

Greetings FSCJ Student,

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said.... “There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.” This thought has stayed with me over the years as I’ve looked toward the future. It is so true today.

I think it's safe to say that none of us could have expected our Spring Break to end the way that it did. What was to be a time of rest, reflection and rejuvenation quickly became a time of confusion, frustration and maybe even fear. I want you to know that I share your feelings and apologize for the inconvenience and disruption to your education.

Please know, our priority remains your health and safety, but we are also working to ensure each of you get to your final academic destination with minimal interruption. At this time, FSCJ will move all of our instruction to online starting March 23 and continuing through at least April 5. FSCJ employees are working remotely and our campuses and centers are closed to everyone except essential employees. A decision about continuing online instruction for the Spring Term will be announced no later than March 30 so please stay tuned. Please continue to check your FSCJ student email, social media and our website for the latest updates.

Current Credit Online Students

If you are currently in online courses, you will begin your course again starting March 23 and continue through the end of the spring term.

Current Credit Face-to-Face Students

If you are currently in a face-to-face or hybrid class and your class has been moved to 100% online your options include:

- Remain in class utilizing online instruction.
- Request a Waiver to Repeat all courses you are taking this term.
 - The courses for this term will remain on your transcript and earned grades will post to your transcript. These grades will impact your GPA and Satisfactory Academic Progress. And they will count toward the three (3) attempts per course policy that requires paying the full cost of tuition for the third attempt. If you received financial aid, you will keep it as long as you didn't fail due to non-attendance, withdraw from courses, or a combination of the two.
- Request a Refund and Disenrollment for all courses you are taking this term.
 - This option eliminates the course(s) from your transcript. If you received financial aid, the school would return any disbursed aid. This return could lead to a debt that you must repay to the school. You will have to pay for

the course(s) if you register to repeat them. The course(s) would not count toward the three (3) attempts per course policy that requires paying the full cost of tuition for the third attempt.

To discuss these options, please visit fscj.edu/advising to make a virtual appointment to speak with an advisor.

Current Students in Workforce and Hands-On Programs

FSCJ is working on solutions to ensure that coursework can be completed through small groups or online

- Individual instructors and program leaders will reach out to students in these courses to discuss options. Options may include requesting a waiver to repeat courses or requesting a drop with a refund, as described above.

We will not change the currently published withdrawal dates, including the upcoming date for A15 classes on March 19. The drop without penalty deadline has been extended from March 16 to March 23.

Based on recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about public events, the College will decide whether or not to postpone our Commencement ceremony (currently scheduled for May 7) no later than Tuesday, March 24. We want to celebrate our student's accomplishments, so please know that if it is postponed, it will be just that, postponed to a later date to meet the guidelines set forth by the CDC. Also, all events currently scheduled to take place on any FSCJ campus or center through April 6 are being canceled and all FSCJ spring athletic competition has been canceled.

With any institution of this size, there are numerous circumstances and situations that will require flexibility, teamwork and individual attention. Moreover, please know...I want nothing but the best for you. Lastly, I ask you to remain vigilant about your own health. Should you or a loved one become ill, seek medical attention. Also, be sure to communicate with your faculty members.

Please stay healthy and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Dr. A
College President