

January 2026



## 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

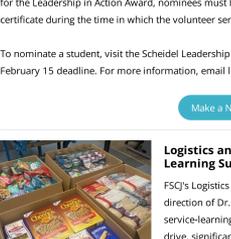
All employees are invited to the Spring 2026 Data Summit on Friday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to Noon in ATC 140 or via WebEx. The event will begin by defining community college 3.0 and the community vibrancy framework. Following that, you will discover the economic impact the College has on Duval and 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 my.fscj.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.

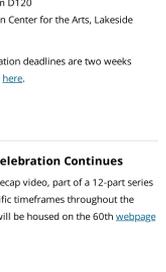
The next cohort will begin with a live session on February 2 at 3 p.m. Most of the work is completed asynchronously in a Canvas course along with two required one-hour live sessions, the second scheduled for March 5 from 3-4 p.m.

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

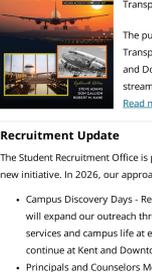
The Leadership in Action Award is an annual scholarship funded by the Scheidel Family. This recognition is awarded to currently enrolled FSCJ students who are committed to making a difference by volunteering with exceptional service to community nonprofit agencies in the FSCJ service area.



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 [luann.risoli.goddall@fscj.edu](mailto:luann.risoli.goddall@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.

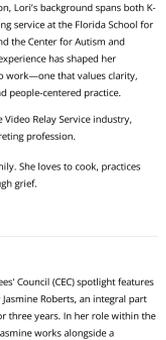
Students engaged in activities that mirrored professional logistics operations, such as receiving goods, conducting inventory counts, performing quality checks, weighing and packaging items, and preparing detailed packing slips. They also prioritized items based on expiration dates, condition and importance,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

The students collected 3,039 items weighing 1,906 pounds, with a total value of \$4,018. All donations were packed by the students, with assistance from Club Member Alan Barrera who served as the Logistics Lab Assistant and is a B.A.S. Logistics student.

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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](#).

[Make a Nomination](#)



#### 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 and friends of the College throughout the community. We'll be highlighting different stories of alumni, partners and individuals of the College throughout the year, so be sure to share yours!

[fscj.edu/60](http://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.

[Visit the Shop](#)

#### Faculty and Staff Accomplishments



Congratulations to Aviation Adjunct Professor Steve Adams and Retired Professor Don Gallion for their role in the release of the 18th edition of the Air Transportation textbook pictured here.

The publisher's summary states: For forty-five years and sixteen editions, Air Transportation was the passion of Bob Kane. Now, Professors Steve Adams and Don Gallion have picked up and carried Kane's work into a new streamlined edition that takes a more holistic approach to air transportation. [Read more.](#)

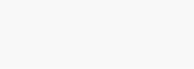
#### Recruitment Update

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.
- FSCJ Connections: A Community Partner Event (Nassau) - Hosted annually in partnership with the Office for Civic Engagement, FSCJ Connections brings together representatives from our community partners for shared dialogue and collaboration. Scheduled for early April, this event reinforces our collective commitment to supporting students and strengthening the community we serve.

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#### Get to Know Your APC Colleagues: Lori Cimino



January's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Lori Cimino. Lori has served as Director of Outcomes Assessment since March 2025, following 20 years in Academic Affairs. In her current role, she coordinates academic and administrative assessment activities Collegewide, supporting faculty, staff and institutional leaders in designing, implementing and sustaining meaningful assessment practices.

With 28 years in education, Lori's background spans both K-12 and higher ed, including service at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Her experience has shaped her collaborative approach to work—one that values clarity, shared understanding and people-centered practice.

She is also a certified ASL/English interpreter and works part-time in the Video Relay Service industry, maintaining a strong connection to the Deaf community and the interpreting profession.

Lori enjoys spending time with her wife, two children and extended family. She loves to cook, practices yoga and meditation, and is writing a book about lessons learned through grief.

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#### Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Jasmine Roberts



January's Career Advisor's Council (CEC) spotlight features Academic Career Advisor Jasmine Roberts, an integral part of the FSCJ community for three years. In her role within the Perkins Grant program, Jasmine works alongside a dedicated team to provide academic advising, educational planning and career counseling to Career and Technical Education (CTE) students. Her work includes guiding students through admissions, enrollment, financial aid, program selection and career exploration. She also partners with faculty to improve retention, connects students to vital campus and community resources, and provides support to at-risk and special populations.

An FSCJ alumna herself, Jasmine earned her Associate in Arts degree here before transferring to the University of North Florida, where she completed a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Higher Education with a concentration in Student Affairs at Grand Canyon University. She also volunteers with My Village Project, Girs Inc. of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the UNF Alumni and UNF Black Alumni Associations.

Jasmine enjoys expressing her creativity and love of culture. She's an avid karaoke fan and a self-proclaimed restaurant connoisseur. She also plays the piano and enjoys visiting museums.

[Read More](#)

#### FSCJ In Action

Congratulations to Mistura Badmus with FSCJ Women's Basketball and Jaden Walker with Men's Basketball for their nominations for the 2025-26 Winter Allstate NACDA Good Works Team, recognizing male and female student-athletes across all divisions and sports who go above and beyond in their commitment to community service, academic achievement and athletic performance.

A distinguished selection committee of athletics directors, former student-athletes and industry leaders will choose the final 20-member team — 10 female and 10 male student-athletes — set to be announced on February 4. One student captain will also be named to represent the group. [Click here](#) to view the full list of nominees for the 2025-26 Allstate NACDA Good Works Team (Winter).

