

January 2024



Spring 2023 Data Summit

Save the date, Friday, February 9, for the Achieve@FSCJ Spring 2024 Data Summit – The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of the Data: FSCJ's Collaborative Approach to Student Success.

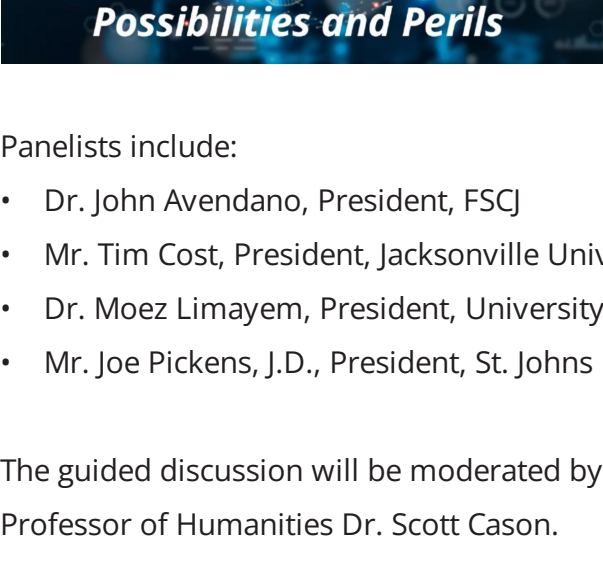
The Spring 2024 Data Summit will begin with a look at Student Services' proactive approach to academic advising, followed by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) student officers providing an overview of the Upsilon Eta Chapter and their current project. We'll wrap up by sharing how human resource metrics such as professional development participation, stay survey, hiring, time to fill, and more drive our commitment to daily improvement through various programs under the Institutional Pillar of Guided Pathways.

Participants will be asked to take part in activities. This event is open to all FSCJ employees.
Friday, February 9
9 a.m.-noon
ATC, 140/141 and Virtual Via WebX

Be on the lookout for an official invitation with registration information coming soon.

News and Updates

Community Town Hall, "AI in Higher Education"



FSCJ will host an interactive Community Town Hall, "AI in Higher Education: Possibilities and Perils," featuring presidents from local colleges and universities on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Advanced Technology Center. The presidents will share insights into how their respective institutions are embracing the possibilities of AI while addressing the challenges it presents in higher education.

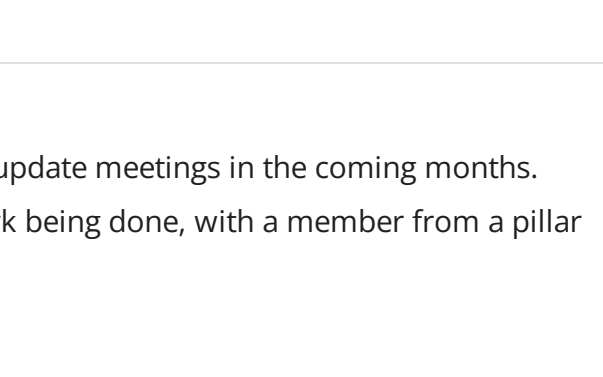
- Panelists include:
- Dr. John Avendano, President, FSCJ
 - Mr. Tim Cost, President, Jacksonville University
 - Dr. Moez Limayem, President, University of North Florida
 - Mr. Joe Pickens, J.D., President, St. Johns River State College

The guided discussion will be moderated by FSCJ Professor of Communications Dr. Audrey Antee and FSCJ Professor of Humanities Dr. Scott Cason.

[Register Here](#)

Mascot Voting is Now Open

The top 3 finalists have been selected and the final choice is in your hands! Will it be Kraken, Manta Ray or Sea Dragon?



Faculty, staff, students and the community are invited to join in making the final selection for a mascot that will best represent the College. Voting ends on February 23. Visit fscj.edu/mascot or click on the button below.

The results will be announced at our Commencement Ceremony on May 9.

