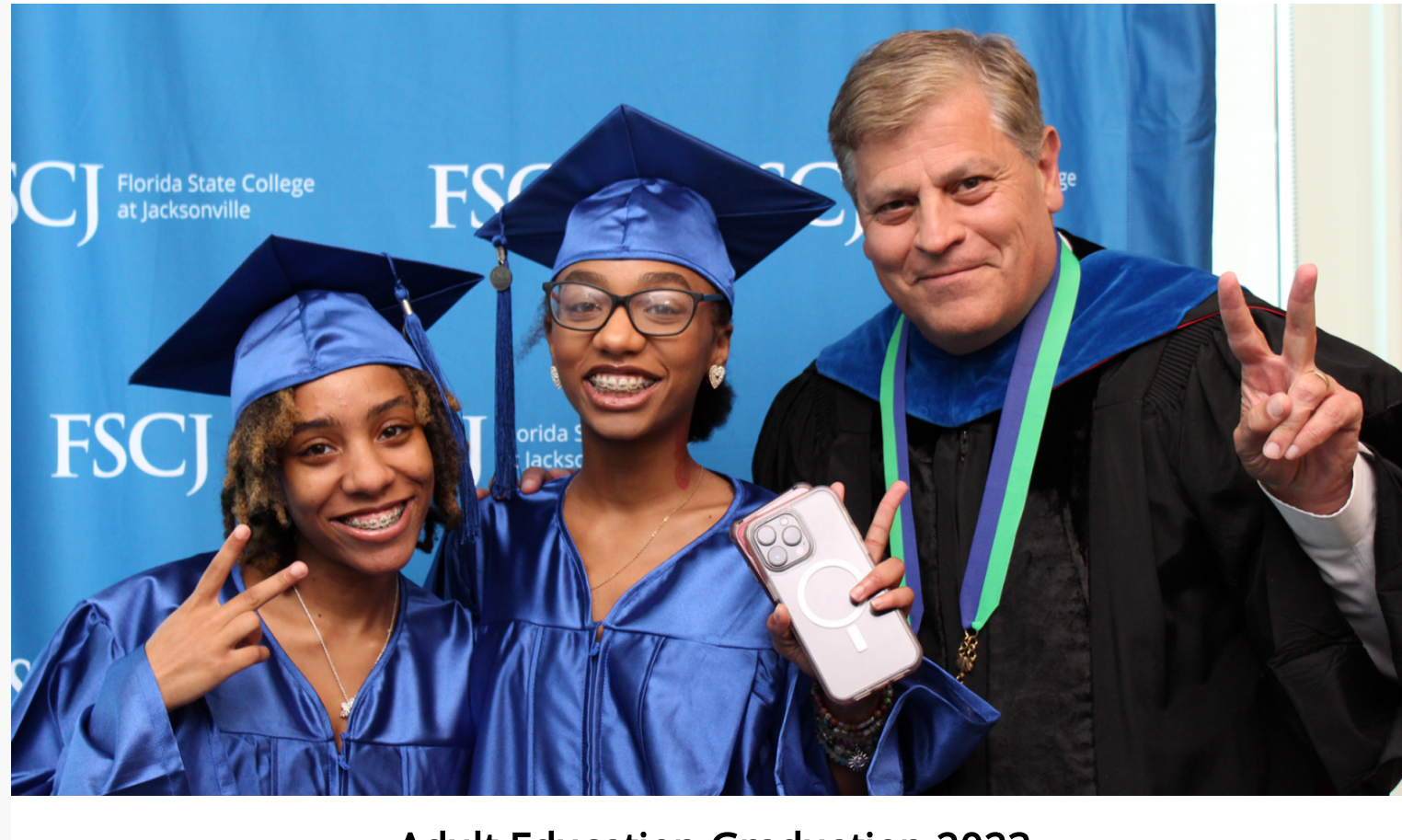


June 2023



Adult Education Graduation 2023

The annual Adult Education Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 6 at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts. Surrounded by an audience of their families and friends, students who completed the Adult High School or GED program accepted their high school or high school equivalency diplomas from the College's District Board of Trustees, Dr. Avendano and the Executive Leadership Team.

