

August 2024



Convocation 2024

We hope to see you at Convocation 2024, "Celebrate the FSCJ Experience," in the South Campus Gymnasium on Thursday, August 22 to kick off our 2024-25 academic year! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and the official program will begin at 9:45 a.m.

This is your chance to reconnect with colleagues, hear the latest updates from across the College and be entered to win raffle prizes. Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food donations for the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry!

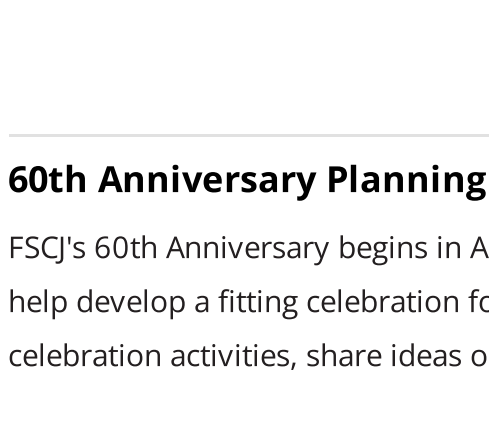
News and Updates

Military and Veteran Spotlight

This Military & Veteran Spotlight features two important initiatives: Green Zone Awareness training and Veteran-to-Veteran (Vet2Vet) Mentoring.



Green Zone Awareness training is open to all FSCJ staff and faculty and continues to be a valuable tool for those who interact with our military-affiliated students. This two-part program is designed to heighten awareness of the issues and concerns that Veteran & Military-affiliated students may or may not be experiencing as they make the transition from base to campus. This course can be accessed by navigating to the [myLearning](#) page and searching for PD 1855.



Vet2Vet Mentoring is an initiative started with our Funds for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant. The aim is to provide a support structure for our military-affiliated students by pairing them with a member of the FSCJ community who shares a connection with the military. This includes Veteran faculty, staff members or another student. Through regular meetings, the two share experiences, challenges and advice and develop goals for the partnership.

[Become a Mentor](#)

60th Anniversary Planning

FSCJ's 60th Anniversary begins in August 2025! 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](mailto:communications@fscj.edu).



You're invited to the Fall Term 2024 Q&A with Dr. A events. Join us for an open conversation with Dr. A. Avendano, where he'll talk about important College priorities and future goals and initiatives for the upcoming year. Bring your thoughts and questions for Dr. A.

All events will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m.:

- Deerwood Center, Tuesday, September 17, Room B-1204
- North Campus, Thursday, October 3, Auditorium
- Cecil Center, Thursday, October 10, Auditorium
- Downtown Campus, Tuesday, October 15, ATC T140/141
- Kent Campus, Wednesday, October 23, D-120
- Nassau Center, Thursday, October 31, Nassau Room (T-126)
- South Campus, Tuesday, November 5, Lakeside Room

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Athletes Earn NJCAA All-Academic Awards

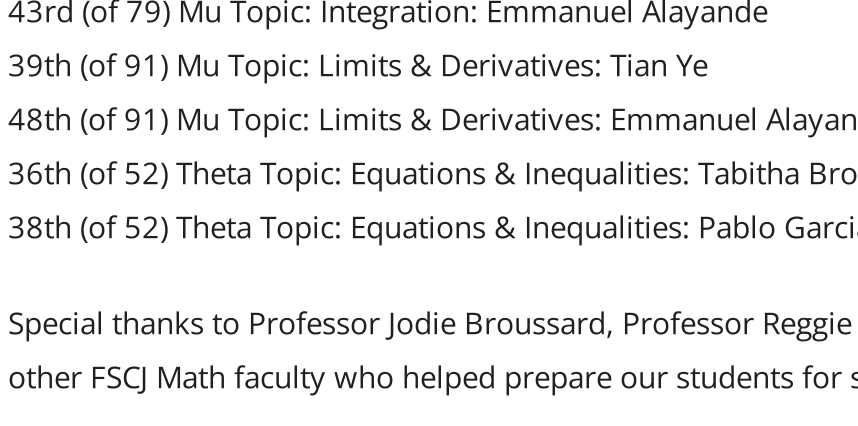
Congratulations to the 25 student-athletes and five teams earning NJCAA All-Academic awards for their dedication in the classroom during the 2023-24 school year!

Student-athletes who achieved a minimum GPA of 3.60 were eligible for NJCAA All-Academic honors. Baseball led the department with 11 honorees.

Teams with a minimum average GPA of 3.0 or higher were recognized as 2023-24 NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year, and for FSCJ, those included Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Women's Cross Country, Men's Basketball and Indoor Volleyball.

