

October 2021 | Quarter 4

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

# **Greetings, Chapter, and Happy Fall!**

With the temperatures dropping ever so slightly, and as students return to classes for the fall term, I want to take some time to reflect on this past year. We have achieved much as a Chapter and I would like to highlight a few of the more important accomplishments:

- Added seventeen new members
- Established a long-term community service project with FDOT Adopt-a-Highway
- Developed and submitted our first-ever digital Chapter Book
- Publishing ongoing Quarterly Newsletters
- Created our own web page on the FSCJ website (<a href="https://www.fscj.edu/afc/">https://www.fscj.edu/afc/</a>) and a SharePoint site (<a href="https://fscj.sharepoint.com/teams/AFCFSCJChapter">https://fscj.sharepoint.com/teams/AFCFSCJChapter</a>)
- Provided Professional Development at our Quarterly Chapter Meetings, participation at which earns attendees credit toward the College's 1% Salary Incentive

Many of these are ongoing efforts as we continue to add new members, perform community service, and provide opportunities to receive professional development. But we need you to make it all happen!

At our most recent Chapter Meeting, we heard from several that participated in the Adopta-Highway clean-up effort held Friday, August 13th. This event brought together twelve of us to pick up trash along our stretch of Beach Blvd. It was hot and we got sweaty and dirty, but we had fun along the way. Our next event will be Saturday, December 4th...mark your calendars now!

It has definitely been a busy year and we still have much to do in the near term. Fundraising, campus activities, conferences, meetings, and socials. I look forward to seeing you at the next event! If you have some ideas that you feel would benefit our Chapter in any way, please do not hesitate to drop me an email or pick up the phone.

Best Regards,

Bryan Stewart, FSCJ Chapter President

#### **CHAPTER ELECTIONS**

## **Congratulations!**

The results are in and the candidates for President and Vice President/President-Elect for 2022 won by a landslide. Congratulations to Bryan Stewart, who will continue to serve as your President and Shannon Oliver, the Vice President/President-Elect for 2022.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## **AFC Military & Veteran Family Service Project**

November is Nations Veterans and Military Families Month, so the FSCJ chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) is hosting a service project to honor veteran and military families around the First Coast!

Join us now through November 5, 2021 as we collect the following items:

- New Socks
- New Towels
- New toothbrushes and toothpaste
- New soap
- New or gently used children's books

All donations can be taken to the following locations:

Downtown Campus Food Pantry in C-124 / 101 West State St. Jacksonville, FL 32202

South Campus Library & Learning Commons BLDG. G / 11901 Beach BLVD. Jacksonville, FL 32246

Student volunteers may receive 1 service hour per 10 items donated.

For more information about the project, please visit the FSCJ Serves website: <a href="https://serve.fscj.edu/need/detail/?need\_id=627690">https://serve.fscj.edu/need/detail/?need\_id=627690</a>

## **AFC Adopt a Highway Cleanup**

Join us on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to clean up the College's adopted stretch of highway on Beach Blvd. Volunteers will meet at South Campus. Water and supplies will be provided.

#### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

# 72nd Annual AFC Meeting and Conference

The Association of Florida Colleges will come together virtually again this year to celebrate its members. Conference dates are November 15-19, 2021.

The 28 state and community colleges that comprise the Florida College System institutions serve more than 700,000 students annually. The conference will highlight the dedication and commitment of those who met the challenge of serving students during a pandemic, remote work, and uncertainty with courage, creativity, and compassion. They made a difference at their colleges, in the state, in their communities, and in the lives of their students throughout Florida. This event also provides an opportunity for AFC members and others to learn about new insights and strategies while collaborating and connecting with their peers from around the state. Please join us!

Please click <u>here</u> for registration links. All pricing is per person. If you are registering for multiple people, there are group packages available. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Shannon Oliver at <u>shannon.oliver@fscj.edu</u> (632-3211) or Eileen Johnson at <u>ejohnson@myafchome.org</u> or call the AFC Office at 850-222-3222.

Virtual AFC Annual Conference rates for AFC Members are:

- AFC Member Full Conference: \$150.00
- AFC Member One-Day: \$75.00 (attendee will select which day, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- AFC Member Half Day: \$45.00 (attendee must select Wednesday or Thursday AM or PM)
- AFC Member Friday Only Rate: \$75.00

Group packages for discounts as a chapter/college: (let Shannon know if you have a group and she will follow up to assign names and email addresses to tickets)

- 5-8 people attending: \$625.00
- 9-12 people attending: \$999.00
- 13-19 people attending: \$1,799.00

Our Chapter has travel dollars available to pay for registration, if needed. Please contact me if you are interested.

#### Non-Member Rates:

- Non-Member Full Conference (does not apply to vendors or suppliers): \$200.00
- Non-Member One-Day: \$100.00 (You will select which day, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday for ticket)

Faculty, the Academy for Teaching and Learning has funds available for faculty development. Please visit the Academy's Virtual Conferences website: <a href="https://training.fscj.edu/resources/atl/academy-resources/faculty-travel/virtual-conferences">https://training.fscj.edu/resources/atl/academy-resources/faculty-travel/virtual-conferences</a>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Some important upcoming dates (all events are virtual):

- 10/27/21 October Chapter Social Wear your favorite Halloween costume
- 12/4/21 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up meet at South Campus
- 12/16/21 December Chapter Social Ugly Sweater and Decorate Your FSCJ ID
- 12/16/21 Quarterly Chapter Meeting at 1:00PM