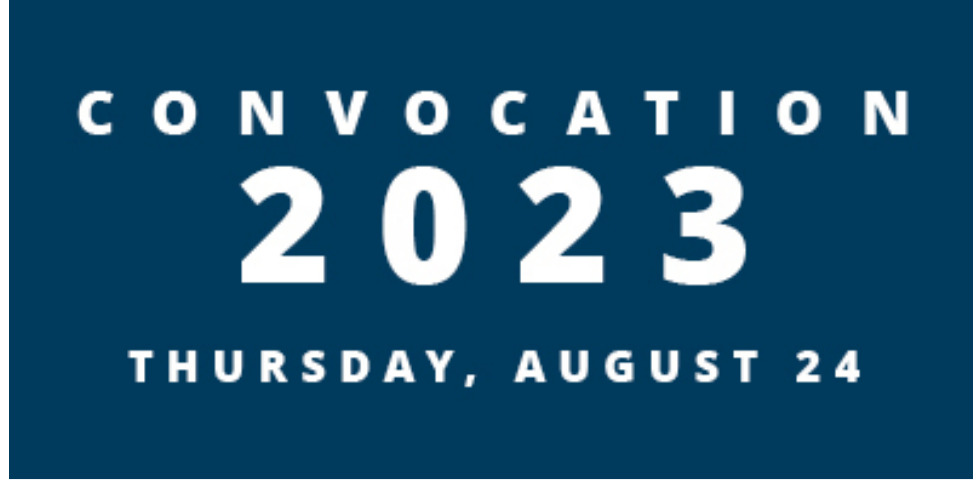


July 2023



## 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!

Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

## News and Updates

### 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](#)



### New FSCJ Commercial Airing Now

In case you haven't already seen it, we are excited to present our new commercial! FSCJ's Marketing Department produced the spot in partnership with a local media agency. This and alternate versions with term-specific information will be aired on network television, streaming services and online throughout the upcoming academic year.

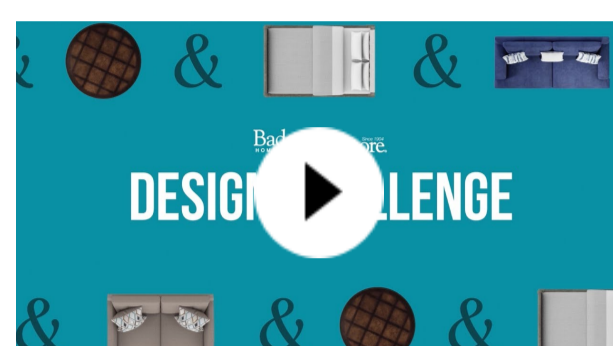
[Watch the Commercial](#)

### Fact Book Available

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness recently published the 2021-22 Fact Book. You can find it on the [Data Library SharePoint](#).

The 2023 Student Success Report is also live in the Data Library. Check it out!

[FSCJ Data Library](#)



### Students Participate in Interior Design Challenge

Three FSCJ Interior Design students are participating in Badcock Home Furniture & more design challenge. The students are competing to create a stylish, functional and comfortable living space for a family of four. They each get one hour to curate a vignette with items they find in the store and a surprise anchor piece.

The winner will take home a \$500 prize. Watch the first video.

[Watch the Challenge](#)

### Join us for Recreational Sports

Now through August 15, all employees are invited to participate in free recreational sports. No sign-up is needed. For questions, contact [humanresources@fscj.edu](mailto:humanresources@fscj.edu).

Sports will take place at the following times and locations:

Basketball & Indoor Pickleball  
South Campus Gymnasium  
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Basketball & Indoor Soccer  
South Campus Gymnasium  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball & Indoor Soccer  
South Campus Gymnasium  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball & Indoor Pickleball  
South Campus Gymnasium  
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Softball  
North Campus Softball Field  
Saturdays at 9 a.m.



