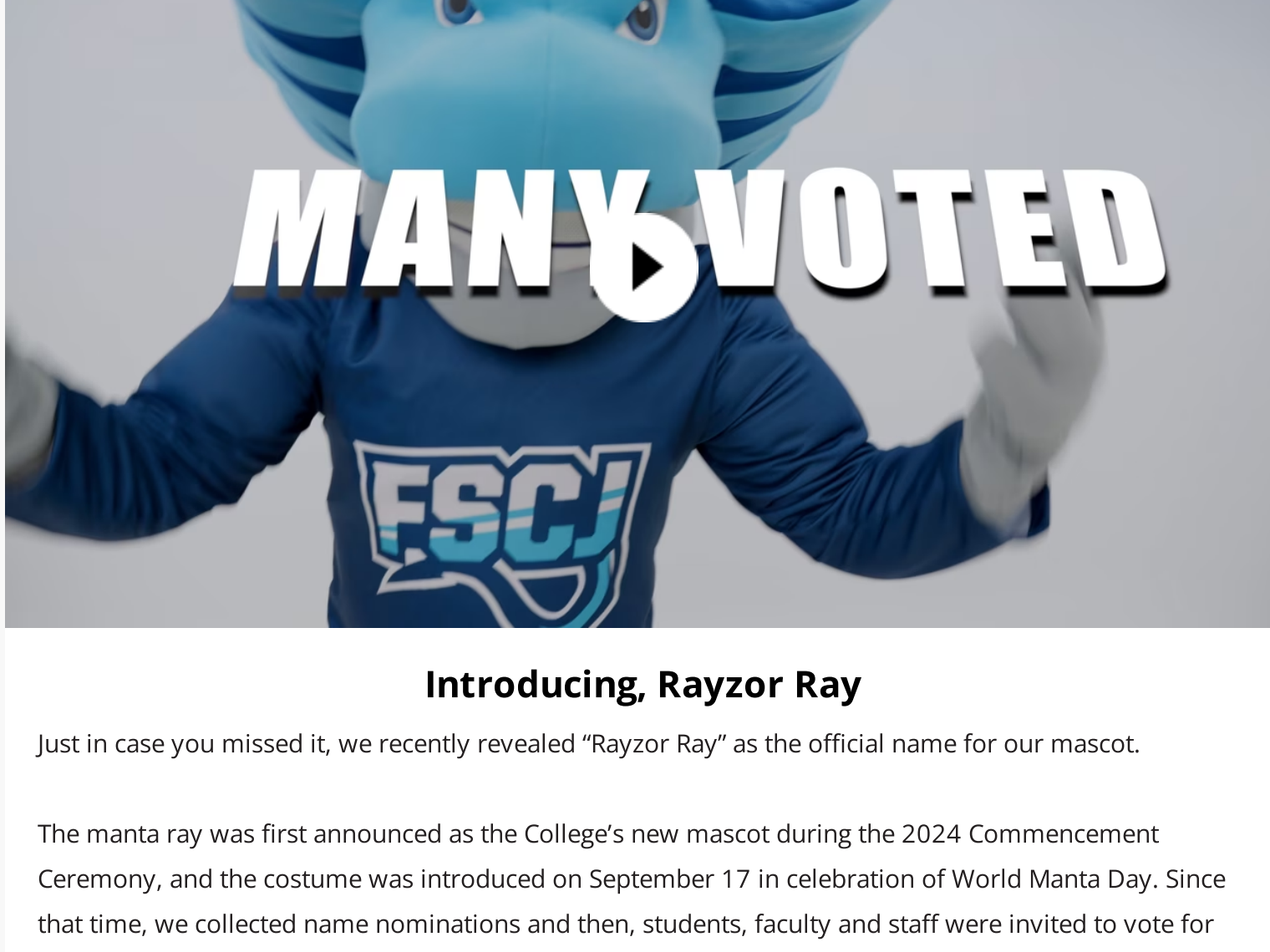


November 2024



Introducing, Rayzor Ray

Just in case you missed it, we recently revealed "Rayzor Ray" as the official name for our mascot.

