

June 2026

2026 CONVOCATION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
FSCJ SOUTH CAMPUS

Convocation 2026

Convocation will take place on Thursday, August 27, at South Campus. As part of the College's 60th Anniversary, we will recap the momentous events that took place this year and celebrate our faculty and staff.

Attendees can participate in our annual raffle for prizes and trade in their old FJC, FCJ and old logo FSCJ/BlueWave branded clothing for a new FSCJ Manta Rays t-shirt (limit two t-shirts per person, regardless of the number of items exchanged until supplies run out). The FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry and Career Closet will also accept donations of nonperishable food/toiletries and professional attire.

A light breakfast will be served in the South Campus Café at 9 a.m. and the Convocation program will begin at 9:45 a.m. inside the Gymnasium. Following Convocation, attendees are invited to a one-time, 60th Anniversary FSCJ Employee Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

After lunch, Plenary will be held in the South Campus Wilson Center at 1:30 p.m.

News and Updates

FSCJ Hosts Wounded Warrior Project for Service Day

On May 21, Wounded Warrior Project held an organization-wide day of service, joining together to serve our community in honor of America's 250th birthday. FSCJ Wildwood Outdoor Retreat Center hosted roughly 80-100 volunteers as one of the volunteer sites.

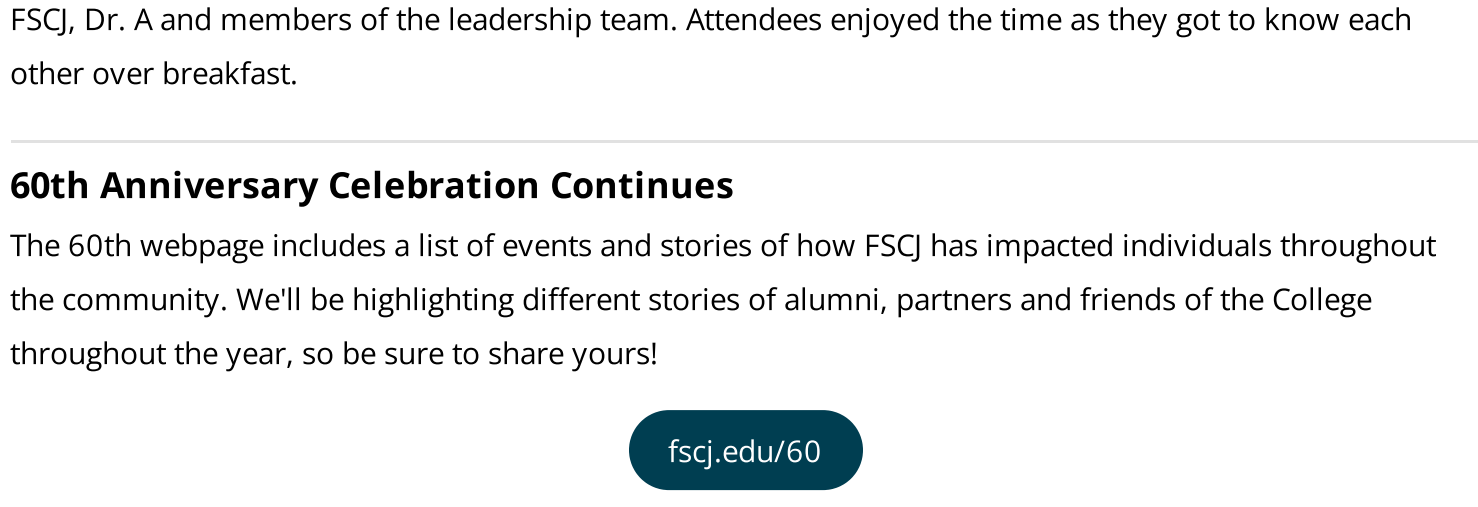


During their time with us, the Wounded Warrior Project team conducted several tasks. Some painted the interior of three buildings, and another group took down and reinstalled fans and lights. They also made other repairs and even completed some yard work throughout the grounds.

FSCJ values the work of Wounded Warrior Project and looks forward to future partnership opportunities.

