

## January 2025



### **Spring Data Summit**

Connect with colleagues at the Achieve@FSCJ Spring 2025 Data Summit – Sharing Love of Data from Continuous Quality Improvement Initiatives at FSCJ.

The Spring 2025 Data Summit will begin discussions on continuous quality improvement by highlighting academic and non-academic assessment. This will be followed by sharing continuous quality insights from VIP 2.0, and an overview of the initiatives of the upcoming strategic plan. The summit will conclude with a focus on Six Sigma, including a Six Sigma Black Belt panel discussion. This event is open to all FSCJ employees.

Friday, February 14, 2025, 9 a.m.-noon In-person session located at ATC, T140/141: Register here Live online session: <u>Register here</u>

With questions, email Dr. Jerrett Dumouchel at jerrett.dumouchel@fscj.edu.

# News and Updates

# Free MOCA Admission with FSCJ ID



FSCJ is proud to be an Events and Program underwriter for MOCA's upcoming exhibition, Jax Contemporary: A Juried Art Show for Greater Jacksonville. With this partnership, FSCJ students, faculty, staff and retirees receive free admission to MOCA by showing their FSCJ ID during 2025.

Jax Contemporary, a new triennial exhibition, recognizes the incredible talent of artists in the northeast Florida region (Flagler, Putnam, Baker, Clay, St. Johns, Duval, and Nassau Counties). Throughout the exhibition, the participating artists will have an opportunity to talk more broadly about their work in an Artist Lecture Series in the MOCA theatre. JAX Contemporary seeks to support and promote the contemporary art practices of our area and showcase the broad vitality of artistic voices representing this moment in history in Jacksonville. Jax Contemporary opens on March 29, 2025.

Free Student Memberships are available upon request at the time of entry.



### **Invite Rayzor Ray to Your Event**

Bring some extra excitement to your events with Rayzor Ray! Our beloved mascot is ready to make appearances that will energize the crowd and create unforgettable memories. Don't miss out—bookmark the Rayzor Ray Request Form today and secure a visit!

### FSCJ Style Guides

The FSCJ Brand & Style Guide and Mascot Brand Guide are both available <u>online</u>. 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 note 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.

Download the FSCJ SAFE App



As we enter a new calendar year, it's a good time to ensure you have downloaded the FSCJ SAFE App to your phone. This free app, available from the Apple or Google app store, contains built-in personal safety and College-related information modules.

With the FSCJ SAFE app, users have emergency reporting and other resources at their fingertips, including Emergency Blue Light, Virtual Walk Home, Emergency Contacts, Campus Maps, Safety Toolbox, Report a Tip, Emergency Plans and

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more.



#### Make Your Celebration of Student Success Nominations

It's time to submit your student nominations for the Celebration of Student Success ceremonies. Nominate up to three students from the Summer 2024, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 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:

Deerwood Center – Thursday, April 3, 6-7:30 p.m., Academy Room, B1204 Downtown Campus – Thursday, April 10, 4-5:30 p.m., Auditorium, A1068 Kent Campus/Cecil Center – Tuesday, April 15, 6-7:30 p.m., Room D120 South Campus – Thursday, April 17, 6-7:30 p.m., Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room North Campus/Nassau Center – Tuesday, April 22, 6-7:30 p.m., Auditorium, C126

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



#### Scheidel Leadership in Action Award Nominations Due February 15

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.



Learn More

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

#### Seeking Student Content Creators



If you know of students with school spirit who are active on social media and want to capture the essence of FSCJ from their point of view, send them our way! We are looking for student content creators who are willing to share day-in-thelife videos highlighting their experiences in our programs and at our different locations.

These real-life, point-of-view videos are a great way to spotlight our students, our breadth of services and all that FSCJ has to offer. To see a recent example from one of our student-athletes, Ava, click <u>here</u>.

Interested students can email socialmedia@fscj.edu.

#### 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 share, please send an email with your interest to communications@fscj.edu.

#### **Recruitment Update**

For student recruitment, the first half of 2025 promises to be as engaging as the latter half of 2024. We are focused on nurturing legacy partnerships and creating initiatives to engage, enlighten and encourage prospective students. Flipping through the pages of the 2025 calendar, the following are upcoming highlight recruitment events:

- January BEACON (Bringing Economic and Career Opportunities Nearer)
- February Principals and Counselors Meeting (February 28 at Kent Campus)
- March Nassau County FSCJ Connections: A Community Partner Event (March 28)
- April Nassau County Takeover Day (April 11)
- May Duval County Takeover Day(s) (South Campus: April 25, North Campus: May 2)
- June Collegewide Open House (June 21 at South Campus)

We value the involvement of the FSCJ family and believe our prospective students benefit when they hear

various FSCJ voices. If you're interested in participating in recruitment events, please contact us at fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu with the subject line Dive into Manta Ray Nation.



#### Get to Know Your APC Colleagues: Chris Sexton



January's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Business Solutions Strategist Chris Sexton. He brings over 15 years of executive leadership experience in sales, marketing and franchising to promote FSCJ's premier education programs to our local community.

In his role, Chris collaborates with our region's employers, connecting them to FSCJ's customized education and training solutions. He has served in a variety of corporate, entrepreneurial, non-profit and government roles throughout his career.

