

July 2024



Convocation 2024

Please join us for 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

Seeking Volunteers for Student Mentoring

Student Support and Engagement is seeking colleagues who would like to serve as mentors for the second cohort of the FSCJ Student Mentoring Program, which will begin in fall 2024. The program will help students navigate college life by providing additional guidance and support to enhance their learning experience.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please complete the short survey before July 22 by clicking the button below. Should you have additional questions, please contact Dr. James Artley at james.artley@fscj.edu.

[Mentorship Survey](#)

New Bygone Jax Podcast Episodes Dropping Soon

In partnership with FSCJ, WJCT is releasing the final two episodes of Bygone Jax, a podcast centered around Jacksonville's history. The latest episodes focus specifically on Jacksonville's past through the lens of the Kalem Company, which was the first movie studio to set up shop here in 1908. The new episodes will be available starting July 15.

Read more about each episode below:

Episode 1: On December 8, 1908, a small film production company called Kalem arrives in Jacksonville, officially kicking off the movie business in the River City. Over the next few years, Kalem will revolutionize the film industry... but who were they, and what brought them to Jacksonville?

Episode 2: Having conquered Jacksonville, Kalem turns its attention to an entirely different battlefield when it begins specializing in Civil War films told from the southern perspective. But changes in the movie industry and Florida's rapidly shifting political landscape spell the end — not only for the company itself, but also for Jacksonville's burgeoning film industry.

[Learn More](#)

New FSCJ Fact Book and Student Success Report Now Available

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness recently published the 2022-23 Fact Book. You can find it on the Data Library SharePoint.

The 2024 Student Success Report is also in the Data Library. Check them out!

[Data Library](#)

Chipotle Fundraiser for Men's Basketball



FSCJ Men's Basketball has another opportunity coming up where you can show your support. Visit Chipotle at the Town Center on Wednesday, July 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. for an in-store and online fundraiser! More details below:

Chipotle at The Town Center
4865 Town Center Pkwy Ste 1, Jacksonville, FL 32246
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
5-9 p.m.
Dine in: Mention FSCJ Men's Basketball
Online Order Code: 3J3ZNDQ
25% of event sales will be donated back to Men's Basketball

[Learn More](#)

FSCJ Fitness Center Access for Employees

Did you hear? Employees can now access on-campus fitness centers during the 6 a.m.-9 p.m. operating hours with their FSCJ ID badge. All you need to do is complete the steps below to fill out a waiver online for access at all locations:

- Visit help.fscj.edu
- Click on Submit a Ticket
- Click the Facilities tile
- Click on Fitness Center Waiver
- Enter the required information, including your Badge Number and an Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number. Note: Please do not enter your information as the Emergency Contact; this information is in case the College needs to reach someone on your behalf.
- Review and Agree to the Rules and click Send

Once your request has been approved, access will be added to your employee badge and you will be notified via email (through the ticket). You can also check the status of your request by visiting the help portal and clicking on "Requests" at the top right of the page.

[Check Locations](#)

Free FSCJ T-shirts

Need a new FSCJ shirt to throw in your gym bag before you hit the fitness center? Request your free FSCJ Grad Crew t-shirt from some of the previous years by completing the request form by clicking the button below. We have several teal and grey shirts available (mainly in size small), so get yours while they last.

[Request a Shirt](#)

New Student Orientation

Our July New Student Orientation sessions are just around the corner, taking place over the next two weeks at North, Downtown, Kent, South Campuses and Deerwood Center. These sessions are a vital part of welcoming new students to our FSCJ community.

During Orientation, students will get help with any remaining admission steps, receive information from Academic Advising and Financial Aid, discover the resources available to them and take part in campus tours and group advising sessions.

To check out the full schedule of dates, please visit fscj.edu/orientation.

If you'd like to learn more about the process or are interested in volunteering, please contact Lauren Finch at lauren.finch@fscj.edu. Let's make these sessions a wonderful experience for our new students!