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Welcome to Our New Colleagues



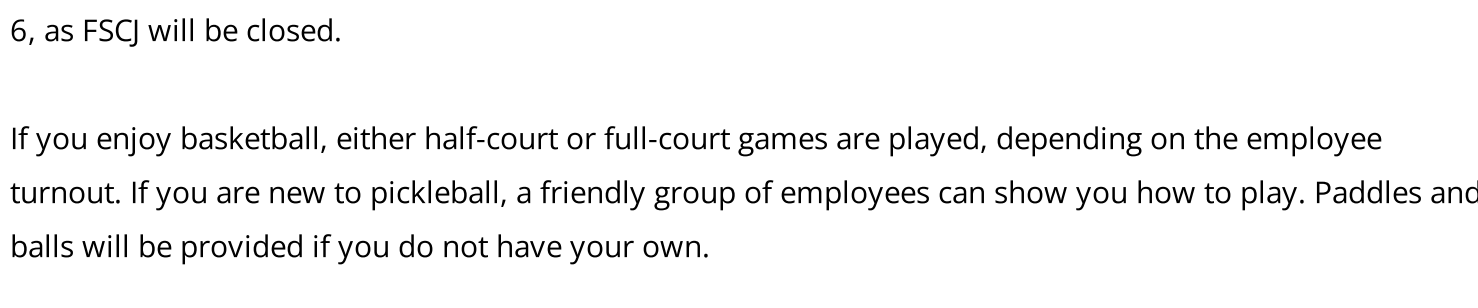
We were happy to welcome the newest additions to the FSCJ family during the New Employee Reception on June 10. These receptions are held throughout the year to formally introduce new faculty and staff to FSCJ, Dr. A and members of the leadership team. Attendees enjoyed the time as they got to know each other over breakfast.

60th Anniversary Celebration Continues

The 60th webpage 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!

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Employee Sports League



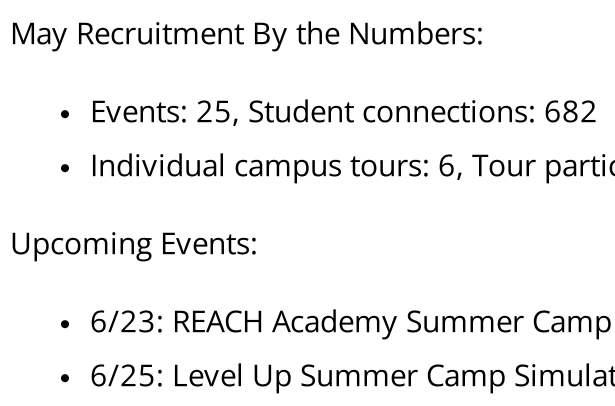
Summer FSCJ Employee Recreational Sports are back! FSCJ employees can enjoy co-ed basketball and pickleball at the South Campus Gymnasium (Bldg. R) on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. until Thursday, August 20. Please note that FSCJ Employee Recreation Sports will not be played on Monday, July 6, as FSCJ will be closed.

If you enjoy basketball, either half-court or full-court games are played, depending on the employee turnout. If you are new to pickleball, a friendly group of employees can show you how to play. Paddles and balls will be provided if you do not have your own.

Whether you come to play basketball or pickleball, please do not forget to complete the waiver during your first visit of the summer. Also, please join the [FSCJ Employee Recreation Sports Team Channel](#), where you can stay up to date on announcements, ask questions and post photos.

If you are interested in leading another sport as part of the FSCJ Employee Recreational Sports offerings, please contact Litshesha Holloman at litshesha.holloman@fscj.edu.

Recruitment Update



The Student Recruitment Office appreciates the incredible support the FSCJ family provided for our Campus Discovery Days. Your enthusiasm, expertise and willingness to support this four-campus showcase created interactive, high-energy experiences that highlighted the FSCJ culture, learning environment and student support for prospective students and their families.