"Caught in the Act" – Elevating the FSCJ Experience Spotlight: Over the past year, employees have participated in the Elevating the FSCJ Experience workshop, which has helped improve connections with those we serve. To celebrate the success, we're starting a "Caught in the Act" spotlight in the Human Resources Newsletter.

Have you witnessed a colleague who is the act of our best? Selected stories for students, community members or colleagues? If yes, we want to hear about it! Selected stories will be featured in HR newsletters. Please share your stories [here](#).



Volunteers from the Math Department spent the day at Fletcher Middle School on Saturday, December 13 for the annual Math Field Day.

The volunteers checked answer keys, scored events and determined the ranking of schools for the overall competition. Congratulations to LaVilla Middle School who was the overall winner!



Thanks to everyone who attended, supported and coordinated our 10th Annual Professional Development Day which was held on Friday, January 9. Nearly 260 employees attended the keynote presentation and the 34 sessions offered throughout the day. In case you missed it, the keynote, "Unlocking the Potential of AI for Higher Education Professionals" was given by Dr. Claire Brady, President of Glass Half Full Consulting and Co-founder of the Association for Higher Education Consulting and Coaching.

Attendees participated in a variety of courses focused on five different learning tracks: career development, departmental showcase, teaching and learning, technology and wellness. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of PD Day, participants also donated canned goods and non-perishable food items for our H.O.P.E. Food Pantry!

Check out photos from the day [here](#).

#### Facilities Update

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

| Recently completed  | Downtown Campus:  | In planning  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Campus - Gym Bleachers, Elevator Modernization</li> <li>Deerwood Center - Curtainwall &amp; Balcony Repairing</li> <li>Downtown Campus - Elevator Modernization</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADA Signage</li> <li>Fire Alarm System Replacement</li> <li>Parking Lot Lighting</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deerwood Center:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking Garage Joint Repair</li> <li>Repurpose Bookstore Space</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Alarm Replacement</li> <li>Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans</li> <li>Science Lab &amp; Classroom Renovations</li> <li>Wayfinding, Monument Signs</li> <li>Memorial Benches/Legacy Walk</li> <li>Energy Initiatives</li> <li>Classroom USA Flag Replacement</li> <li>Library Master Planning</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kent Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barber Shop Renovation</li> <li>Auditorium Seating</li> <li>Art Lab Furniture</li> </ul> </li> <li>Nassau Center:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Alarm Replacement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downtown Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warehouse Building</li> <li>YEC Renovation</li> <li>Jr. Achievement Building and Career Job Placement Center Expansion</li> <li>ATC Boiler Replacement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <p>Ongoing Collegewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Door Access Control Upgrades</li> <li>Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Systems</li> <li>Fire Alarm Replacement</li> <li>Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans</li> <li>Science Lab &amp; Classroom Renovations</li> <li>Wayfinding, Monument Signs</li> <li>Memorial Benches/Legacy Walk</li> <li>Energy Initiatives</li> <li>Classroom USA Flag Replacement</li> <li>Library Master Planning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Services Renovation</li> <li>Allied Health Program Renovation</li> <li>Signage</li> <li>Athletics Renovation</li> <li>Tower Stairwell Paint</li> </ul> </li> <li>South Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Door Access Control Upgrades</li> <li>Lighting Controls Upgrade</li> <li>Fire Alarm System Replacement</li> <li>Men's Locker Room Renovation</li> <li>Fire Academy AHU Replacement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kent Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repurpose Bookstore Space</li> </ul> </li> <li>South Campus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Burn Building</li> <li>Wilson Center Architect Assessment</li> <li>Security Renovation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>Cecil Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chiller Replacement</li> <li>Driving Track Lighting</li> </ul>  |   |  |
| <p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference Center Renovation</li> </ul>  |   |  |

#### Upcoming Events

**FSCJ OnPoint**

Next Call:  
**February 18, 2 p.m.**

Call notes available at [myFSCJ OnPoint Quick Link](#)

**FITNESS CENTER OPEN HOUSE**  
11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

- DEERWOOD CENTER, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
- KENT CAMPUS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
- DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
- NORTH CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
- SOUTH CAMPUS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Learn more: [fscj.edu/hr](http://fscj.edu/hr)

**Save the Date**

# FSCJ 2026

COMMENCEMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026, 4 P.M.  
VYSTAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

**FSCJ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FAIR 2026**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, 401 CENTRAL

**SUMMER TERM REGISTRATION**

**February 9**  
Priority Registration for Athletics, Honors, Students using US Benefits and FSCJ Honors Program Students

**February 10**  
Priority Registration for all Bachelor's Students and all Students with 45+ credit hours

**February 11**  
Open Registration

**Stay a Manta Ray!**

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

- How much was the recent anonymous gift for the Stepping Stones program?
  - \$1 million
  - \$1.5 million
  - \$500,000
  - \$1.2 million
- What is the deadline for Scheidel Leadership in Action Award nominations?
  - January 15
  - February 5
  - February 15
  - February 25
- This year, what is the name of the event that will replace the traditional Open House?
  - Principals and Counselors Meeting
  - Campus Experience Day
  - FSCJ Connections
  - Campus Discovery Day
- When is the Spring Data Summit?
  - February 13
  - February 15
  - February 22
  - February 3
- Lori Cimino is writing a book about what?
  - Financial Literacy
  - American Sign Language interpreting
  - Lessons learned through grief
  - Research