[View the Schedule](#)

Recruitment Update

The Student Recruitment office thanks the FSCJ family for making Open House 2024 a resounding success. The annual showcase, held at South Campus on Saturday, June 15, welcomed nearly 1,000 prospective students and eager applicants to an informational and enrollment experience supported by the enthusiasm, energy and expertise of hundreds of College volunteers and program/resource representatives. Your support and/or presence drove this year's event to surpass previous open houses in scope and attendance.

At the Open House, prospective students met representatives from various academic programs and student resources, submitted their application and filed their FAESA. Hopeful applicants who were further along in the enrollment process received advising and registration assistance from enrollment services volunteers. In addition, three workshops provided attendees with valuable tips and insight for student success.

A very special thank you to the core organizing committee: Leann Bradshaw, Ronald Dykeman, Christine Farrington, Dr. Herschel Finch, Michael Hines, Andrew Pierce, VP Elliott Strickland and Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson.

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.

[Read More](#)

Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Camilla Collins

July's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Administrative Assistant II Camilla Collins. Camilla has been with FSCJ for 15 years, and her work pertains to assisting the Public Safety and Police Department. She orders supplies and uniforms at all five campuses and two centers, manages the budget, tracks all purchase orders, processes invoices, assists with departmental and College safety trainings and modifying emergency procedure manuals and annual security reporting documents.

What Ms. Collins likes most about her job is the ability to interact and engage with such a highly trained and diverse group of individuals.

[Learn More](#)

July Retirees

James Stevenson, 15 years of service
Jadranka Bakula, 15 years of service

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to Bridgette Faulkner, Administrative Assistant II, for completing the Administrative Assistant Certificate program!

FSCJ In Action

Executive Director of Organizational Development Dr. Marc Boese is pictured here with the Executive Director of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) accepting the Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges Award on behalf of the College.

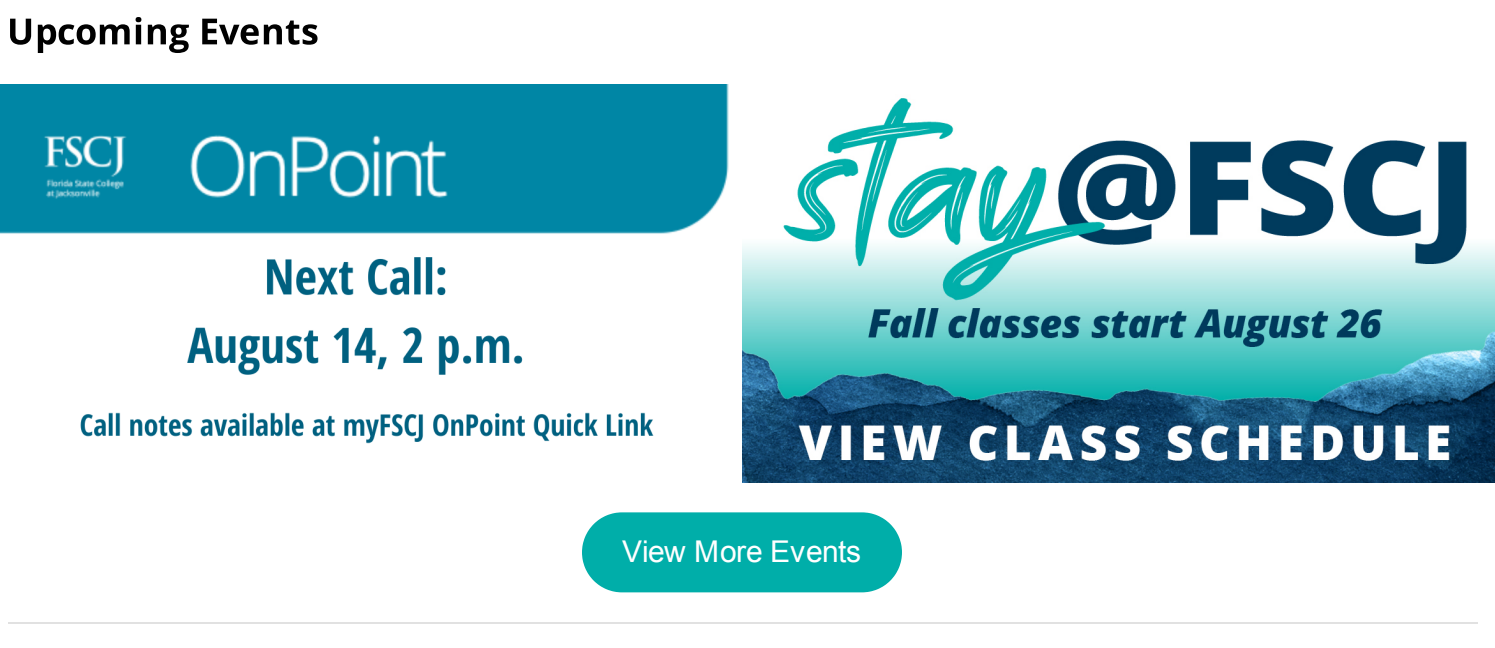
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Facilities Updates