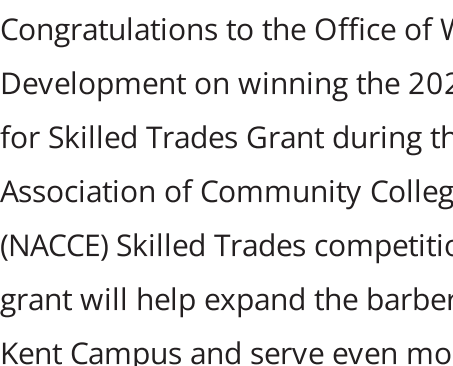
The manta ray was first announced as the College's new mascot during the 2024 Commencement Ceremony, and the costume was introduced on September 17 in celebration of World Manta Day. Since that time, we collected name nominations and then, students, faculty and staff were invited to vote for their favorite from six finalists, narrowing the field down to the winner, Rayzor Ray.

Visit the [mascot shop](#) to get your manta ray gear! Mascot polo shirts can be ordered [here](#).

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News and Updates

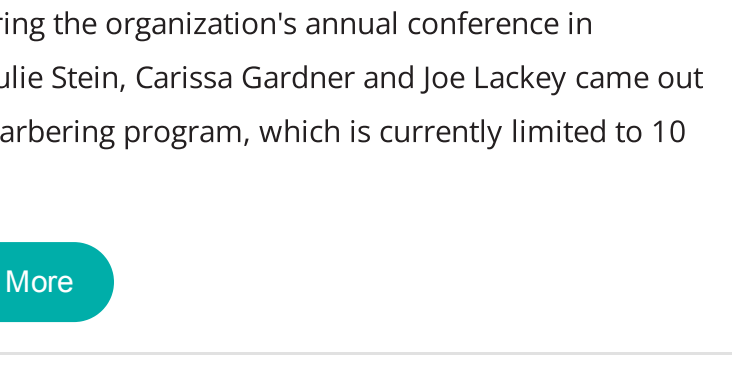
Giving Tuesday is December 3



Join Team FSCJ once again for Giving Tuesday on December 3, 2024. This year, we will be collecting monetary donations for the FSCJ H.O.P.E. Food Pantry and participating in volunteer opportunities with Farm Share and Lutheran Social Services. Volunteer registration will open soon in FSCJ Serves. Be on the lookout for more information.

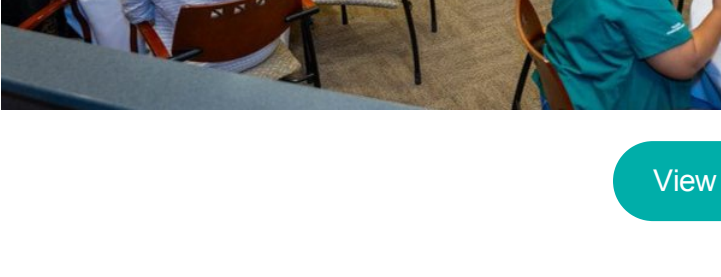
Workforce Development Wins Grant for Barbering Expansion

Congratulations to the Office of Workforce Development on winning the 2024 Ratcliffe Pitch for Skilled Trades Grant during the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurs (NACCE) Skilled Trades competition. The \$40,000 grant will help expand the barbering program to Kent Campus and serve even more future barbers.



Community colleges from across the nation pitched innovative programs that enhance local workforce development during the NACCE competition, held during the organization's annual conference in Minneapolis, MN. Our very own Dr. Cedrick Gibson, Julie Stein, Carissa Gardner and Joe Lackey came out on top after presenting their case for expanding the barbering program, which is currently limited to 10 students.

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Welcome, New Colleagues!

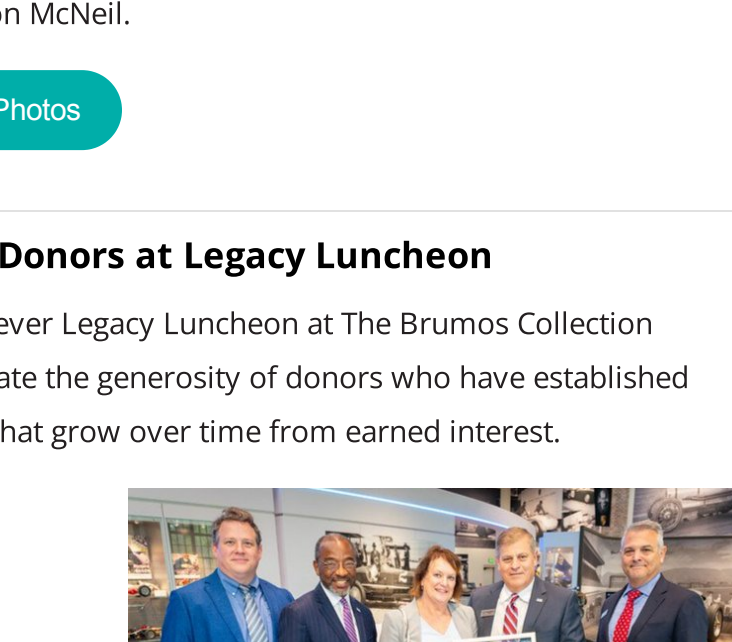
We welcomed the newest additions to the FSCJ family during the New Employee Reception on October 17.

