

June 2024



### Adult Education Graduation 2024

The annual Adult Education Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 4 at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts. Surrounded by an audience of their families and friends, students who completed the Adult High School or GED program accepted their high school or high school equivalency diplomas.

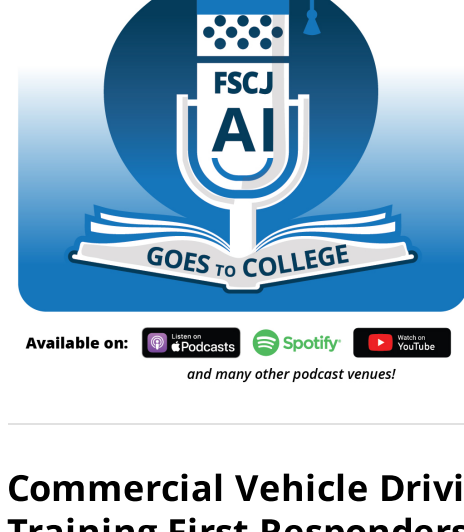
FSCJ Director of Orientation and Student Services Lauren Finch delivered a moving keynote address, congratulating the graduates on all they've achieved and encouraging them to continue their pursuit of success through education.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and all those who attended to celebrate our graduates!

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### News and Updates

#### FSCJ Launches AI Goes to College Podcast



Check out FSCJ's new podcast, "AI Goes to College." The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Council and the IT Department are excited to bring you discussions diving deep into the impact of artificial intelligence on higher ed with leading experts.

The first episode is now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube and many other podcast venues! Monthly episodes start fall 2024.

#### Commercial Vehicle Driving Partners in Training First Responders

FSCJ's Commercial Vehicle Driving program is excited to be working with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department to offer entry-level driver training for select paramedics and firefighters.

"This partnership represents a unique joint agency connection, showing how FSCJ is continuing to build this community in a variety of ways," said Commercial Vehicle Driving Instructional Program Manager Joe Lackey.

Congratulations to the three JFRD employees, pictured here with CVD Instructor Donna Wilson, who passed their road test and are now eligible for a Class A Commercial Driver License!



#### Bowling Fundraiser for FSCJ Men's Basketball



You're invited to a bowling fundraiser to support the FSCJ Men's Basketball team. Join us on Sunday, June 23 at Batt Family Fun Center, from 2-4 p.m. Your \$30 ticket includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental and refreshments.

With questions or to reserve your spot, contact Coach Putyrski at john.putyrski@fscj.edu.

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#### Nursing Student Finds Common Connection at FSCJ

Professor of Nursing Stefanie Jorgensen recently shared the story of Keda, a Nursing A.S. grad who discovered a connection at FSCJ and across the state.

"On the first day of class during introductions, Terkedria "Keda" Henderson asked me if my mother was a teacher because of a shared last name. Indeed she is, but I dismissed it as she teaches further south and didn't think it could be her. Lo and behold, I learned that Keda had been commuting to complete her nursing studies. I was delighted to find out that my mother and a close family friend, both nurses, were her high school teachers in a health academy program, and pinned her in a ceremony similar to ours as a nursing assistant."



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#### Recruitment Update

Summer melt remains a hurdle that trips up many college-intending applicants, while challenging resourceful recruitment and admissions professionals. Aptly named due to the melting away of potential freshman enrollments heading into the Fall Term, it occurs when the connection recent graduates had to helpful college resources and guidance in their high schools evaporates during the critical summer after high school graduation. Summer melt's negative impact is felt most in minority and vulnerable student populations.

This summer, to freeze summer melt in our service district, the College has revised and amplified messaging to high school graduates, aiming to nudge well-meaning applicants to take deliberate steps toward healthy fall enrollment. Launched in early June via the Element451 student engagement platform, the summer success campaign seeks to achieve success by reminding applicants of the personal and career benefits of attending college, while highlighting important college resources and critical steps to enrollment.

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 CEC Colleagues: Steven McCrary

June's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Senior Security Officer Steven McCrary, who has worked at FSCJ for two decades.

In his role, his goal is to guarantee that officers in the FSCJ police force are provided the tools to be efficient and successful officers. He assists with the direction of operations on campus and continues to safeguard the safety and security of FSCJ staff, faculty, students, visitors and property.

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#### Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the June 11, 2024, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved the 2024-25 Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a three-percent salary increase, with a minimum of \$1,000, for all eligible full-time non-instructional employees.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the FSCJ ACCESS program for Fall Term 2024.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's annual Capital Improvement Plan for submission to the Division of Colleges.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Artificial Intelligence Systems Technology (Applied Artificial Intelligence) (60 credit hours) Associate in Science degree program effective Fall Term 2024.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the activation of the American Sign Language (22 credit hours) Technical Certificate program embedded within the Associate in Science degree program in ASL/English Interpreting, effective in the Fall Term 2024.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the inactivation of the Educator Preparation Institute (24 credit hours) Certificate of Professional Preparation, effective at the end of Summer Term 2024.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the curriculum review and purge process conducted in the Spring 2024 Term for the fall 2018 through summer 2023 timeframe.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the College's list of general education courses.

You can find more information on the Board of Trustees meeting on our [website](#).

#### June Retirees

Gregory Dietrich, 35 years of service

#### FSCJ In Action

FSCJ is proud to have an active EV Electrathon team that competes in races throughout the state. This season, our team competed in 11 races, taking trophies in all but one.

At the season banquet, which was held in Tampa on May 11, FSCJ was recognized as "College Sponsor of the Year," an acknowledgment of the two races we hosted during the season, and efforts to help spread the Electrathon EV race series to the northern part of Florida. Professor Robert Wechsler is pictured here with the trophy he was presented.



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FSCJ Interior Design students and faculty have been engaged with a staging project with Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville (Habjjax). Our students had the opportunity to work with their team to stage the interior of one of their new builds, preparing it for a family to establish their new home.



Earlier this month, FSCJ student artwork was displayed at MOCA Jacksonville as part of Art Walk. The "Wild Side Art Box Project," drew inspiration from the exhibition, "A Walk on the Wild Side," currently on display at MOCA through June 30.

The "Wild Side Art Box Project" was originally exhibited during the 37th Annual Student Exhibit of Art and Design at the South Campus Gallery. FSCJ invited students and faculty to create small artworks to be included in art boxes (pictured above), each containing 11 unique works by participating artists.

#### Facilities Updates

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

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



**Next Call:**  
**August 14, 2 p.m.**

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



**Fall classes start August 26**

**VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE**

## CONVOCATION 2024

**Save the Date: Thursday, August 22**

More details coming soon

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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.

- When is Convocation 2024?
  - August 4
  - August 23
  - August 22
  - August 14
- FSCJ Men's Basketball is hosting what type of fundraiser this month?
  - Basketball shootout
  - Car wash
  - Bake sale
  - Bowling
- What is the name of FSCJ's newest podcast?
  - Going to College with AI
  - College and AI
  - AI at College
  - AI Goes to College
- FSCJ Interior Design students and faculty helped stage homes for what organization?
  - Habjjax
  - Hubbard House
  - Sulzbacher Center
  - Clara White Center
- What is the name of the hurdle that trips up many college-intending applicants over the summer months that the recruitment and admissions team is working to stop?
  - Summer slide
  - Summer melt
  - Summertime stop out
  - Summer stall