

December 2024



FSCJ Opens New Military and Veterans Service Center at South Campus

We were proud to open the new Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC), located at South Campus, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 14. FSCJ leadership, administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni gathered with military, state and community leaders to celebrate the new, 4,800-square-foot area, designed to provide and expand services for veteran and military students, and their dependents. The Center offers a holistic, student-centered environment that supports academic and career goals, in addition to personal well-being.

"The entire FSCJ family takes great joy and pride in our opportunity to serve, partner and walk alongside this population of students," said Dr. Avendano. "As a representation of our great appreciation, we are excited to unveil the Military and Veterans Service Center to support all the men and women who have served and their families as they transition into their future."

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News and Updates

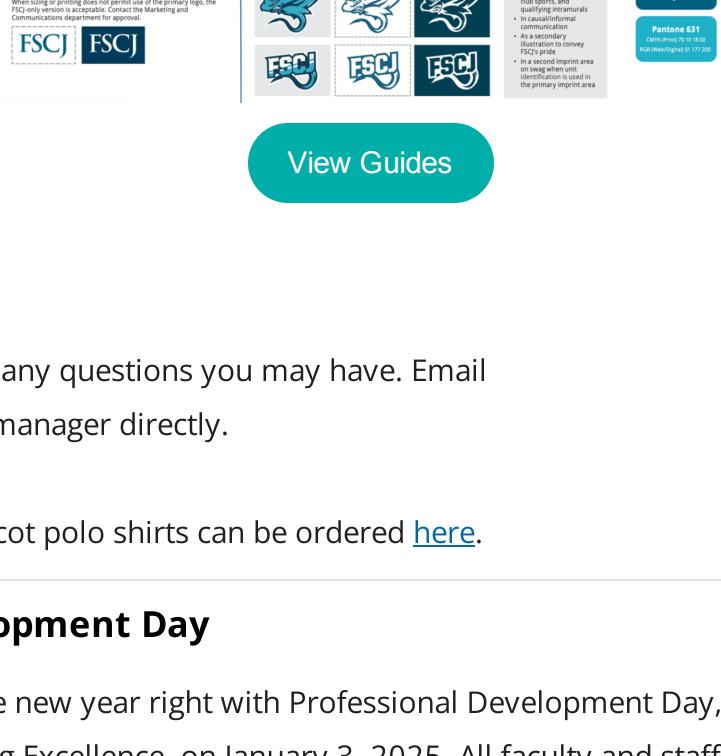
FSCJ and Mascot Branding Guides Available Online

The FSCJ Brand & Style Guide and Mascot Brand Guide are both available [online](#). Each document provides standards that should be followed to communicate the unique identity of our College and our manta ray mascot consistently.

With the creation of the mascot, it's important to highlight that academic and administrative units can use the mascot to convey FSCJ pride. However, the manta ray must be used as a secondary element, in addition to the FSCJ logo. See guidelines for additional details and usage examples.

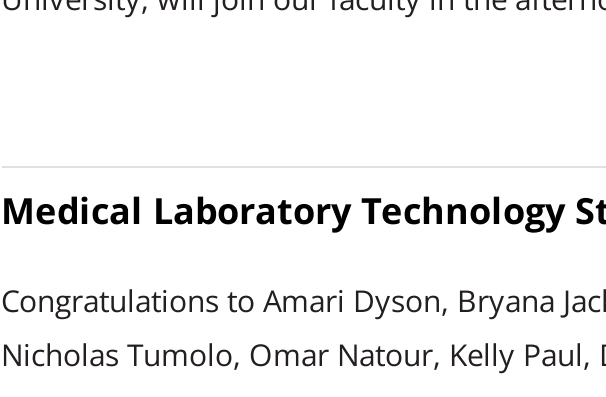
The Marketing and Communications team can answer any questions you may have. Email communications@fscj.edu or contact your marketing manager directly.

Visit the [mascot shop](#) to get your manta ray gear! Mascot polo shirts can be ordered [here](#).



