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Message from the President

Greetings, Chapter, and Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope you had a relaxing and joyous holiday break spent with family and friends!

As we embark on 2022, I wanted to re-emphasize our Chapter Mission, Values and Goals:

The mission of the AFC/FSCJ Chapter is to strengthen the position of Florida's college system by supporting the Association's legislative agenda and to foster camaraderie among all College employees by expanding in professional development, service projects and other College activities.

Our Values are:

- *Integrity*
- *Excellence in Teaching and Learning*
- *Culture of Honesty and Trust*
- *Creativity*
- *Respect for Diversity*

And our Chapter Goals are:

1. *Play an active role in promoting legislation beneficial to the Florida College system and disseminating information to Chapter members and non-members regarding pertinent legislation.*
2. *Promote enhanced communication and collaboration between Florida State College at Jacksonville and other Florida College System institutions.*
3. *Facilitate communication and cooperation among the employees of the College.*

4. *Provide opportunities for members and non-members to take advantage of College educational programs and professional development and discuss curriculum development, innovative administration and instructional procedures.*

Please help me welcome Karen Acevedo as our newly appointed Fundraising Chair. Karen will be coordinating efforts this year as we set out to generate funds to support our goals and assist members in participation in this year's conferences and professional development opportunities.

Also, please welcome Mary Dumbleton as our new Marketing and Communications Representative. Mary will be taking the reins from Trina in publishing our quarterly newsletter, sending meeting and event invitations, and managing our Facebook page.

I hope to have more in-person events this year to include meetings and socials. I hope you will be able to join us when and where you can. If you have any ideas for brown bags, please let us know!

Chapter Happenings

Congratulations!

Mr. Bryan Stewart, AFC-FSCJ Chapter President received the Distinguished Service Member Award at 72nd AFC Annual Meeting and Conference. The Distinguished Service Member Award is awarded to members of the Association of Florida Colleges for an exceptional achievement at the chapter, region, commission and/or state level. Bryan has routinely scheduled and facilitated Chapter Socials, developed the AFC FSCJ Chapter webpage and SharePoint pages, encouraged and committed to the two-year Adopt-A-Highway service project, championed and supported the "The Heart and Pulse of FSCJ" American Heart Association team fundraiser and Heart Walk and encouraged participation in other service projects. Bryan scheduled time for relevant professional development during each Chapter meeting and ensured that AFC members were updated by implementing quarterly Chapter Newsletters. Bryan took on the leadership role of planning the Region II Conference/Commission Fair in the Spring of 2021. Bryan will be continuing in his role as the FSCJ Chapter President.

FSCJ Awarded "Gold Chapter Status"

Go team! Our chapter was awarded Gold Chapter Status at the 2021 AFC Annual Conference. Award status is based upon 16 factors including chapter political, professional development, and community service activities. This award would be impossible without the support of members like you.

AFC Annual Leadership Conference

Bryan Stewart, Chapter President; Shannon Oliver, Vice President/President-Elect; Matt Wetzel, Chapter Historian; and Jason Whittington, Immediate Past President, recently attended the AFC Leadership Conference at Polk State College, January 27 & 28. This was a hybrid event with approximately 30 Association members attending in person and many, many additional members attending online. We heard presentations on Leadership Development, Chapters, Regions, Commissions, the AFC Foundation, the value of membership, the awards process and our Chapter and Region recognition books. We will be passing much of this information along to you over the next weeks and months. We are very excited with the prospect of a new year for our Chapter and look forward to the many events we have planned!



Upcoming Events

Some important upcoming dates:

Next Chapter Meeting and Legislative Update – Thursday, March 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – WebEx

Region II Conference - May 12, 2022 at Santa Fe College