FSCJ Director of State and Federal Reporting Dr. Deana Waite delivered a moving keynote address, encouraging the graduates to persist in life's challenges and to continue their pursuit of success through education.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and all those who attended to celebrate our graduates!

[View Photos](#)

News and Updates



Become a Mentor

FSCJ is proud to partner with Take Stock in Children (TSIC) to do our part in helping change the lives of at-risk middle and high school students here in our community. We are inviting FSCJ faculty and staff, with supervisor's approval, to volunteer as mentors. Mentors will be permitted one hour of work time per week to meet with their TSIC student.

TSIC was established in 1995 as a nonprofit organization that provides a unique opportunity for low income students to escape the cycle of poverty through successful education. The program offers college tuition scholarships, volunteer mentors, school support and hope for a bright future. Services start in middle school, continue through high school and include the students' transition into post-secondary education.

Please note, any travel or other expenses incurred while participating in the TSIC mentoring program will be your responsibility. To learn more and sign up, click on the green button below.

[Learn More](#)

Student Success Report Available

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness recently published the 2023 Student Success Report, which was developed as part of FSCJ's continued Achieving the Dream efforts. You can find it on the [Data Library SharePoint](#).

The 2021-22 Fact Book is currently in the works and will be released very soon.

[FSCJ Data Library](#)

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.

Sports will take place at the following times and locations:

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| 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. | |



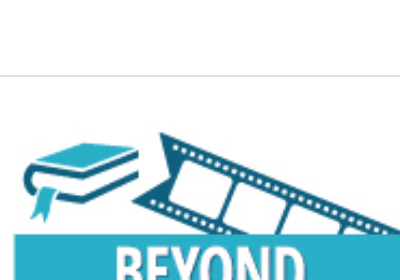
First Coast Heart Walk

The annual First Coast Heart Walk will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023. Employees interested in leading a team of 10 or more walkers can sign up to be a team captain by contacting hrtraining@fscj.edu.

Student participation will be led by Jerry Thor, Brad Frick and the Student Life department. Employee participation will be coordinated by the Wellness Committee.

Beyond the Big Screen

Start early on next year's Beyond the Big Screen book, "Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption." The movie was a box-office flop when it first came out, but it persisted in the heart of the audience, earning seven Oscar Nominations including "Best Picture" and becoming the most rented movie in 1995. It is now considered one of the "most beloved movies," yet most people don't even realize the original book was authored by Stephen King.



Events will be announced in the fall. With questions, email sertenbe@fscj.edu

[Request a Book](#)

SACSCOC Updates

Last month, we received the report from the SACSCOC Off-Site Review Committee in response to the submission of our Compliance Certificate in late February 2023. Receiving this report marks an important transition from one review phase of the reaccreditation process to another, and provides us with the first feedback from peer-evaluators. The Off-Site Review Committee's report identified only eight SACSCOC standards that require additional information per this preliminary assessment.

The next phase of the reaffirmation process will allow us to complete focused reports on the identified standards to further expand upon the material submitted and provide additional evidence of our compliance. Stay tuned for additional information and updates as we prepare for the on-site visit in October.

Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the June 13, 2023, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the Comprehensive Safety Review for fiscal year 2023.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the 2023-24 Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the submission of the College's 2022-23 Annual Equity Update Report to the Florida Department of Education as required by Florida Statute.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the FSCJ ACCESS Program for Fall Term 2023, pursuant to Board Rule 6Hx7-4.19.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Outlay Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Collegewide Master Plan (2023 to 2028).
- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Five-Year Educational Plan Survey.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Specialized Career Education-Comprehensive Career Certificate program, effective Spring Term 2024.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Insurance Claims Adjuster (6-20), Insurance Customer Service Representative (4-40), Insurance General Lines Agent [Property and Casualty (2-20)], Life Insurance Marketing (2-15), Loan Originator - Mortgage, Personal Lines Insurance Agent (20-44), and the Property Adjuster Estimating Career Certificate programs, effective at the end of Summer Term 2023.