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Make Plans to Attend Professional Development Day



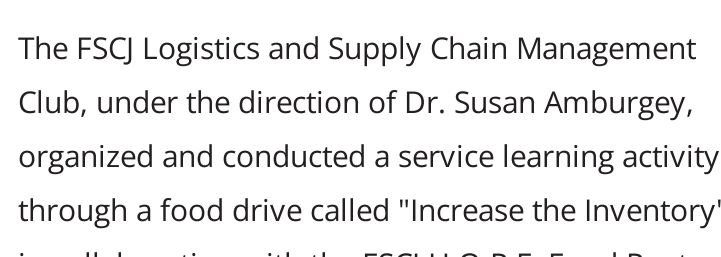
Start the new year right with Professional Development Day, Elevating Excellence, on January 3, 2025. All faculty and staff are invited to participate in this day dedicated to constructive learning and growth. This annual event features a myriad of specially designed workshops tailored to enhance your skills and knowledge.

This year's event will feature two tracks focusing on Wellness and Teaching and Learning. The morning keynote address will be given by Neha Rajebhosale, Practice Director with The Ritz Carlton Leadership Center. Dr. Brian J. Beatty, Professor of Instructional Design and Technology at San Francisco State University, will join our faculty in the afternoon to discuss the hybrid modality.

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Medical Laboratory Technology Students Win National Competition

Congratulations to Amari Dyson, Bryana Jackson, Nicholas Tumolo, Omar Nator, Kelly Paul, Danielle Dedios and Justin Lopez for their big win in the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Super Cell Bowl! These Medical Laboratory Technology Associate in Science students participated in the hematology blood cell identification challenge as part of their clinical rotations with Baptist Health.



They were victorious over University of Connecticut Medical Laboratory Science in the final match up to become the Super Cell Bowl 2024 National Champions! Danielle Dedios was named the season MVP.

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Logistics and Supply Chain Management Club Merges Learning with Giving Back

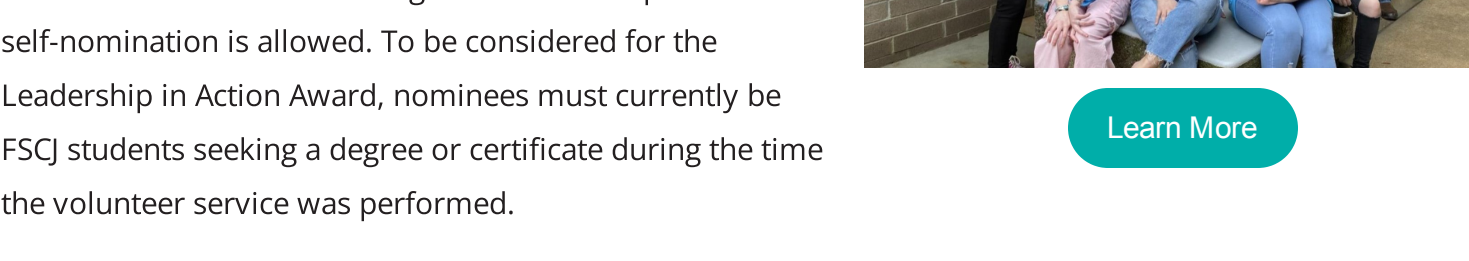


The FSCJ Logistics and Supply Chain Management Club, under the direction of Dr. Susan Amburgey, organized and conducted a service learning activity through a food drive called "Increase the Inventory" in collaboration with the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry.

Their efforts garnered more than 1,400 pounds of food to help FSCJ students facing food insecurity. Furthering their learning, the Dual Enrollment students participated in warehousing procedures such as receiving goods from "suppliers," counting inventory, quality assurance and packaging techniques. They will also learn inventory methods as they help place all the donated items on the food pantry shelves.

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Congratulations to the New PTK Inductees

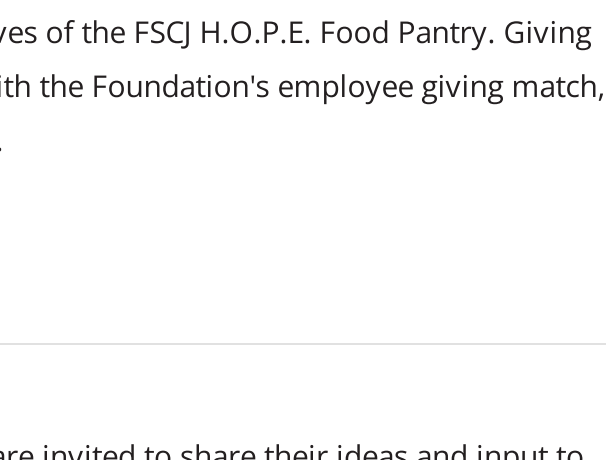


We were proud to celebrate the new members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society on Friday, November 22. During the induction ceremony, 53 new members were welcomed into the Upsilon Eta Chapter in recognition of their academic excellence. Dr. A. Provost and VP of Academic Affairs Dr. John Wall and other FSCJ administrators were in attendance to congratulate the inductees. Family and friends were also proud to attend, sharing in all the excitement surrounding the occasion.