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Mu Alpha Theta Competes at Nationals



Professor Jodie Broussard, Jayden Johnson, Tian Ye, Pablo Garcia, Tabitha Broussard, Emmanuel Alayande, Vincent Gillaspay, Sam Deegan and Professor Amanda Sartor

Seven students and sponsor-coaches attended the National Mu Alpha Theta Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada last month. The students competed in 24 different competitions, earning trophies and honorable placements throughout the event:

- 3rd Mu Chalk Talk: Emmanuel Alayande
- 9th Alpha Gemini: Samuel Deegan
- 4th (of 23) in Blue Ribbon (small school competition)
- 16th (of 32) Mu Division (calculus-level)
- 17th (of 25) Poster
- 82nd (of 209) Mu Individual: Jayden Johnson
- 32nd (of 79) Mu Topic: Integration: Jayden Johnson
- 40th (of 79) Mu Topic: Integration: Vincent Gillaspay
- 43rd (of 79) Mu Topic: Integration: Emmanuel Alayande
- 39th (of 91) Mu Topic: Limits & Derivatives: Tian Ye
- 48th (of 91) Mu Topic: Limits & Derivatives: Emmanuel Alayande
- 36th (of 52) Theta Topic: Equations & Inequalities: Tabitha Broussard
- 38th (of 52) Theta Topic: Equations & Inequalities: Pablo Garcia

Special thanks to Professor Jodie Broussard, Professor Reggie Casiple, Professor Amanda Sartor and many other FSCJ Math faculty who helped prepare our students for success in the competition this year.

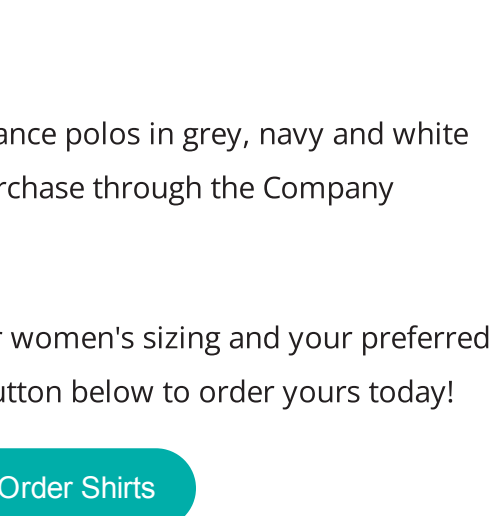
Distinguished Dual Enrollment Faculty Recognized

The Dual Enrollment team hosted a Dual Enrollment Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Day earlier this month. Attendees were able to meet with members of the FSCJ family and learn about what's going on across the College.

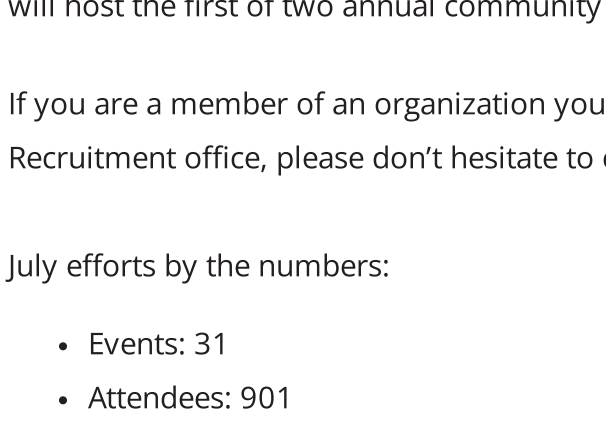
During the event, the top three dual enrollment/faculty members (one Duval County; one Nassau County; one Private/Charter school) who had a distinguished past academic year were recognized with awards. Awards were based on their teaching philosophy, community involvement and demonstration of the FSCJ Values.

The 2024 winners were:  
Jennifer Huffingham, Mandarin High School  
Saina Ozer, River City Science Academy  
Ali Hicks, Yulee High School

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Manta Ray Polos Available for Purchase



FSCJ Manta Ray performance polos in grey, navy and white are now available for purchase through the Company Casuals website.

You can choose men's or women's sizing and your preferred shirt color(s). Click the button below to order yours today!

[Order Shirts](#)

Recruitment Update

Partnerships are an essential component of the Student Recruitment Office's enrollment development strategy. In October, the Student Recruitment Office, in partnership with the Center for Civic Engagement, will host the first of two annual community partner events. Click on the button below to read more.

If you are a member of an organization you believe could benefit from a partnership with the Student Recruitment office, please don't hesitate to contact us at [fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu](mailto:fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu).

July efforts by the numbers:

- Events: 31
- Attendees: 901
- Individual tours: 28
- Individual tour attendees: 59

Upcoming events:

- August 19: Why FSCJ with Opportunity Project
- August 21: Application assistance with Daniel Kids
- August 26: FSCJ Downtown group tour: Vertical Program

If you have questions about student recruitment activities or wish to have our office meet with a group of prospective students, please contact us at [fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu](mailto:fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu).

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**Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Tamera Meyer**  
August's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Administrative Assistant II Tamera "Tammy" Meyer, who has been with FSCJ for 19 years. She is also a proud FSCJ graduate, having earned an A.A. and bachelor's.

Tammy has been a CEC representative since June 2010, taking on the treasurer role in 2012. She has been involved in many CEC objectives from recruiting representatives, promoting welfare, and assisting with CEC policies and procedures, but her favorite is working on the Fundraising Committee.