### First Coast Heart Walk

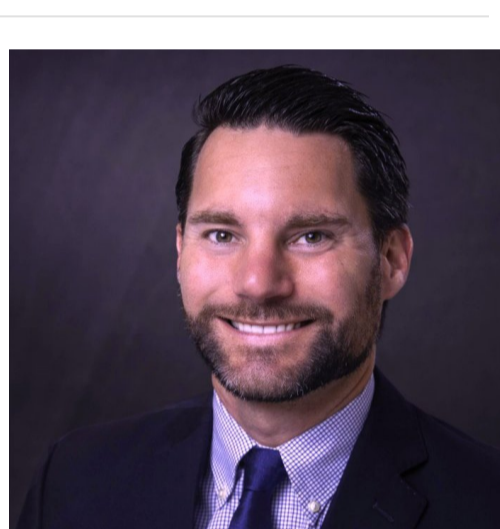
The annual First Coast Heart Walk will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023. Several FSCJ Teams have already been established if you would like to join. Check the site to learn more.

[Learn More](#)

### Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Peter "Max" Sukalo

The Career Employees' Council (CEC) is the representative voice for the career employees of FSCJ. July's spotlight illuminates Academic and Career Advisor Peter "Max" Sukalo, who began working at FSCJ in April 2019. As an advisor, he provides academic advising and career counseling, guiding students through the admission, enrollment and career exploration process. His personal goal is to increase student retention.

[Learn More](#)



### Security Update

On July 1, Florida's new Conceal Carry Law went into effect. As FSCJ Security shared via email with all faculty and staff, essentially the law has not changed regarding carrying firearms and weapons as it pertains to colleges, universities and a number of other prohibited carry locations. Please see below for more information and key points. You can view the bill summary [here](#).

- This law does NOT permit the open carrying of firearms. That law is unchanged.
- As the statute states, colleges and universities are listed among the areas a person is prohibited to carry a concealed weapon.
- There will be no "concealed carry" in prohibited areas. This law does NOT permit people to carry firearms or weapons into places that they couldn't before (i.e., courthouses, police stations, schools, jails, universities or college buildings).
- A person no longer needs a permit to carry a concealed firearm or weapon provided that the person could get a permit. A person may still have a Concealed Weapons Permit for conceal carry in other states or to avoid the 3-day waiting period after purchasing a firearm in Florida under F.S. 790.0655(2)(a).
- If anyone intends to now carry a concealed weapon, please make sure you read the new law in its entirety to make sure you are in compliance.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any of our [Campus Security officers](#).

### Recruitment Update

On Saturday, June 17 we hosted our biggest Summer Open House yet with an incredible turnout! More than 650 future students and their families were welcomed to our South Campus, making the total attendance close to 1,200 people. Participants had the chance to meet with programs, resources and advising, and were able to apply to FSCJ on-site!

[View Photos](#)



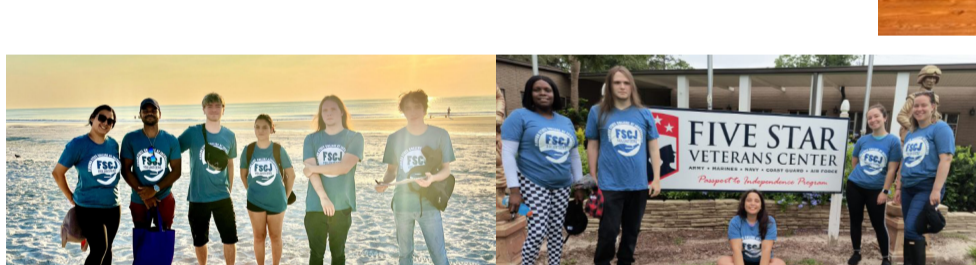
Thank you to our FSCJ community who helped make this event a huge success and seeing the sunshine through the rain! As always, if you know someone interested in attending FSCJ, send them our way.

June 2023 Outreach Efforts:

- Attended 13 recruitment events across Duval and Nassau counties
- Helped over 800 students understand who FSCJ is and what opportunities we have for them
- Led 29 campus tours, showing 236 potential students all that FSCJ has to offer

### FSCJ In Action

Congratulations to our 12 newest Dental Assisting program graduates. They are pictured here, celebrating their success following a completion ceremony held at Kent Campus.



FSCJ SGA Officers and student volunteers have been helping across the community, volunteering their time with beach clean-up efforts following the recent July 4th celebrations and the Five Star Veterans Center.

### Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following employees on completing the Student Success Certificate Program!