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 enjoy the time as they get to know each other over breakfast.

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Blocktoberfest 2024

Our annual Blocktoberfest event was held on October 26 at South Campus. Students from FSCJ and other colleges look forward to this event every fall. In preparation, students draw and carve their designs into wooden blocks. They are then able to make one-of-a-kind, large-scale prints by hand-linking the blocks and laying them out to be rolled over by a steamroller, pressing their images onto fabric.



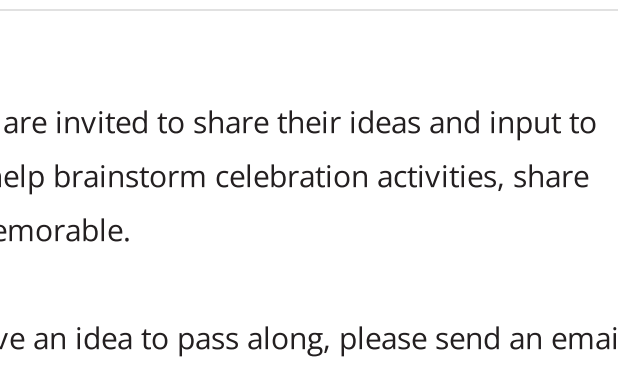
Check out more photos taken by FSCJ Student Brandon McNeil.

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FSCJ Foundation Celebrates Endowment Donors at Legacy Luncheon

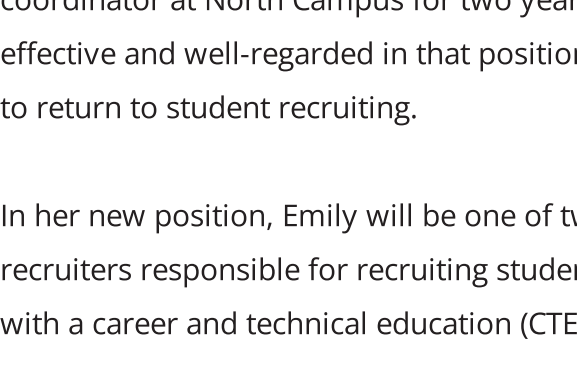
On November 6, the FSCJ Foundation hosted its first-ever Legacy Luncheon at The Brumos Collection museum. This event was created to honor and celebrate the generosity of donors who have established and supported endowments, which are investments that grow over time from earned interest.

Dr. A, along with Foundation Chief Investment and Advancement Relations Officer Cleve Warren and Development Director of Major Gifts Clifton Thomas, thanked all guests for their support and commitment to student success. One of our students, Kevin O'Brien, was also invited to share the story of his path to FSCJ, illustrating the importance of our donors.



Additionally, Mr. Warren announced the establishment of the Presidential Endowed Scholarship, a scholarship inspired by the generosity and dedication of Dr. A and Mrs. Avendano.

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Q&A with Dr. A

There is one remaining Fall Term 2024 Q&A with Dr. A event. Join us at the Cecil Center Auditorium on Thursday, November 21 from 2-3 p.m. for an open conversation with Dr. Avendano. He and members of the leadership team will talk about important college priorities and future goals and initiatives for the upcoming year. Bring your thoughts and questions for Dr. A.