[Vote Now](#)

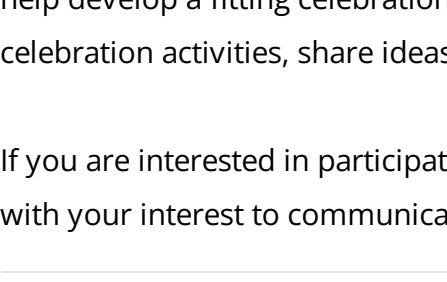
Guided Pathways Update Meetings

All faculty and staff are invited to join us for Guided Pathways update meetings in the coming months. Information will be shared regarding the Guided Pathways work being done, with a member from a pillar group providing updates on their team's projects.

The spring meeting schedule is as follows:
January 30, 2024, 3-3:45 p.m.
February 9, 2024, Data Summit (see above)
March 26, 2024, 3-3:45 p.m.
April 23, 2024, 3-3:45 p.m.

If you would like to receive an invitation to the monthly update meetings, click [here](#). You can read more on Guided Pathways by clicking on the green button below.

[Learn More](#)



Beyond the Big Screen Events Continue Next Month

FSCJ's Literary and Film Series, Beyond the Big Screen, featuring "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption" events will pick back up in February with multiple presentations. The headline screening events will take place on March 5 and 7.

This year, Beyond the Big Screen is also hosting an essay contest, an art contest and a video contest.

Click on the green button for the full schedule of events and more details.

[Learn More](#)

60th Anniversary Planning is Underway

FSCJ's 60th Anniversary is coming up soon! Faculty and staff are invited to share their ideas and input to help develop a fitting celebration for this remarkable milestone. This is your chance to brainstorm celebration activities, share ideas on keepsakes and more to make the year even more memorable.

If you are interested in participating in a committee or just have an idea to pass along, please send an email with your interest to communications@fscj.edu.

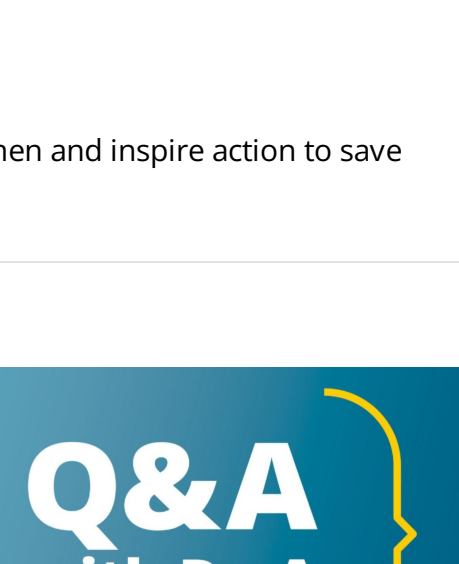
Nassau County Dual Enrollment

FSCJ's Dual Enrollment Department and the Nassau County School District (NCSD) have been working hard to create the first Early College program starting in fall 2024. This program will be for current students in 8th and 9th grades who have been identified to potentially apply for the program. The Early College program allows high school students to earn their Associate in Arts and High School Diploma at the same time.

NCSD is piloting the programs at Yulee High School and West Nassau High School but will allow students from Hilliard Middle/High School and Fernandina Beach High School to apply. Information meetings are taking place now.

Make Your Celebration of Student Success Nominations

There is still time to submit your student nominations for the Celebration of Student Success ceremonies. Nominate up to three students from the Summer 2023, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Terms in the following categories: Academic Achievement, Inspirational Achievement, Outstanding Student Worker, Outstanding Student Leadership.

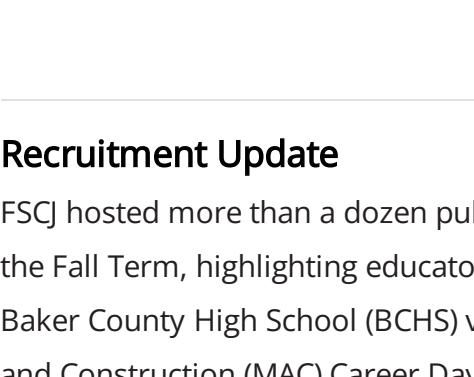


The schedule for each campus awards ceremony is as follows:

- South Campus – Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Kent Campus/Cecil Center – Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Deerwood Center – Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m.
- North Campus/Nassau Center – Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Downtown Campus – Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 4-5:30 p.m.

