



January 2026

**FSCJ** Florida State College at Jacksonville

# STEPPING STONES PROGRAM

*Your future starts with the first step.*

#### FSCJ Receives \$1.5 Million Gift from Anonymous Donors

FSCJ received a \$1.5 million donation from anonymous donors to support the Stepping Stones program. In combination with many previous gifts, this donation makes these longtime donors the largest in the FSCJ Foundation's 52-year history.

Funds will provide critical resources, including direct student financial assistance, educational materials, classroom supplies, certification testing fees and required background checks for healthcare-related fields. It will also cover essentials such as uniforms, books, tools and instructional materials, as well as vital support services that help students overcome personal barriers to education.

"We are humbled by the selfless generosity of these benefactors who have a longstanding relationship with FSCJ and Stepping Stones. This gift is their way to ensure this program is efficacious for even more students for years to come," said Dr. A.

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#### News and Updates

##### Register for the Spring Data Summit: Community College 3.0 & FSCJ's Role in Community Vibrancy

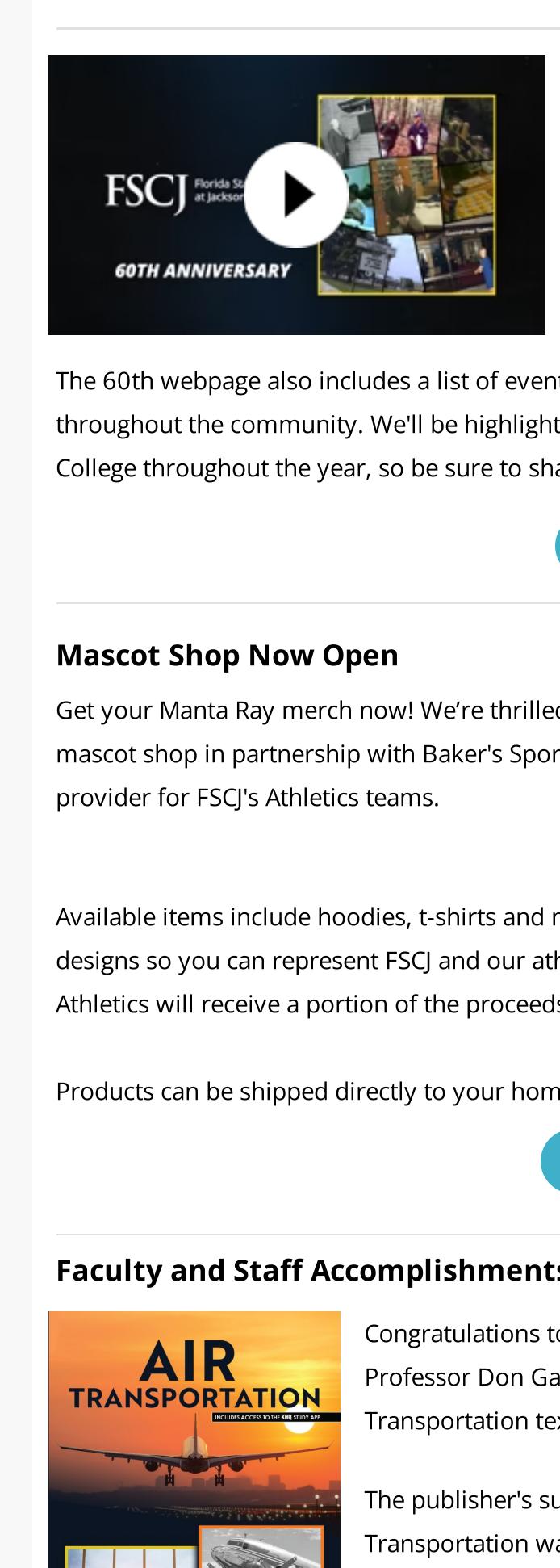
All employees are invited to the Spring 2026 Data Summit on Friday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to Noon in ATC 140 or via WebEx. The event will begin by defining community college 3.0 and the community vibrancy framework. Following that, you will discover the economic impact the College has on Duval and Nassau counties. Next, you will see the initial results of the first post-completion survey. The session will wrap up with exploring FSCJ's participation in the national Unlocking Opportunity cohort sponsored by the Aspen Institute.

- In-person session located at ATC, T140: [Register Here](#)
- Live online session: [Register Here](#) or log onto myFSCJ.edu. On the Employee Self-Service page, locate "Useful Links" and click on "myLearning." Select the "Learning Library" tab, search for PD 2497 "Spring 2026 Data Summit," click view sessions, and register for your preferred session.

Your attendance counts for three non-credit hours of professional development toward the One Percent Salary Incentive. With questions, email Dr. Jerrett Dumouchel at [jerrett.dumouchel@fscj.edu](mailto:jerrett.dumouchel@fscj.edu).