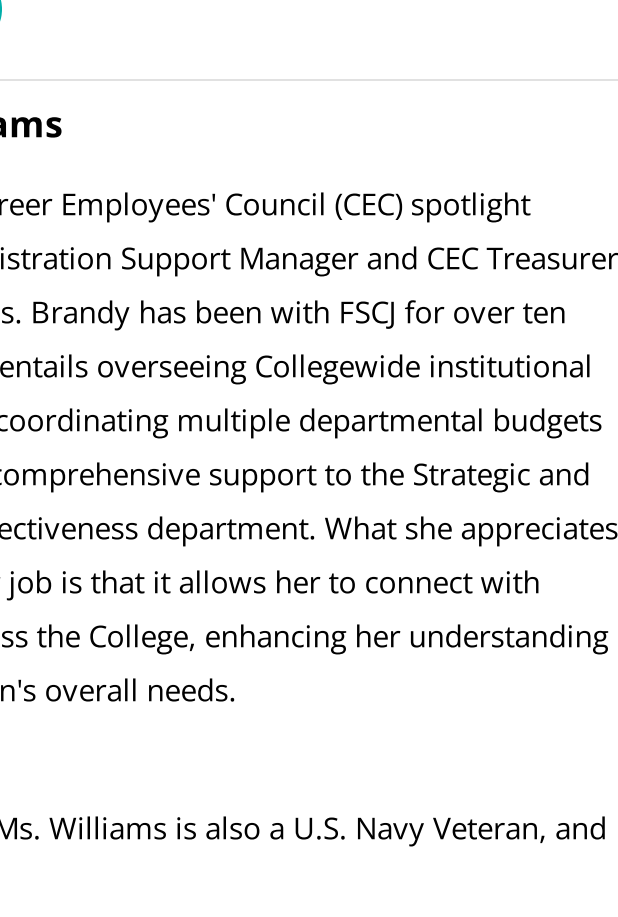
60th Anniversary Planning

FSCJ's 60th Anniversary begins August 2025! Faculty and staff are invited to share their ideas and input to help develop a fitting celebration for this milestone. You can help brainstorm celebration activities, share ideas on keepsakes and more to make the year even more memorable.

If you are interested in participating in a committee or just have an idea to pass along, please send an email with your interest to communications@fscj.edu.

Recruitment Update

There's a new recruiter in the Student Recruitment Office, and she's a familiar face. Earlier this month, Emily Towery returned to student recruiting to engage, enlighten and encourage prospective students.



Emily previously served as an academic department coordinator at North Campus for two years. Although highly effective and well-regarded in that position, she felt the tug to return to student recruiting.

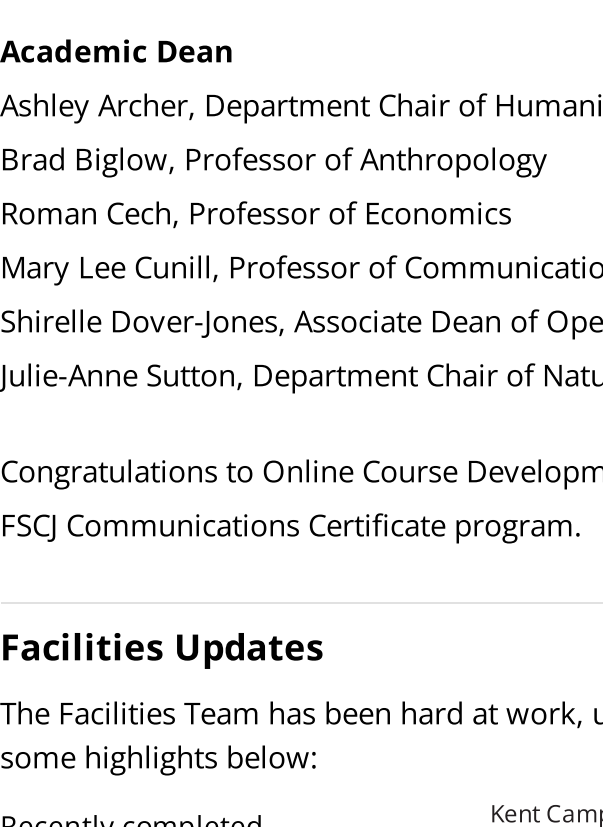
In her new position, Emily will be one of two Perkins Grant recruiters responsible for recruiting students into programs with a career and technical education (CTE) focus.

November recruitment events at a glance:
 11/13: Yulee High School and Fernandina Beach High School Recruitment Days
 11/13: Foundation Academy Financial Aid Night
 11/14: Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Virtual Financial Aid Night
 11/18: First Year Experience Conference at the Advanced Technology Center
 11/21: River City Science Academy Downtown Campus Group (Dual Enrollment) Tour

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 APC Colleagues: Madison Owens