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

Comings and Goings

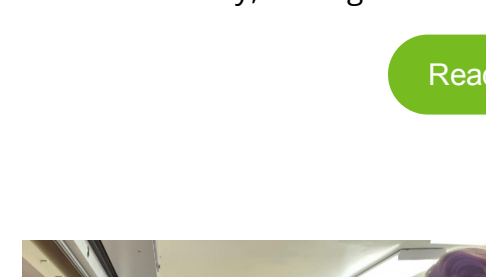
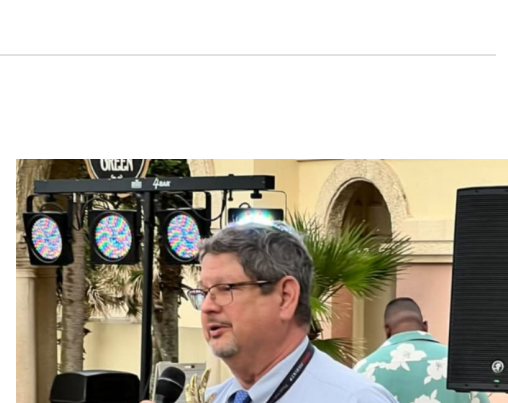
This list includes those individuals who are filling the newly appointed Faculty full-time positions, full-time A&P positions and full-time Career Employee positions.

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| Faculty Full-Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elysia Cochran, Professor of Medical Assisting Rita Haman, Professor of Nursing Noelle Ogden, Professor of Cardiovascular Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy Cordova, Senior Support Specialist Crystal Flowers, Plant Service Worker Madison Fuoco, Senior Support Specialist Kaneshia Hill, Security Officer Michael Hines, Campus Operations Coordinator Laura Iamicali, Academic Department Coordinator Davion Manuel-McKenney, Student Services Coordinator Darling Martinez, Library Assistant II Alexander McQuillan, VA Enrollment Services Processor Tania Miah, Call Center Representative I Amy Morrison, Student Services Coordinator Janie Mundy, Security Officer Yunior Rendon, Interim Case Manager/Career Specialist Hector Rodriguez, Financial Aid Advisor II Patricia Vaughns, Senior Specialist Haley Warren, Academic Department Coordinator Victoria Yates, Business Office Specialist II |
| A&P Full-Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lino Ballagas Rodriguez, Functional Analyst Emily Clevenger, Program Manager Linka Crosby, Associate Dean Workforce Operations Steven Gunter, Training and Development Coordinator Kyle Jones, Labor Relations Officer Samuel Parker, Technical Director Martina Perry, Associate Director of Employee Relations & Engagement Peter Snell, Interim Chief Information Officer | Who's Retiring? The following employees have recently retired, or will soon be retiring, from FSCJ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seyed Vafabakhsh, 17 years of service Karen Moore, 27 years of service Henry Morlan, 16 years of service Robert Janson, 33 years of service Jace Loehmann, 27 years of service John Lovring, 7 years of service Dr. Joyce McLeod, 32 years of service Elizabeth Harvey, 28 years of service |
| Career Full-Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Abbott, Academic and Career Advisor Thomas Acevedo, Student Records Specialist Akhiah Allah, Case Manager/Career Specialist Jennifer Anderson, Case Manager/Career Specialist Alicia Bakewell, Academic Tutor Hugh Bauknight, Tradesworker Senior Specialist Beth Bess, Administrative Assistant II Reginald Blount, Assessment Coordinator John Boley, Tradesworker Senior Specialist Jamaiah Bowman, Administrative Assistant I Michael Brandt, Marketing Communications Manager Robert Brewer, Tradesworker Specialist | |

FSCJ In Action

Professor of Funeral Services Howard Beckham was selected for the prestigious W. Clyde Lankford Distinguished Service Award by the Independent Funeral Directors of Florida (IFDF). This award is given to a recipient who exemplifies the essence of funeral service to families, their community, colleagues and the residents of the state of Florida.