Campus Discovery Days Registered Attendance

- South Campus Discovery Day: 250
- Downtown Campus Discovery Day: 170
- Kent Campus Discovery Day: 122
- North Campus Discovery Day: 121

May Recruitment By the Numbers:

- Events: 25, Student connections: 682
- Individual campus tours: 6, Tour participants: 18

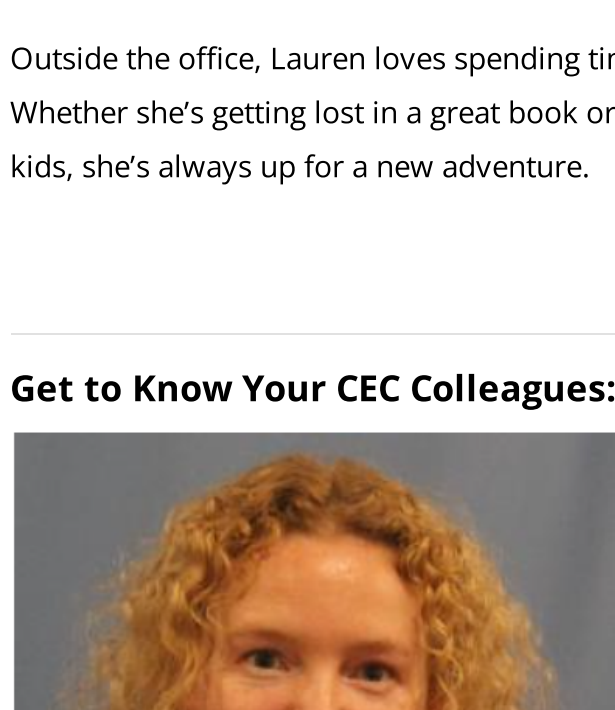
Upcoming Events:

- 6/23: REACH Academy Summer Camp at South Campus
- 6/25: Level Up Summer Camp Simulation Lab Tour at North Campus

If you're interested in participating in recruitment events, please email fscjrecruitment@fscj.edu with the subject line "Dive into Manta Ray Nation."

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Get to Know Your APC Colleagues: Lauren Finch



June's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Director of Orientation and Student Services Lauren Finch. Since joining FSCJ in January 2017, Lauren has built her career around helping students find their path to success. She began as a Student Success Advisor I at Kent Campus, and has since served in a variety of student services roles, including Academic & Career Advisor, Associate Director of Advising Services, Associate Director of Admissions, Campus Director of Enrollment and Student Services.

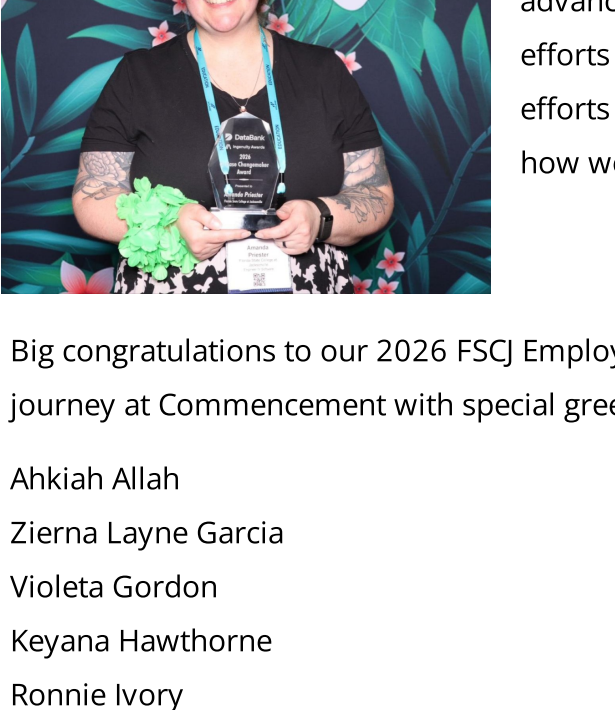
In addition to her current role, Lauren serves as an adjunct professor, teaching IDS 1107.

A proud FSCJ success story, Lauren is a graduate of FSCJ's Adult Education program, where she earned her GED, and went on to earn both her Associate in Arts and Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management from FSCJ. She later completed her Master of Education degree from Liberty University.

Outside the office, Lauren loves spending time with her husband, Herschel, and their four children. Whether she's getting lost in a great book or tackling the biggest roller coasters at theme parks with her kids, she's always up for a new adventure.

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Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Olive Millan



June's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Academic Department Coordinator Olive Millan. Olive has brought passion and precision to her role since joining the College in January 2021. In her position, she supports her Dean, the Humanities staff, faculty and students, and serves as the Talent Scholarship Coordinator and fund manager. Olive's work extends across coordinating departmental initiatives—especially within the fine and performing arts—and ensuring key projects run smoothly.

