscj.edu/security](https://fscj.edu/security).

[Register Here](#)



#### FSCJ.edu Updates

Enhancements to the new FSCJ.edu website continue. We are currently upgrading the search engine which will provide better functionality and an elevated user experience. The new search feature will launch next month. In addition, program landing page upgrades continue. The improved layout will better connect related programs and provide quick access to helpful information and services.

Upgrades throughout the site will be an ongoing process and we appreciate your feedback and partnership to ensure our public-facing site offers users the best possible experience.

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#### First Coast Heart Walk

The annual First Coast Heart Walk will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023. Several FSCJ Teams have already been established if you would like to join. Check the site to learn more.

[Learn More](#)

#### FSCJ Student Receives Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

FSCJ Student Patrice Bent was selected as a 2023 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. PTK Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential. This year's recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from nearly 1,100 applicants.



The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program was launched in 2001 to assist new PTK members in obtaining an associate degree and encourage participation in Society programs.

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#### Students Complete HVAC/R Program

On July 26, we celebrated the 18 students who earned their certificates from the Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration Career Certificate (C.C.) program.

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#### Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Stephanie Castro

The Career Employees' Council (CEC) is the representative voice for the Career employees of FSCJ. August's spotlight illuminates Student Success Advisor II Stephanie Castro. Stephanie began working for FSCJ in January 2017, and actively coordinates student events, advises the SGA, other clubs and organizations, and History & Heritage themed events. She is also the Chair of the CEC Recognition Committee and aims to advocate for FSCJ's Career employees and aid them in becoming aware of the resources available to them.



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#### CEC Selects Book Scholarship Recipients

To recognize Career employees, CEC raises funds each year to provide employee book scholarships. The Summer 2023 Book Scholarship Award Winners are:

- **Akhiah Allah** is a Case Manager/Career Specialist at Deerwood Center. She is working toward completing a degree in Business Administration at FSCJ. The funds assisted her in the final term of her degree plan. Akhiah's next goal is to earn a master's degree.
- **Juliette Patterson** is an Administrative Assistant II in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at South Campus. She is in the Human Services B.S. program at FSCJ. Juliette enjoys having physical textbooks to retain reference material.
- **Brett Summers** is an FSCJ student working toward a Communication and Media B.S. with hopes to complete the program within two years. He aims to become a realtor, selling both commercial and residential property.
- **Alexis Taylor** is in the Clinical Research program. She will use the scholarship funds to access specialized textbooks and other materials for learning.

CEC employees should be on the lookout for information about applying for book scholarships soon.

#### Recruitment Update

While summer can seem like a slower time for recruiting students, the recruitment team has not stopped. They are taking every opportunity available to connect with our community through back-to-school drives, high school orientations and more.

#### July 2023 Outreach Efforts:

- Attended 13 recruitment events across Duval and Nassau counties.
- Helped 236 students understand who FSCJ is and what opportunities we have for them.
- Led 22 campus tours showing 55 potential students all that FSCJ has to offer.



As always, if you know someone interested in attending FSCJ, send them our way!

#### Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the August 8, 2023, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved revisions to Board Rule 6Hx7-9.9 - Adjunct Instructor Work Load and Instructional Responsibilities.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a 3.5% salary increase, with a minimum of \$1,000, for all eligible full-time non-instructional employees.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the revised 2023-24 Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved an extension to the 2023 Winter Break, adjusting the start date to December 20, 2023.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the change in the College's 403(b) Retirement Plan from the current five-year plan to an eight-year plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved fee changes for the following courses effective Fall Term 2023: Aviation Maintenance Technology General I, II, III, IV.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the revised Academic Calendar for 2023-24.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the activation of the Entrepreneurship in Interior Design Advanced Technical Certificate program embedded within the Associate in Science degree program in Business Administration, effective in the Fall 2023 Term.

#### Comings and Goings

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

- Kimberly Davis, Professor of Speech
- Winter Maravillas, Professor of Dance
- Jessica Wade, Professor of Dental Programs

#### A&P Full-Time

- Mikayla Bush, Student Housing Residential Coordinator
- Michael Butterbrodt, Campus Facilities Director
- Jerrett Dumouchel, AVP Institutional Effectiveness
- Jennifer Evans, Interim Instructional Program Coordinator
- Deborah Fontaine, VP Strategic and Institutional Effectiveness
- Juliene Lanco, Associate Director of Advising
- LaTroy Strong, Interim Program Manager

#### Career Full-Time

- Karen Acevedo, Director of Quality Enhancement Plan
- Elizabeth Aiken, Student Success Advisor II
- Amavi Akpajavi, Student Success Advisor I
- Amanda Bornhoffer, Vision Rehabilitation Case Manager/Career Specialist
- Jayla Bowman, Library Assistant I
- Solange Carmo, Laboratory Manager
- Angela Goode, Financial Aid Advisor II