[Read More](#)



Students in Professor Daniel Cronrath's Summer Term American Federal Government Honors class participated in a service-learning activity on May 26. The students volunteered their time at Mission House in Jacksonville Beach, cooking for and serving a meal to individuals affected by homelessness in the Beaches area.

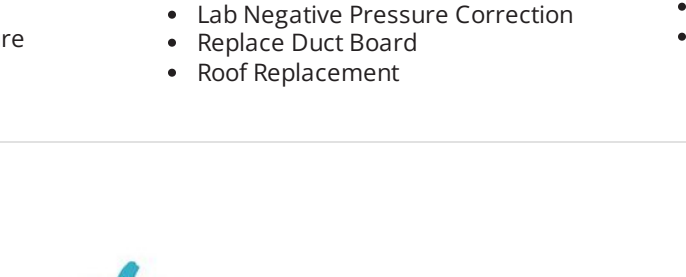
Professor of Economics Dr. Susan Reilly was featured on wallethub.com, serving as an expert on the best car insurance options in Florida. You can read her feature [here](#).

Facilities Updates

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

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| Recently completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kent - Science Lab; Chairs & stools North - CVT Lab; Chairs North - Door Access Control, Bld. Collegewide - Master Plan, 5-Year Plant Survey | Downtown Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Resources Renovation Roof Replacement Building Envelope - Curtain Wall Replacement, URC Student Housing Suite Upgrade | In planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cecil Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrade Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring Upgrade IT/NOC Area/TV Studio Upgrade |
| In progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Collegewide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 - (multi-year) Design Phase Science Lab Upgrades - 2/Year Wayfinding - Monument Signs | Kent Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrade | Downtown Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevator Modernization Career Center Expansion |
| Cecil Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Jose Early College Construction BAS Controls Upgrade Restroom Renovation (H124/H125) | Nassau Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CV2 Skills Pad Nursing Program Expansion | Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevator Modernization Nursing Program Expansion (Phase I & II) Classroom Upgrade, Furniture |
| Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevator Modernization Nursing Program Expansion (Phase I & II) Classroom Upgrade, Furniture | North Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CJC Course & Skills Pad Resurface Restroom Renovation Door Access Control Upgrades Student Services Renovation Roof Replacement | Kent Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement Repairs Auditorium Renovation |
| | South Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran Support Center Relocate Testing Center, Student Services Admin, Financial Services Door Access Control Upgrade Cybersecurity Lab Classroom Upgrades, Furniture Fire Academy Skills Pad Resurface Wilson Center Sculpture Lab Negative Pressure Correction Replace Duct Board Roof Replacement | South Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade Wilson Center Architect Assessment Outdoor Cafe, Furniture |

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. Three winners will receive a BlueWave prize pack! Please note: Previous quiz winners are not eligible to win for six months.

- Where is the 2023 Student Success Report housed?
 - Canvas
 - myFSCJ
 - FSCJ Data Library
 - Library Learning Commons
- Which recreational sport is NOT currently being offered for FSCJ faculty and staff?
 - Pickleball
 - Tennis
 - Softball
 - Soccer
- What award did Professor Howard Beckham recently receive?
 - W. Clyde Lankford Distinguished Service Award
 - Independent Funeral Directors of Florida Award
 - President's Cup Award
 - Employee of the Month
- When was the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony?
 - May 11
 - June 6
 - June 11
 - May 6
- How many SACSCOC standards did the Off-Site Review Committee's report identify as requiring additional information?
 - Five
 - Three
 - Thirteen
 - Eight