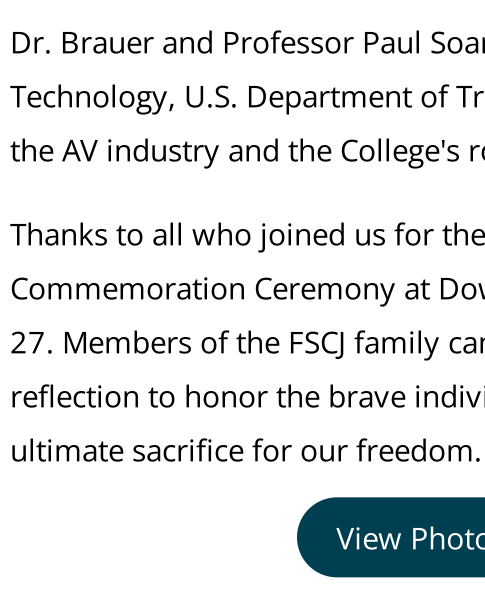
Olive studied Psychology and Construction Management at UNF, with a minor in Mathematical Sciences. While working as a Student Assistant in First-Year Advising, she discovered a passion for supporting others in their academic and personal growth—a passion that continues to shape her career today.

Outside of work, Olive embraces creativity and adventure. She enjoys painting and spending time with her dog, Pippin. When she's not at home, you might find her traveling, hiking in the mountains, SCUBA diving or even skydiving—always ready for her next exciting experience.

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Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Amanda Priester, Engineer IV – Software and leader of our Document Imaging and Business Process Automation Team, received the OnBase ChangeMaker Award at this year's DataBank Ingenuity Awards ceremony.



Chief Information Officer Pete Snell said, "This is a well-deserved recognition of Amanda's leadership and the impact of her work in advancing document imaging and business process automation efforts that support FSCJ. Her contributions, along with the ongoing efforts of her team, continue to drive meaningful improvements in how we deliver services across the organization."

Big congratulations to our 2026 FSCJ Employee Graduates! We were thrilled to honor their incredible journey at Commencement with special green, black and white honor cords.

Akhiah Allah
Zierna Layne Garcia
Violeta Gordon
Keyana Hawthorne
Ronnie Ivory
Tasheka Jackson

Bryce Kemper
Dustin Locke
Shannon Mette
Johana Myers
Jasiah Simette
Shaquana Woodard

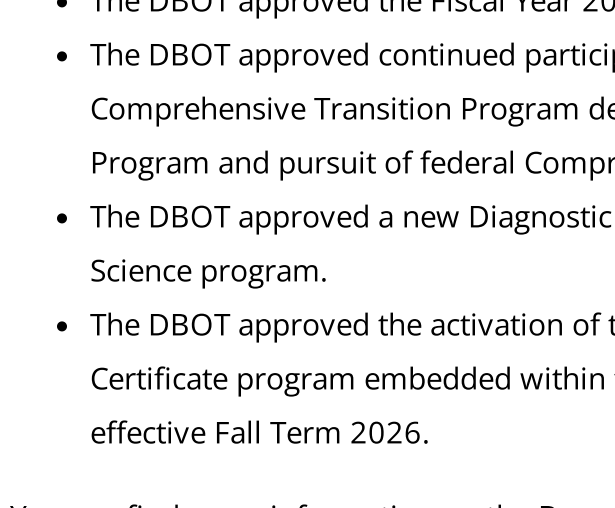
Congratulations to the Student Success Certificate Cohort 6 graduates:

- Jasmine Babb, Security Officer
- Cynthia Motzny, Department Chair of Physical Sciences
- Juliette Patterson, Administrative Assistant II
- Yvette Primus, Project Coordinator
- Reagan Stoker, Student Engagement Advisor I
- Jamie Stater, Student Support Coordinator

Congratulations to this year's New Faculty Institute Graduates:

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| Year 1 | Year 2 |
| Kelle George-Grizzell, Professor of Mathematics | Laura Bagby, Professor of History |
| Caitlyn Juch, Professor of Emergency Medical Technician | Kasyapa Chitta, Professor of Biotechnology |
| Jessica Marconi, Professor of Mathematics | Kenneth Davis, Professor of Public Safety |
| Julie Sutton, Professor of Physical Science | Simona Folisi, Professor of English for Academic Purposes |
| | Monica Hardy, Professor of Health Information Management |
| | Tiffani Mickens, Professor of Nursing |