- Ryannon Hall, Campus Dual Enrollment Coordinator
- Eric Jenkins, Library Assistant I
- Donovin Jones, Senior Plant Service Worker
- Tyler Kreutz, Laboratory Assistant
- Chance Labombarbe, Business Office Specialist II
- Faith Manuel-McKenney, Student Services Coordinator
- Meghan McGoldrick, Enrollment Coach
- Katherine McWilliams, Student Success Advisor I
- Rebecca Nelson, Academic Department Coordinator
- Jasmine Roberts, Academic and Career Advisor
- Debra Solomon, Law Enforcement Records Specialist
- Chelsea Thomas, Duplicating and Mailroom Coordinator
- Edward Thomas, Academic Tutor
- Brittany White, Academic and Career Advisor
- Natasha Williams, Department Coordinator
- Shabat Yisrael, Student Success Advisor I
- Alyssa Young, Call Center Representative

#### Who's Retiring?

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

- Dr. Mirta Zidovec
- Dr. Mingmin Zhu

#### Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to Professor of Engineering Technology Dr. Joylene Hall who was named the Jacksonville Distinguished Alumni Professional Achievement Award recipient by the FAMU National Alumni Association, J.R.E. Lee Jacksonville Chapter during the 2023 Gala.

#### Facilities Updates

The Facilities Team has been hard at work, updating and upgrading spaces across the College. Check out some highlights below:

#### Recently completed

- North-Funeral Services Signage
- Nassau-Exterior Trash Can Replacement
- South-Fire Academy Classroom Upgrade

#### In progress

#### Ongoing Collegewide:

- Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans
- Door Lock Conversion to Access Control System - Downtown, Kent & North
- Emergency Responders Radio Communications System (ERRCS) Compliance
- Fire Alarm Panel Replacement
- Science Lab Upgrades - 2/Year
- Wayfinding - Monument Signs

#### Cecil Center:

- San Jose Early College Construction
- BAS Controls Upgrade
- Restroom Renovation (H124/H125)

#### Deerwood Center:

- Elevator Modernization
- Nursing Program Expansion (Phase I & II)
- Classroom Upgrade, Furniture
- Interior Directional Signage

#### Downtown Campus:

- Human Resources Renovation
- Roof Replacement
- Building Envelope - Curtain Wall Replacement, URC
- Student Housing Suite Upgrade
- Admin/Finance Remodel
- Conference Room Furniture

#### Kent Campus:

- Door Access Control Upgrade

#### Nassau Center:

- CVD Skills Pad
- Nursing Program Expansion

#### North Campus:

- CJC Course & Skills Pad Resurface
- Restroom Renovation
- Door Access Control Upgrades
- Student Services Renovation
- Roof Replacement

#### South Campus

- Veteran Support Center
- Relocate Testing Center, Student Services Admin, Financial Services
- Door Access Control Upgrade
- Fire Academy Skills Pad Resurface
- Wilson Center Sculpture
- Lab Negative Pressure Correction
- Replace Ductwork
- Roof Replacement

#### In planning

#### Cecil Center:

- Door Access Control Upgrade

#### Deerwood Center:

- Flooring Upgrade
- IT/NOC Area/TV Studio Upgrade
- Downtown Campus:
- Elevator Modernization
- CWE Meeting Room Renovation

#### Kent Campus:

- Pavement Repairs
- Auditorium Renovation

#### Nassau Center:

- Door Access Control Upgrade

#### North Campus:

- Restroom Renovations
- Replace Ceiling Tiles

#### South Campus:

- Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade
- Wilson Center Architect Assessment
- Outdoor Cafe, Furniture
- Boiler Replacement
- Elevator Replacement
- Honors Program Expansion
- E-Gaming and Building F Renovation

#### Upcoming Events

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#### BlueWave News Quiz

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](mailto:bluewavenews@fscj.edu). Three winners will receive a BlueWave prize pack! Please note: Previous quiz winners are not eligible to win for six months.

#### 1. When is Convocation?

- August 24
- July 24
- August 28
- August 23

#### 2. The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program was created to assist members of what student organization?

- Student Government Association
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honors Program
- Athletics

#### 3. What type of scholarships did the CEC recently award to Career employees?

- Book
- Tuition
- Professional Development
- Personal Use

#### 4. How many campus tours took place in July?

- 55
- 12
- 22
- 18

#### 5. Where should you go to register for an FSCJ parking decal?

- HR
- myFSCJ
- Duval County Tax Collector's Office
- [fscj.edu/security](https://fscj.edu/security)