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Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the August 13, 2024, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's annual Capital Improvement Plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the performance evaluation of the President as required by law and the provisions of the employment contract between the Board and the President.
- New officers: Board Chair Wayne Young was re-elected, Trustee Andrew Shaw, M.D. was elected as vice chair for Duval County, Trustee Rod Odom was re-elected as vice chair for Nassau County and Trustee Mike Bell was elected as liaison for the FSCJ Foundation Board of Directors.

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

August Retirees

- Jimmie Barrett, 20 years of service
- Gregory Dietrich, 34 years of service
- Theresa Dyer Kramer, 9 years of service
- Michael Franklin, 17 years of service
- Patricia Garrett, 24 years of service
- Dorothy Johnson, 10 years of service
- Carolyn Keister, 15 years of service
- Timothy Weisdale, 2 years of service

Facilities Updates

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

- Recently completed**
  - Cecil Center-BAS Control Upgrade
  - AD-Furniture, Artist Series, Conference Room Renovation
  - Nassau-Testing Center Screens
  - Downtown-Student Housing Renovation
  - URC-CWE Meeting Room Renovation
  - North-Door Access Control Upgrade, Roof Replacement, Furniture, CVT Classroom
  - South-Door Access Control Upgrades, Boiler Replacement, Outdoor Furniture
  - Deerwood-Furniture, NOC Reception & Office
- Kent Campus:**
  - Hot Water System Replacement
  - Elevator Modernization
  - Parking Lot Lighting
  - Door Access Control Upgrades
  - Science Lab Upgrades
  - Addressable Device Upgrades
  - Auditorium Dressing Room Renovation
  - Career Closet Renovation
- Nassau Center:**
  - Science Lab Remodel
  - Door Access Control Upgrade
  - Parking Lot Lighting
- North Campus:**
  - Door Access Control Upgrades
  - Student Services, Science Lab Renovation
  - Nursing Program Expansion
  - Parking Lot Lighting
  - Replace Ceiling Tiles
  - Elevator Modernization
  - BBA Monitoring System
  - Individual Addressable Monitoring System
  - Signage
- South Campus:**
  - Door Access Control Upgrades
  - Roof Replacement
  - Elevator Modernization
  - Outdoor Furniture
  - Gym Floor, Renovation
  - Fire Tower Repair
  - Fire Alarm System Replacement
  - Fire Academy Pipe Replacement
  - Skills Pad
  - Lighting Controls Upgrade
  - Follett Capital Improvements
- In progress**
  - Ongoing Collegewide:
    - Door Access Control Upgrades
    - Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Systems
    - Emergency Responders Radio
    - Communications System
    - Fire Alarm Panel Replacement
    - Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans
    - Science Lab & Classroom Renovations
    - Monument Signs, Building IDs, Wayfinding
    - Energy Initiatives
  - Deerwood Center:
    - Skylight Replacement
    - Furniture, Outdoor
    - Computer Lab Upgrades
  - Downtown Campus:
    - HR Renovations
    - Multipurpose Room Renovations
    - Building Envelope
    - Chiller Replacement
    - Elevator Modernization
    - Door Access Control Upgrades
    - ADA Signage
    - Pipe Lining
    - Fire Alarm System Replacement
    - Follett Capital Improvements
- In planning**
  - Deerwood Center:**
    - Academy Space Renovation
    - Assessment Lockers
  - Kent Campus:**
    - Pavement Repairs
    - Auditorium Renovation
    - Follett Capital Improvements
  - Nassau Center:**
    - David Yulee Room Furniture
  - North Campus:**
    - Ceiling Tile Replacement
    - CJC Window Replacement
  - South Campus:**
    - Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade
    - Wilson Center Architect Assessment
    - Honors Program Expansion
    - Security Renovation

Upcoming Events

FSCJ OnPoint Next Call: September 11, 2 p.m. Call notes available at [myFSCJ OnPoint Quick Link](#)

**stay@FSCJ**  
Fall classes start August 26  
[VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE](#)

American Heart Association. **Heart Walk.**  
**2024 First Coast Heart Walk**  
Saturday, October 5  
Register and learn more: [firstcoastheartwalk.org](http://firstcoastheartwalk.org)  
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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 [newsletter@fscj.edu](mailto:newsletter@fscj.edu). Three winners will receive a Manta Messenger prize pack! Please note: Previous quiz winners are not eligible to win for six months.

- When is Convocation 2024?
  - August 4
  - August 23
  - August 22
  - August 14
- How many student-athletes earned NJCAA All-Academic awards for their dedication in the classroom during the 2023-24 school year?
  - 5
  - 25
  - 22
  - 15
- What color Manta Ray polo is not available for online ordering?
  - White
  - Navy
  - Royal Blue
  - Grey
- What time will each of the Q&A with Dr. A events be held?
  - 1:30-2:30 p.m.
  - 8:30-9:30 a.m.
  - Noon-1 p.m.
  - 10-11 a.m.
- Where was the National Mu Alpha Theta Convention held last month?
  - South Campus
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Los Angeles, California
  - Las Vegas, Nevada