FSCJ In Action

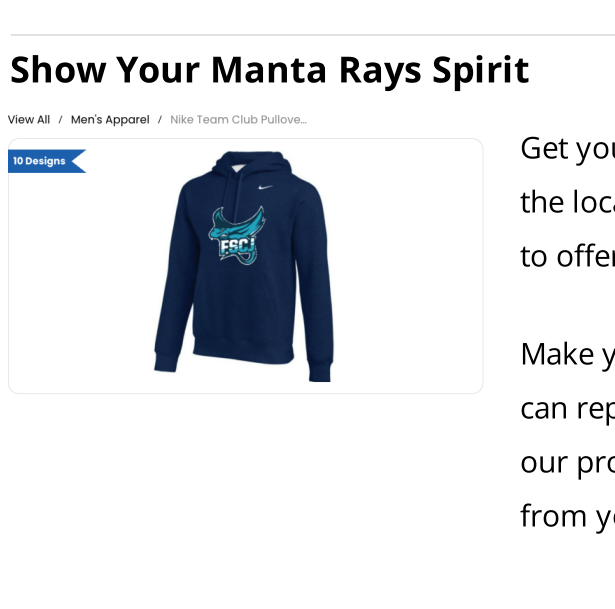
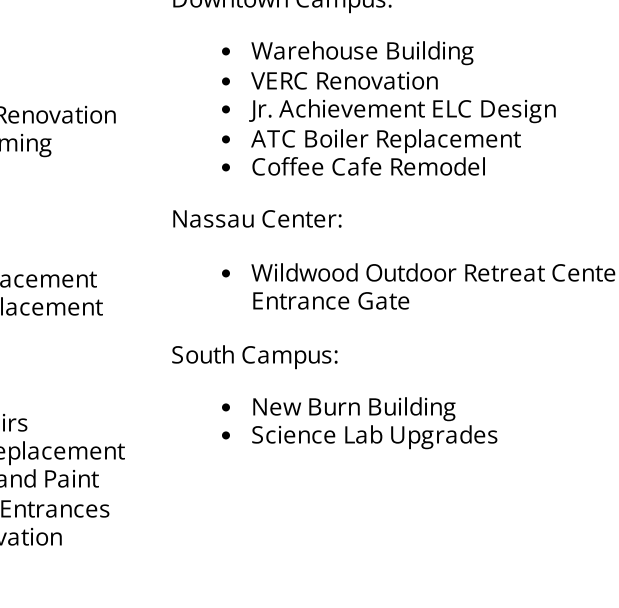


FSCJ was featured at the fifth Annual Autonomous Vehicle Conference in Boca Raton, focusing on real-world autonomous vehicle operations: what's live today, what's launching next, and what it takes to deploy autonomy across city streets, fleets, infrastructure and policy. Dr. Douglas Brauer presented "Workforce & Public Trust: The Human Side of Autonomous Transit," highlighting FSCJ partnerships with Guident, Beep, JTA and Holon.

Dr. Brauer and Professor Paul Soar also met with Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, Seval Oz, to discuss national workforce development for the AV industry and the College's role.

Thanks to all who joined us for the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony at Downtown Campus on May 27. Members of the FSCJ family came together for a time of reflection to honor the brave individuals who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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At the 2025 annual Mu Alpha Theta Convention, an announcement was made that one of the sponsors from a different chapter was collecting bottle caps to create a memorial bench for her son. As a service project, FSCJ's Mu Alpha Theta Chapter 5049 collected bottle caps to help, and in total, the team sent in two very large boxes. Thanks to all who contributed!

Additionally, at that same convention, our students earned several recognitions: 9th place in Chalk Talk, 9th place in Gemini, and 7th place in Poster. Professor of Mathematics Sharon Sweet was also honored to receive the Hueneke Distinguished Sponsor Award.

"Caught in the Act" – Elevating the FSCJ Experience **Spotlight:** Have you witnessed a colleague in the act of elevating the FSCJ Experience 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](#).