Nominations may be submitted by completing the online form. Deadlines are two weeks before the date of your campus award ceremony.

[Make a Nomination](#)



Go Red for Women

FSCJ will join the First Coast American Heart Association (AHA) in the fight against heart disease in women by participating in National Wear Red Day on Friday, February 2.

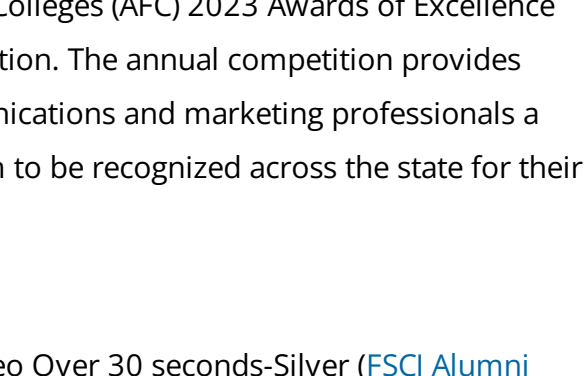
All faculty, staff and students are invited to show support and raise awareness by wearing red on February 2. Join us at 10 a.m. at any of the locations below for a group photo.

- Administrative Offices/Downtown Campus, AO Flagpole
- Cecil Center, Building A Entrance
- Deerwood Center, Center Stage
- Kent Campus, Building G Fountain
- Nassau Center, Courtyard
- North Campus, Auditorium
- South Campus, M2 Building Sculpture

Go Red For Women strives to increase awareness of heart disease in women and inspire action to save more lives.

Q&A with Dr. A

Make plans to join us for the remaining Q&A with Dr. A events taking place during Spring Term. This will be your opportunity to engage in open conversations with Dr. A and ask questions on initiatives and activities that are important to you.

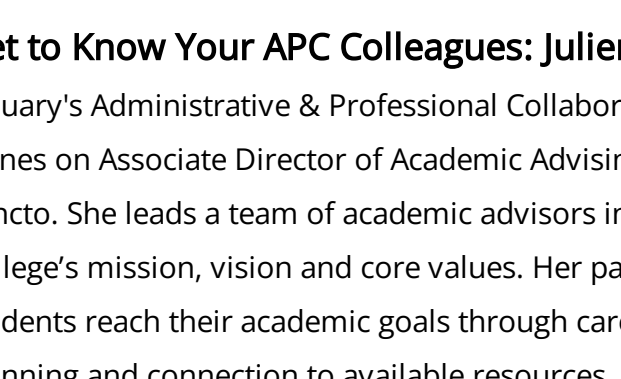


Please note: The previously announced date for South Campus has changed.

Thursday, January 25
Downtown Campus, T-140/141
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5
South Campus, Lakeside Room
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6
Deerwood Center, B1204, Large Academy Room
1:30-2:30 p.m.



Free MOCA Admission in 2024

The Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and FSCJ students and employees receive free admission to the museum in 2024 with an FSCJ ID. Free Student Memberships are available upon request at the time of entry as well.

FSCJ is proud to be an Events and Program underwriter for the new exhibition, "A Walk on the Wild Side: '70s New York in the Norman E. Fisher Collection," on exhibit through July 14, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

Recruitment Update

FSCJ hosted more than a dozen public, private and charter high schools for student experience and tours during the Fall Term, highlighting educator, counselor and future student interest. Wanting to see and learn more, Baker County High School (BCHS) visited twice during the term, first during the Manufacturing, Automotive and Construction (MAC) Career Day and again for a day of campus and workforce program discovery.