Chris holds a master's degree in public administration, is a licensed private pilot and a scuba diver. He enjoys volunteering with youth services organizations, community programs and supporting local mental health initiatives. He also enjoys live music, experiencing new restaurants, exploring the outdoors and traveling.



#### **Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Frantz Damas**



January's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Case Manager/Career Specialist Frantz Damas. He started with FSCJ in July 2015 as a Temporary Career DSS. In September 2016, he transitioned to the role of Student Success Advisor I, where he served for eight years before becoming the Educate Tomorrow Case Manager.

Frantz holds professional training in Social and Political Sciences from ISPOS in Haiti, and is a double graduate of FSCJ, earning an A.A. and B.A.S. in Public Safety Management. Additionally, he holds two master's degrees: a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Public Policy from UNF and a Master of Arts in French Language from the University of New Orleans, and is on track to earn a Ph.D. in Public Policy, focusing on Foreign and Social Policy, later this year from Liberty University.

In his personal time, Mr. Damas enjoys traveling with his family and engages in meditation as a means to connect with universal energy.



#### **FSCJ In Action**

Police Officer Charles "Mike" White with the FSCJ Police Department was recently commended for his outstanding service and sincere acts of compassion and human kindness toward a citizen of our Jacksonville community.

Fellow Police Officer T. C. Haire shared, "Officer White quickly made new friends both within and outside of the college. One of the people he met early on was MJ. MJ lived on the streets of Jacksonville spending most of her time on State Street in front of FSCJ near the City Rescue Mission. Officer White would stop and talk with MJ and check on her well-being. After several months, Officer White was able to locate and contact MJ's family members. Being concerned about her well-being, the family members were able to get a courtordered pickup notice for evaluation. The evaluation order is only valid for seven days after issuance. When Officer White was made aware of the order, he contacted members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Co-Responder unit. This is a newly formed unit that assists people in mental crisis. Through his efforts and perseverance, MJ was picked up and the order was served. Officer White made sure that he was the familiar face present when MJ was picked up."

Thanks to everyone who participated in **Professional Development Day 2025** on January 3! Faculty and staff from each location kicked off the new year with a day of constructive learning and growth. The morning keynote address was 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, joined faculty in the afternoon to discuss the hyflex modality. View event photos here.



#### **Facilities Updates**

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

Multipurpose Room Renovation

#### Recently completed

In progress

• Nassau - Parking Lot Lighting

• Downtown & South - Door Access

Control Upgrades

- Deerwood Assessment Locker Replacement
- Building Envelope

Downtown Campus:

- Elevator Modernization • ADA Signage
- Fire Alarm System Replacement Vehicle Charging Stations
- South Roof Replacement and Fire Tower Repairs Kent Campus:
  - Hot Water System Replacement • Addressable Device Upgrades

#### South Campus:

- Door Access Control Upgrades Elevator Modernization
- Fire Academy Skills Pad
- Lighting Controls Upgrade
- Fire Alarm System Replacement Childcare Center Renovation
- Men's Locker Room Renovation
- Parking Lot Lighting Restroom Renovation

#### Ongoing Collegewide: • Science Lab Upgrades In planning • Auditorium, Dressing Room • Door Access Control Upgrades Deerwood Center: Renovation • Elevator Door Lock Monitoring • Student Life Renovation Systems • Stairs, Curtain Wall, Main Entry and • Bus Route Improvements • Emergency Responders Radio Balcony Repairs Communications System Nassau Center: • Fire Alarm Panel Replacement Downtown Campus: Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans • Science Lab Remodel • Science Lab & Classroom Warehouse Building Door Access Control Upgrade • VERC Renovation Renovations • David Yulee Room Furniture • Wayfinding, Monument Signs, • Fire Alarm Replacement Kent Campus: Building IDs North Campus: Memorial Benches/Legacy Walk Barbershop Renovation • Energy Initiatives • Door Access Control Upgrades North Campus: Cecil Center: • Student Services, Science Lab Renovation Paint Tower Stairwell • AHU1, ERU Replacement • Nursing Program Expansion Boiler Replacement • Door Replacements Elevator Modernization BDA Monitoring System South Campus: Deerwood Center: • Individual Addressable Monitoring System • Wilson Center Architect • Fire Alarm Replacement Signage Assessment Classrooms to Computer Labs • CJC Pavilion, Window Replacement • Honors Program Expansion Renovation • Lot 5 Resurfacing • Security Renovation • Deerwood Conference Center Renovation

#### **Upcoming Events**



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

**View More Events** 

### 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.

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1. What is the name of FSCJ's security and emergency alert app?

- a. S.A.F.E.
- b. SAFE @ FSCI
- c. mySafety
- d. FSCJ SAFE

2. What is the deadline for Celebration of Student Success nominations?

a. Two weeks before the date of your campus award ceremony

- b. May 7
- c. No deadline
- d. April 12

3. What is the topic of the Spring Data Summit panel discussion?

- a. Assessment b. VIP 2.0 c. Six Sigma Black Belt
- d. Strategic Plan

4. Who is eligible for free admission to MOCA with an FSCJ ID?

- a. Faculty and staff
- b. Students
- c. Retirees
- d. All of the above

5. When is Commencement 2025?

- a. May 7 b. May 7
- c. May 7
- d. May 7