Board Highlights

Review the Highlights of the June 9, 2026, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees (DBOT):

- The DBOT approved the College's Comprehensive Safety Review for 2025-26.
- The DBOT approved the 2026-27 Salary Index as part of the Pay Plan.
- The DBOT approved the recommendation of the FSCJ Foundation Board of Directors to establish a VyStar Military and Veterans Service Center at the South and Kent Campuses, and offices under the same name at the Downtown and North Campuses.
- The DBOT approved changes to the current testing fees to ensure partial recovery of costs associated with providing assessments, to be effective Fall Term 2026-27.
- The DBOT approved the application fee, distance learning fee, transcript fee and student tuition fees. No changes are being recommended regarding current rates.
- The DBOT approved the FSCJ ACCESS Program for Fall Term 2026.
- The DBOT approved the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Outlay Budget.
- The DBOT approved continued participation in and support of the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program designation, including the renewal application for the VERTICAL Program and pursuit of federal Comprehensive Transition Program status.
- The DBOT approved a new Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology (77 credit hours) Associate in Science program.
- The DBOT approved the activation of the Infant/Toddler Specialization (12 credit hours) Technical Certificate program embedded within the Early Childhood Education Associate in Science program effective Fall Term 2026.

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

Facilities Updates

The Facilities Team has been hard at work, updating and upgrading spaces across the College.

Recently Completed	Downtown Campus:	In Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North, Assessment Center Chair Replacement South, CBAC Unit Replacement Deerwood, Interior ADA Signage & Paint Downtown, Interior Art Mural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Alarm System Replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cecil Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cecil Workforce Training Hub Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking Garage Joint Repair Center Stage Flooring Replacement Downtown Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse Building VEIC Renovation Jr Achievement ELC Design AIC Boiler Replacement Coffee Cafe Renovation Nassau Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildwood Outdoor Retreat Center Entrance Gate South Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Burn Building Science Lab Upgrades
In Progress	North Campus:	South Campus:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Collegewide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Fire Alarm Replacement Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans Science Lab & Classroom Renovations Wayfinding, Monument Signs Menorial Benchmarking Walk Energy Initiatives Classroom USA Flag Replacement Library Master Planning Cecil Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiller Replacement Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursing Area Remodel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allied Health Program Renovation Scoreboard Screen Framing Building A Upgrades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Alarm System Replacement Fire Academy AHU Replacement Catsey Repairs Boiler Replacement Crowded Walkway Repairs CUP Flame Pump Unit Replacement Fire Academy Flooring and Paint Wayfinding Monument Replacements Athletics Laundry Renovation

Show Your Manta Rays Spirit

Get your Manta Rays merch now! In partnership with Baker's Sports, the local uniform provider for FSCJ's Athletics teams, we are pleased to offer t-shirts, hoodies, a special baseball jersey 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!

[Mascot Shop](#)

Did You Know?

Did you know we still have suggestion boxes located at each campus and center? This is where you can anonymously submit an idea or recommendation for consideration. Click on the button below for the maps to find your nearest suggestion box.

[Suggestion Box Maps](#)

Upcoming Events

OnPoint

Next Call:
August 12, 2 p.m.

Click here for previous call notes.
They are also available via the myFSCJ Quick Link.

Stay a Manta Ray!

Fall registration is open!

Classes start Aug. 31

Check out the full calendar to view more 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.

- During Convocation, what can be traded in for a new FSCJ Manta Rays t-shirt?
 - Old FJC branded clothing
 - Old FSCJ branded clothing
 - Old FSCJ/BlueWave branded clothing
 - Any of the above
- Which two recreational sports can employees participate in at the South Campus Gymnasium through August 20?
 - Volleyball and basketball
 - Basketball and pickleball
 - Pickleball and kickball
 - Pickleball and softball
- At what FSCJ site did Wounded Warrior Project employees volunteer for their day of service?
 - FSCJ Wildwood Outdoor Retreat Center
 - FSCJ Cecil Center
 - FSCJ Downtown Campus
 - FSCJ Deerwood Center
- How many registered attendees were there for the Downtown Campus Campus Discovery Day?
 - 121
 - 170
 - 122
 - 250
- Amanda Priester received what award at this year's DataBank Ingenuity Awards ceremony?
 - DataBank Ingenuity Award
 - Document Imaging and Business Process Automation Award
 - OnBase ChangeMaker Award
 - Software Engineer of the Year Award