Additional December outreach:

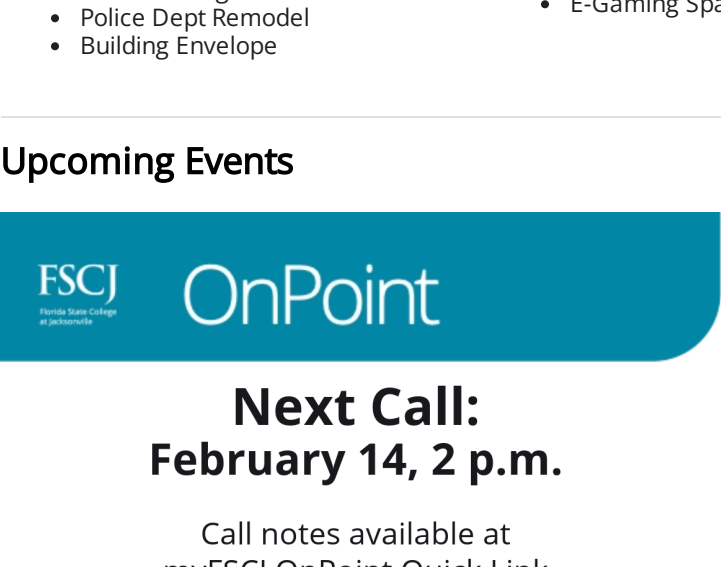
- 6 individual campus tours
- 30 recruitment events conducted/attended
- 1,016 future student interactions

The simplified Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) had a soft launch on December 31, 2023. While early filers have experienced glitches with the new, shortened FAFSA, recent StudentAid.gov communications said user experience and functionality continue to improve. Duval County Public Schools students will receive financial aid assistance via the Bringing Economic and Career Opportunities Nearer (BEACON) program this month and next.

Please direct student recruitment questions to fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu. Questions about the FAFSA may be directed to financialaid@fscj.edu.

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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

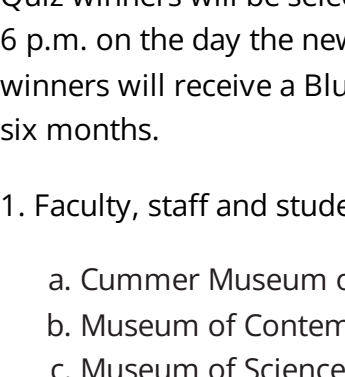


FSCJ's Marketing and Communications team brought home several awards in the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) 2023 Awards of Excellence competition. The annual competition provides communications and marketing professionals a platform to be recognized across the state for their work.

The FSCJ team received the following awards:

- Direct Mail/Silver ([High School Postcard Series Video Ann](#))
- Video Book/Primary Recruitment Piece-Gold ([Mini At-A-Glance](#))
- Outdoor Signage-Bronze ([Billboards](#))
- Poster-Gold ([Single Stone Series](#))
- Video Under 30 seconds-Bronze ([General Commercial](#))
- Video Over 30 seconds-Silver ([FSCJ Alumni Video Ann](#))
- Video Campaign-Gold ([Commercial Series](#))
- Digital Advertising-Gold ([Spring Recruitment Ads](#))
- Digital Advertising-Bronze ([Fall Recruitment Ad](#))

See all winners [here](#).

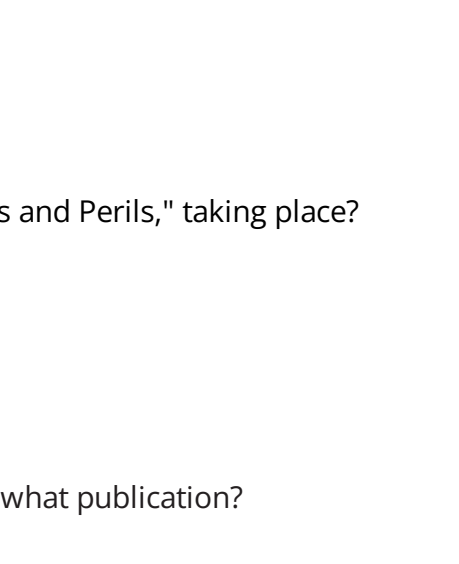


Congratulations to Professor Dustin Harewood! His artwork is featured on the cover of this year's Jacksonville Visitors Guide. The featured work, "Still Unfolding," is part of a larger body of work titled "New Habitats." Click on the cover image or [here](#) to see the full guide and to learn more about Professor Harewood's painting.

This publication is published each year to provide useful information for visitors considering Jacksonville as their travel destination.