[Visit myLearning to Register](#)

##### QueST Faculty Spotlights



The QueST (Quality E-Learning for Students and Teachers) team has been working to gather feedback on PD 1896 QueST Quality e-Learning Strategies.

Check out these videos featuring Biological Sciences Professor Dr. Monica Parker and Human Services Adjunct Professor Janet Goldstein to see how QueST has impacted their online courses and the students who take them.

The next cohort will begin with a live session on February 2 at 3 p.m. Most of the work is completed asynchronously in a Canvas course along with two required one-hour live sessions, the second scheduled for March 5 from 3-4 p.m.

Complete this [form](#) by Thursday, January 29 to indicate your interest and availability for the live meetings. Then, you will receive the link to access the PD in Canvas.

[Complete the Form](#)

##### Nominate a Student Volunteer for the Scheidel Leadership in Action Award

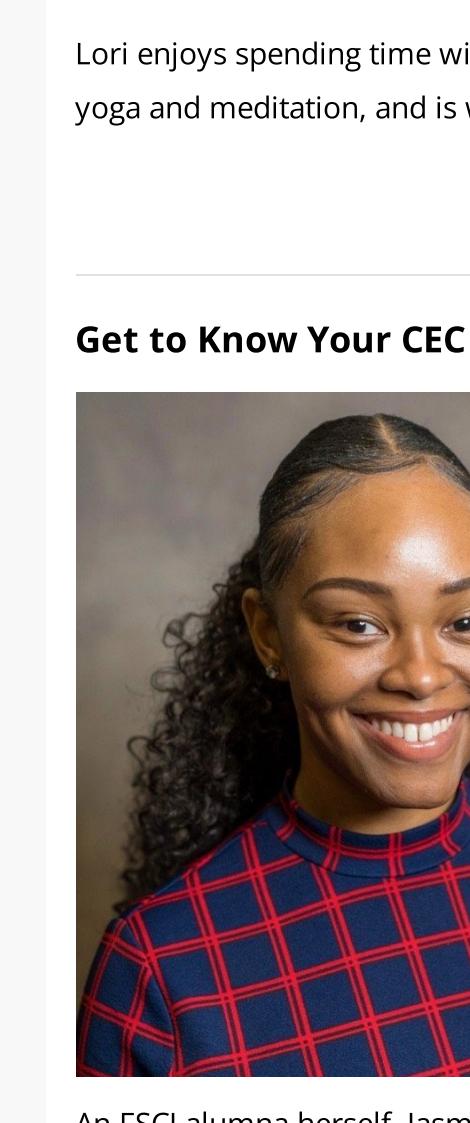
The Leadership in Action Award is an annual scholarship funded by the Scheidel Family. This recognition is awarded to currently enrolled FSCJ students who are committed to making a difference by volunteering with exceptional service to community nonprofit agencies in the FSCJ service area.



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

To nominate a student, visit the Scheidel Leadership in Action webpage and click Apply Now before the February 15 deadline. For more information, email [laurann.risoli.goodall@fscj.edu](mailto:laurann.risoli.goodall@fscj.edu) or call (904) 646-2068.

[Make a Nomination](#)



##### Logistics and Supply Chain Management Club Service Learning Supports Food Pantry

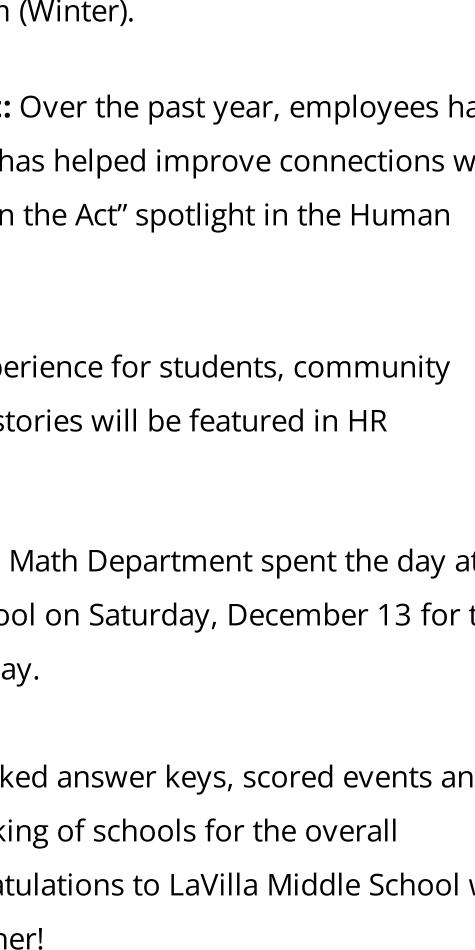
FSCJ's Logistics and Supply Chain Management Club, under the direction of Dr. Susan Amburgey, organized and executed a major service-learning initiative through its "Canned Carrots and More" food drive, significantly increasing the inventory at the H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. This project served not only as a community service effort but also as a meaningful learning opportunity, demonstrating how classroom concepts come to life and how students can uplift one another through shared purpose.