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

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Recently completed	Kent Campus:	In planning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AQ, Admin & Finance Renovations• Kent, Art Lab Storage Furniture• Collegewide, ADA Plumbing• Vanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Science Lab Remodel• Door Access Control Upgrades• Furniture, Testing Center• Parking Lot Lighting	<p>Deerwood Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academy Space Renovation• Computer Lab Upgrades <p>Downtown Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follett Capital Improvements• Multipurpose Room Renovation	
In progress	North Campus:	Kent Campus:	
Ongoing Collegewide:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door Access Control Upgrades• Roof Replacement• Student Services, Science Lab Renovation• Nursing Program Expansion• Parking Lot Lighting• Replace Ceiling Tiles• Elevator Modernization• CVT Classroom Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavement Repairs• Auditorium Renovation• Follett Capital Improvements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door Access Control Upgrades• Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Systems• Emergency Responders Radio Communications System (ERRCS)• Fire Alarm Panel Replacement• Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans• Science Lab & Classroom Renovations• Monument Signs, Building IDs, Wayfinding• Skybank Software Installation	South Campus:	Nassau Center:	
Cecil Center:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BAS Control Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door Access Control Upgrades• Roof Replacement• Boiler Replacement• Elevator Modernization• Outdoor Furniture• Gym Floor• Fire Tower Repair• Lighting Controls Upgrade• Fire Alarm System Replacement• Fire Academy Pipe Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Yulee Room Furniture
Deerwood Center:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skylight Replacement• Furniture, NOC and Outdoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Academy/EMS Public Service Upgrade• Wilson Center Architect Assessment• Honors Program Expansion• Security Renovation• Gym/Athletics Renovation• Follett Capital Improvements	North Campus:
Downtown Campus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HR Renovations• Student Housing Suite Renovation• CWE Meeting Room Renovation• Grants Conference Room Renovation• Building Envelope• Chiller Replacement• Elevator Modernization• Door Access Control Upgrades• ADA Signage• Furniture, Artist Series & Conference Room• Pipe Lining• Fire Alarm System Replacement		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceiling Tile Replacement

Upcoming 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.

1. When is Convocation 2024?

- a. August 4
- b. August 23
- c. August 22
- d. August 14

2. About how many prospective students attended the latest Open House?

- a. 100
- b. 1,000
- c. 500
- d. 800

3. Where is the next fundraiser being held for FSCJ Men's Basketball?

- a. Moe's
- b. Chipotle
- c. Bowling
- d. Tijuana Flats

4. What are the operating hours for on-campus fitness centers?

- a. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- b. 24/7
- c. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- d. 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

5. What is the focus of the Bygone Jax podcast?

- a. FSCJ history
- b. Academics in Jacksonville
- c. Jacksonville architecture
- d. Jacksonville history