Get to Know Your APC Colleagues: Juliene Lantco

Juliene's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) Spotlight shines on Associate Director of Academic Advising Services Juliene Lantco. She leads a team of academic advisors in supporting the College's mission, vision and core values. Her passion is helping students reach their academic goals through career and academic planning and connection to available resources.

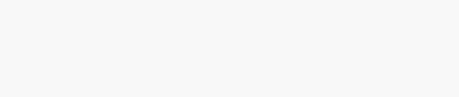


Juliene has 16 years of experience in Student Services at FSCJ and has served at multiple campuses.

[Learn More](#)

Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Devin Pierce

Juliene's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight illuminates eLearning Multimedia Specialist Devin Pierce. She has worked at FSCJ for two years, beginning as an intern, and then contractor, which led to her current position. In her role, she designs graphics and creates video, audio and content that is accessible to all learners and learning styles for online and hybrid courses.



She enjoys learning new media styles, creating graphics and building media to meet ADA compliance.

[Learn More](#)

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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| <p>Recently completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deerwood Nursing Expansion • Downtown, North & South Roof Replacement • South Campus Mechanical Renovations • South Campus Door Replacement & Access Control Upgrade <p>In progress</p> <p>Ongoing Collegewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Plumbing Vanities • Door Lock Conversion to Access Control System • Emergency Responders Radio Communications System (ERCS) Compliance • Fire Alarm Panel Replacement • Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans • Science Lab Renovations • Monument Signs, Building IDS, Wayfinding <p>Cecil Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAS Controls Upgrades <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Directional Signage • Common Area Renovation • Elevator Modernization <p>Downtown Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR, Admin/Finance Renovations • Student Housing Suite Renovation • CIVE Meeting Room Renovation • Police Dept Remodel • Building Envelope | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiller Replacement • Door Replacement and Upgrade • ADA Signage • Elevator Modernization <p>Kent Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door Access Control Upgrades • Hot Water System Replacement • Elevator Modernization <p>Nassau Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVD Skills Pad • Outdoor Education Center Design and Renovations <p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door Access Control Upgrades • Roof Replacement • Student Services, Science Lab Renovation • CPE Pool Renovation • Nursing Offices Furniture • Parking Lot Lighting <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Support Center • Relocate Testing Center • Door Access Control Upgrades • Fire Academy Skills Pad Rehabilitation • Wilson Center Sculpture • Lab Negative Pressure Correction • Boiler Replacement • Roof Replacement • Outdoor Cafe Seating • Boiler Replacement • E-Gaming Space Renovation | <p>In planning</p> <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Retaining Wall Repair <p>Kent Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement Repairs • Auditorium Renovations • Art Lab Storage • Science Lab Upgrades <p>Nassau Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door Access Control Upgrades <p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Program Expansion • Ceiling Tile Replacement • Elevator Replacement <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade • Wilson Center Architect Assessment • Elevator Replacement • Honors Program Expansion • Security Renovation • LLC Furniture • Door Access Control Upgrade |
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Upcoming Events

Next Call:
February 14, 2 p.m.

Call notes available at [myFSCJ OnPoint Quick Link](#)

Join us for the eighth annual

Mathematics Conference

January 25-26, 2024

Questions? Contact academy@fscj.edu.

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Herbert W. Scheidel
Leadership in Action Award

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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 a 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.

- Faculty, staff and students get free admission to what museum during 2024?
 - a. Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
 - b. Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville
 - c. Museum of Science & History
 - d. Ritz Theatre & Museum
- Which of the following is not one of the top three mascot finalists?
 - a. Sea Dragon
 - b. Manta Ray
 - c. Sea Monster
 - d. Kraken
- What day should you wear red for National Wear Red Day?
 - a. February 2
 - b. February 1
 - c. February 23
 - d. February 29
- When is the Community Town Hall, "AI in Higher Education: Possibilities and Perils," taking place?
 - a. January 31
 - b. February 21
 - c. February 8
 - d. January 30
- Professor Dustin Harewood's art was recently featured on the cover of what publication?
 - a. Jacksonville Magazine
 - b. The Experience
 - c. Book of Lists
 - d. Jacksonville Visitors Guide