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| Jodie Broussard, Professor                                       | Kara Pineiro, Student Engagement Advisor II   |
| Kasyapa Chitta, Professor  | Scheunita Scott, Administrative Specialist    |
| Lori Cimino, Instructional Program Manager                       | Desiree Stepp, Case Manager/Career Specialist |
| Tracy Farson, Case Manager/Career Specialist                     | Kerri Stewart, Financial Aid Advisor II       |
| Bobbie Harman, Professor   | Kalia Toro Sepulveda, Professor               |
| Renata Henderson, Associate Dean of Nursing                      | Shawniece Watson, Financial Aid Advisor I     |
| Shakura Jackson, Student Recruiter                               | Vanessa Williams, Academic and Career Advisor |
| Mary Jamieson Dee, Financial Aid Advisor II                      | Heather Wilson, Professor                     |
| Andrew Pierce, South Campus Dean, Cert-Assessment Center Manager |   |

### Facilities Updates

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

<p><b>In progress</b></p> <p>Ongoing Collegewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans</li> <li>• Door Lock Conversion to Access Control System - Downtown, Kent &amp; North</li> <li>• Emergency Responders Radio Communications System (ERRCS) Compliance</li> <li>• Fire Alarm Panel Replacement - (multi-year) Design Phase</li> <li>• Science Lab Upgrades - 2/Year</li> <li>• Wayfinding - Monument Signs</li> </ul> <p>Cecil Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Jose Early College Construction</li> <li>• SAS Controls Upgrade</li> <li>• Restroom Renovation (H124/H125)</li> </ul> <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevator Modernization</li> <li>• Nursing Program Expansion (Phase I &amp; II)</li> <li>• Classroom Upgrade, Furniture</li> </ul> <p>Downtown Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resources Renovation</li> <li>• Roof Replacement</li> <li>• Building Envelope - Curtain Wall Replacement, URC</li> <li>• Student Housing Suite Upgrade</li> </ul>	<p><b>Kent Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Door Access Control Upgrade</li> </ul> <p><b>Nassau Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CVD Skills Pad</li> <li>• Nursing Program Expansion</li> </ul> <p><b>North Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CJC Course &amp; Skills Pad Resurface</li> <li>• Restroom Renovation</li> <li>• Door Access Control Upgrades</li> <li>• Student Services Renovation</li> <li>• Roof Replacement</li> </ul> <p><b>South Campus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veteran Support Center</li> <li>• Relocate Testing Center, Student Services Admin, Financial Services</li> <li>• Door Access Control Upgrade</li> <li>• Classroom Upgrades, Furniture</li> <li>• Fire Academy Skills Pad Resurface</li> <li>• Wilson Center Sculpture</li> <li>• Lab Negative Pressure Correction</li> <li>• Replace Ductwork</li> <li>• Roof Replacement</li> </ul> <p><b>In planning</b></p> <p>Cecil Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Door Access Control Upgrade</li> </ul>	<p><b>Deerwood Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooring Upgrade</li> <li>• IT/NOC Area/TV Studio Upgrade</li> </ul> <p><b>Downtown Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevator Modernization</li> <li>• Career Center Expansion</li> </ul> <p><b>Kent Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavement Repairs</li> <li>• Auditorium Renovation</li> </ul> <p><b>Nassau Center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Door Access Control Upgrade</li> </ul> <p><b>North Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restroom Renovations</li> <li>• Replace Ceiling Tiles</li> </ul> <p><b>South Campus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade</li> <li>• Wilson Center Architect Assessment</li> <li>• Outdoor Cafe, Furniture</li> <li>• Boiler Replacement</li> <li>• Elevator Replacement</li> </ul>
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### Upcoming Events



[View More Events](#)

### 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 [bluewavewinners@fscj.edu](mailto:bluewavewinners@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?
  - a. August 24
  - b. July 24
  - c. August 28
  - d. August 23
2. FSCJ Interior Design students are participating in a challenge through what furniture store?
  - a. Havertys Furniture
  - b. Rooms To Go
  - c. Badcock Home Furniture & more
  - d. IKEA
3. How many future students attended the Summer Open House?
  - a. Close to 1,200
  - b. More than 650
  - c. Almost 650
  - d. More than 1,200
4. Where was the most recent Dental Assisting program completion ceremony held?
  - a. North Campus
  - b. Kent Campus
  - c. Downtown Campus
  - d. South Campus
5. Where do faculty, staff and students register their vehicles for parking decals?
  - a. Canvas
  - b. myFSCJ
  - c. [fscj.edu/security](https://fscj.edu/security)
  - d. Advising Centers