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Nominate a Student for the Scheidel Leadership in Action Award

The Leadership in Action Award is an annual scholarship funded by the Scheidel Family. This recognition is awarded to an FSCJ student who is expanding the opportunities of others by volunteering with a single community nonprofit agency in our service area.

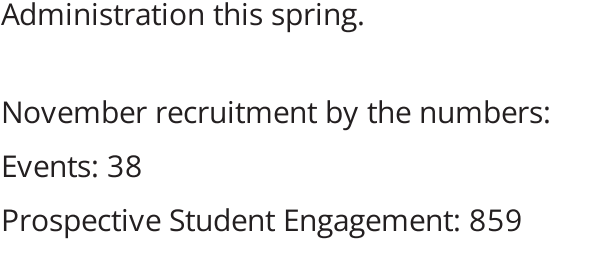


Candidates are selected through a nomination process and self-nomination is allowed. To be considered for the Leadership in Action Award, nominees must currently be FSCJ students seeking a degree or certificate during the time the volunteer service was performed.

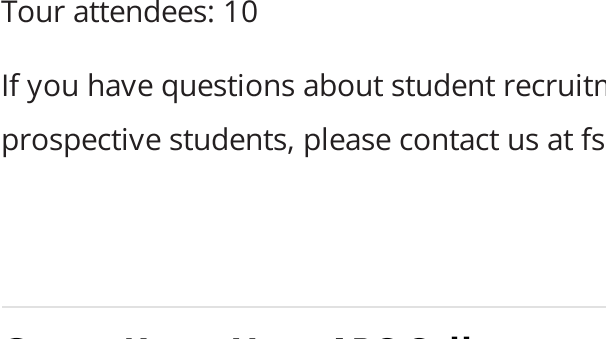
To nominate a student, visit the [Scheidel Leadership in Action webpage](#) and click Apply Now. The application deadline is February 15, 2025. For a more information, contact Luann Risoli-Goodall at luann.risoli.goodall@fscj.edu or (904) 646-2068.

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Giving Tuesday Recap



Thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating Giving Tuesday! On this year's day of giving, team members from across the College volunteered with Farm Share and Lutheran Social Services.



At Farm Share, volunteers packed 323 meal boxes to benefit senior citizens in our community. Volunteers with Lutheran Social Services worked in the food pantry, making packages and distributing food. Click on the button below to check out more volunteer photos.

The FSCJ Foundation also collected financial contributions to restock the shelves of the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. Giving Tuesday gifts, with the Foundation's employee giving match, totaled \$17,389.

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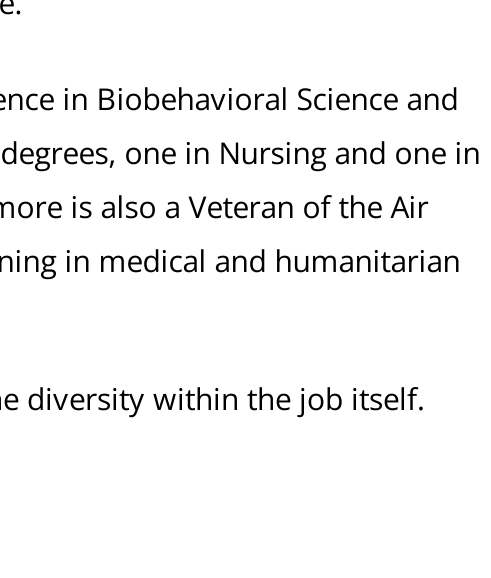
60th Anniversary Planning

FSCJ's 60th Anniversary begins August 2025! Faculty and staff are invited to share their ideas and input to help develop a fitting celebration for this milestone. You can help 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.