Students engaged in activities that mirrored professional logistics operations, such as receiving goods, conducting inventory counts, performing quality checks, weighing and packaging items, and preparing detailed packing slips. They also prioritized items based on expiration dates, condition and importance, using inventory management methods to organize and stock the pantry shelves.

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##### Celebration of Student Success Nominations Open

Faculty and staff are invited to select one to three students from the Summer 2025, Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 terms for recognition through the Celebration of Student Success in the following categories: Academic Achievement, inspirational Achievement, Outstanding Student Worker and Outstanding Student Leadership.

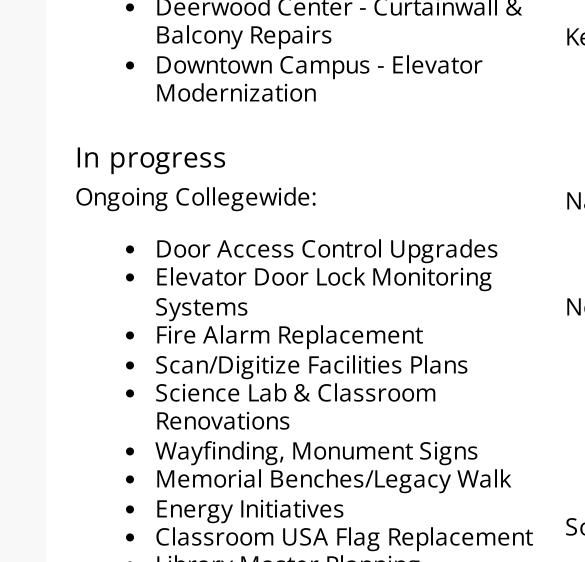


The schedule for each campus awards ceremony is as follows:

- Deerwood Center - Tuesday, March 31, 6-7:30 p.m., Academy Room, B1204
- Downtown Campus - Thursday, April 9, 4-5:30 p.m., Auditorium, A1068
- North Campus/Nassau Center - Tuesday, April 14, 6-7:30 p.m., Auditorium, C126
- Kent Campus/Cecil Center - Thursday, April 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Room D120
- South Campus - Thursday, April 23, 6-7:30 p.m., Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room

Nominations may be submitted by completing the online form. Nomination deadlines are two weeks before the date of your preferred campus award ceremony. Read more [here](#).

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##### 60th Anniversary Celebration Continues

Check out this 1990-94 recap video, part of a 12-part series created to highlight specific timeframes throughout the College's history. All 12 will be housed on the 60th [webpage](#) as they are finalized.

The 60th webpage also includes a list of events and stories of how FSCJ has impacted individuals throughout the community. We'll be highlighting different stories of alumni, partners and friends of the College throughout the year, so be sure to share yours!

[fscj.edu/60](#)

##### Mascot Shop Now Open

Get your Manta Ray merch now! We're thrilled to launch our new mascot shop in partnership with Baker's Sports, the local uniform provider for FSCJ's Athletics teams.

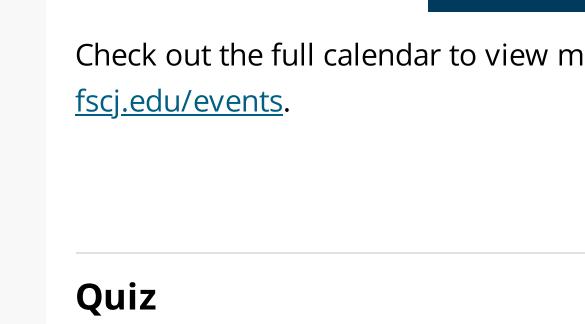


Available items include hoodies, t-shirts and more. Make your selection and customize it with different designs so you can represent FSCJ and our athletics teams. You'll also be helping out our program, as FSCJ Athletics will receive a portion of the proceeds from your purchase!

Products can be shipped directly to your home or office. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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##### Faculty and Staff Accomplishments



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##### Recruitment Update

The Student Recruitment Office is preparing to launch a mix of long-standing recruitment events with a new initiative. In 2026, our approach will include:

- Campus Discovery Days - Replacing the traditional mid-June Open House, Campus Discovery Days will expand our outreach through a four-event series highlighting academic programs, student services and campus life at each campus. The series will begin at North Campus in late February, continue at Kent and Downtown campuses, and conclude in May at South Campus.

- Principals and Counselors Meeting - This annual event continues to serve as both an appreciation opportunity and an information exchange with our service district school partners. Counselors engage in hands-on activities that deepen their understanding of the pathways and support services we share with their students. Principals receive updates on student matriculation trends from their high schools and learn more about the College's strategic priorities for the coming year.

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Recent accomplishments: She has been instrumental in the success of many students, particularly those who are non-native English speakers. She has helped them improve their English language skills and achieve academic success.

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