Recruitment Update

The Student Recruitment office has added a new Campus Tour Coordinator Maiah Leon to the team. In her new role, Maiah coordinates campus tour experiences for individual tour offerings. In addition, she collaborates with her student recruiter colleagues to ensure prospective students from area schools and community partner programs have an outstanding experience on campus. Looking ahead, Maiah will play an active role in developing a more robust virtual tour experience.



Maiah is well acquainted with the College as a learner and employee, having studied and worked here. She earned her Associate in Arts (A.A.) at FSCJ and will complete her Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration this spring.

November recruitment by the numbers:

- Events: 38
- Prospective Student Engagement: 859
- Tours: 10
- Tour attendees: 10

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.

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Get to Know Your APC Colleagues: Jody Taylor



December's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Educational Technology Specialist Jody Taylor. Jody supports faculty in the training and implementation of online learning tools.

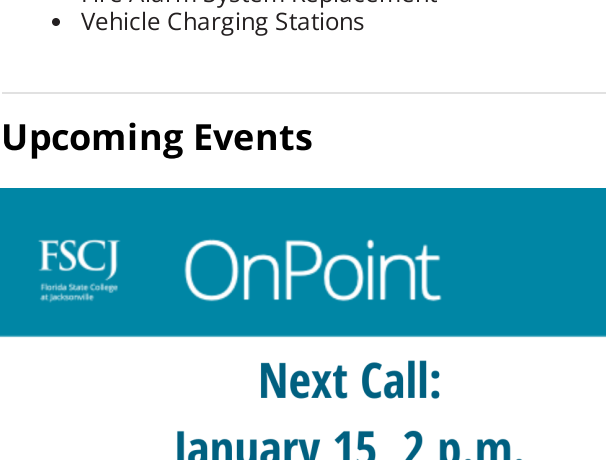
She is leading the development of a Canvas Mastery Certificate program and is playing a key role in the Simple Syllabus rollout. She also assists in the management of Canvas and writes for the IT department blog.

Before joining FSCJ in 2022, she held various roles at UNF, including Academic Advisor, English Instructor and Budget Coordinator.

Her interdisciplinary background has been valuable in adapting to the evolving educational landscape, including the recent advancements in AI. She's an active member of the Florida AI Consortium and presented her research at three major conferences this year.

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Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Ron Elmore



December's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Kent Campus Natural Sciences Lab Manager and Vice Chair of the Career Employees' Council Ron Elmore.

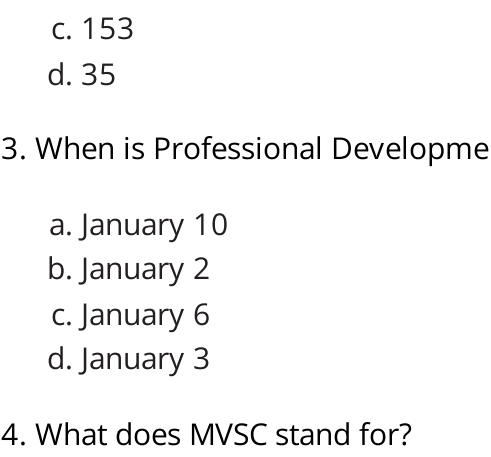
Ron has been with FSCJ for three years. In his role, he manages the daily operations of academic science laboratories, including supplies, inventory, budget, service contracts and much more.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Biobehavioral Science and two Associate in Science degrees, one in Nursing and one in Child Psychology. Mr. Elmore is also a Veteran of the Air Force with extensive training in medical and humanitarian services.

What Ron enjoys most about his job is the people he works with and the diversity within the job itself.

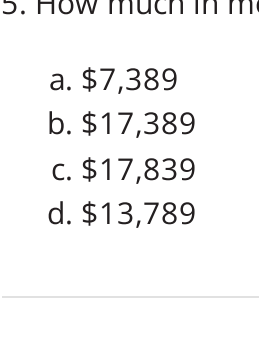
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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

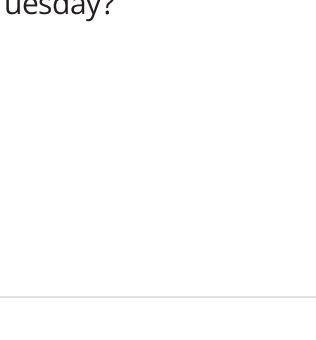


FSCJ Professor and danceWORKS Director Rebecca Levy was featured in Canvas Rebel. The article highlights her efforts to advance the arts in our community both as an educator and as artistic director of Jacksonville Dance Theater.

Read the feature [here](#).



FSCJ Marketing and Communications won gold, silver and bronze in the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations for Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) Awards of Excellence. The team earned recognition for a variety of digital, print, video and specialty projects from the previous year. Check out the list of awards earned [here](#).



FSCJ In Action

Volunteer with The Salvation Army this Holiday Season

When: Now through December 24
Where: Convenient Locations
Time: Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Volunteer to spread holiday cheer and help support vital programs in Northeast Florida. To register, visit [RegisterToRing.com](https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/volunteer) and enter program code **FSCJ 2024**.



Students in the FSCJ Legal Studies Association, led by Faculty Advisor Faith Litvack, JD, recently toured the Duval County Courthouse.

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"> North - CTV Lockers, Bldg A North - Lighting Lot Lighting Retrofit Deerwood - Skylight Replacement West - Career Closet Renovation <p>In progress</p> <p>Ongoing Collegewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Systems Emergency Responders Radio Communications System Fire Alarm Panel Replacement Scan/Digital Facilities Plans Science Lab & Classroom Renovations Monument Signs, Building IDs, Wayfinding Memorial Benches/Agelacy Walk Energy Initiatives <p>Ceiling Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHU1, ERU Replacement Door Replacements <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Alarm Replacement Classrooms to Computer Labs Renovation Deerwood Conference Center Renovation Assessment Locker Replacement <p>Downtown Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multipurpose Room Renovation Building Emeritage Elevator Modernization Door Access Control Upgrades ADA Signage Fire Alarm System Replacement Vehicle Charging Stations | <p>Kent Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Water System Replacement Door Access Control Upgrades Addressable Device Upgrades Science Lab Upgrades Auditorium, Dressing Room Renovation Career Closet Renovation Auditorium Renovation Student Life Renovation <p>Nassau Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Lab Remodel Door Access Control Upgrade Parking Lot Lighting <p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Student Services, Science Lab Renovation Nursing Program Expansion Elevator Modernization BDA Monitoring System Individual Addressable Monitoring System Signage CJC Pavilion, Window Replacement <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Roof Replacement Elevator Modernization Fire Tower Repair Fire Academy Skills Pad Lighting Controls Upgrade Fire Alarm System Replacement Childcare Center Renovation Men's Locker Room Renovation | <p>In planning</p> <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stairs, Curtain Wall, Main Entry and Balcony Repairs <p>Downtown Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse Building VERC Renovation <p>Kent Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus Route Improvements Barbershop Renovation <p>Nassau Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Yulee Room Furniture <p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Tower Stairwell Boiler Replacement Lot 5 Milling and Resurfacing <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilson Center Architect Assessment Honors Program Expansion Security Renovation River City Academy CSX Hazard Training Facility |
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Upcoming Events

Next Call:
January 15, 2 p.m.

Call notes available at myFSCJ OnPoint Quick Link

GOES TO COLLEGE

Check out the latest episode on:

Spring classes start January 6

[VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE](#)

Check out the events calendar to view more events and access the form to submit your College-related events: fscj.edu/events.

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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. Three winners will receive a Manta Messenger prize pack! Please note: Previous quiz winners are not eligible to win for six months.

- FSCJ Medical Laboratory Technology Associate in Science students participated in the hematology blood cell identification challenge as part of their clinical rotations with which health provider?
 - Brooks Rehabilitation
 - Mayo Clinic
 - Baptist Health
 - UF Health
- How many new members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Upsilon Eta Chapter were added during the November 22 induction ceremony?
 - 53
 - 55
 - 153
 - 35
- When is Professional Development Day 2025?
 - January 10
 - January 2
 - January 6
 - January 3
- What does MVSC stand for?
 - Military and Veteran Student Center
 - Military and Veterans Student Center
 - Military and Veterans Staff Center
 - Military and Veteran Service Center
- How much in monetary donations did the FSCJ Foundation collect during Giving Tuesday?
 - \$7,389
 - \$17,389
 - \$17,839
 - \$13,789