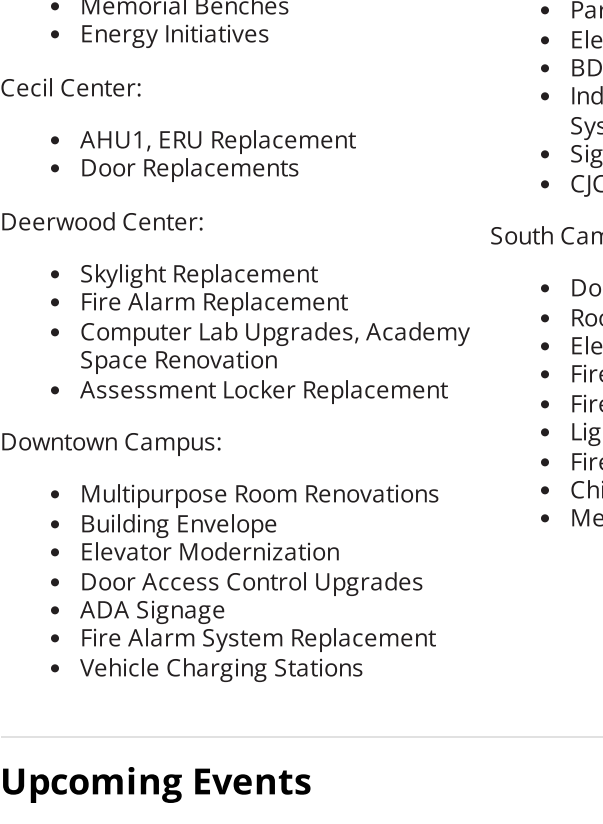


November's Administrative & Professional Collaborative (APC) spotlight shines on Associate Director of Orientation Madison Owens. Madison plays a crucial role in managing both online and in-person events and ensuring smooth transitions for new and returning students. She works closely with other departments to enhance student onboarding and engagement, contributing to the overall success of the College's mission. Her background in academic and career advising, civic engagement and leadership development has equipped her with the skills necessary to support students in achieving their educational goals.

Madison has a strong foundation in higher education administration, earning a Master of Science in College Student Affairs focusing on Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from FSCJ.

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Get to Know Your CEC Colleagues: Brandy Williams



November's Career Employees' Council (CEC) spotlight features Administration Support Manager and CEC Treasurer Brandy Williams. Brandy has been with FSCJ for over ten years. Her role entails overseeing Collegewide institutional memberships, coordinating multiple departmental budgets and providing comprehensive support to the Strategic and Institutional Effectiveness department. What she appreciates most about her job is that it allows her to connect with colleagues across the College, enhancing her understanding of the institution's overall needs.

She is a proud FSCJ alumna with a degree in human services. Ms. Williams is also a U.S. Navy Veteran, and proudly says, "Go Navy!"

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Board Highlights

Review the highlights of the November 12, 2024, meeting of the FSCJ District Board of Trustees:

- The District Board of Trustees approved fee changes for the following courses to be effective Spring Term 2025, pursuant to Board Rule 6Hx7-4.19: NUR1521C, NUR1021C, MCB2010C, CHM2205C, OCE2001, COS0002C, COS0003C, ATF110B, ATF1109, ATF1600C, ATF2211, ATF2510, ATF2530.
- The District Board of Trustees approved changes to current testing fees to ensure partial recovery of costs associated with providing assessments at FSCJ pursuant to Board Rule 6Hx7-4.19 to be effective Spring Term 2024-25.
- The District Board of Trustees approved Full Cost of Instruction fees for students taking certain repeat course enrollments at FSCJ per Florida Statute 1009.285 to be effective Spring Term 2024-25.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the FSCJ ACCESS program for Spring Term 2025.
- The District Board of Trustees approved a new Business Analytics (Business Analysis Specialist) A.S. program effective Spring Term 2025.
- The District Board of Trustees approved the revised list of the College's general education courses.

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

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following applicants selected for the 2024-25 Succession Planning Program!

Director of Campus Enrollment and Student Services

- Ashley Butler, Academic and Career Advisor
- Alexandra Diaz, Associate Director of Academic Advising Services
- Julienne Lantco, Associate Director of Advising
- Marshun Middleton, Bachelor Program Advisor
- Andrew Pierce, Certification and Assessment Center Manager & South Campus Dean
- Reginald Robinson, Academic and Career Advisor
- Danielle Thompson, Student Services Coordinator

Academic Dean

- Ashley Archer, Department Chair of Humanities
- Brad Biglow, Professor of Anthropology
- Roman Bighow, Professor of Economics
- Mary Lee Cunill, Professor of Communication
- Shirrelle Dover-Jones, Associate Dean of Operations
- Julie-Anne Sutton, Department Chair of Natural Sciences

Congratulations to Online Course Development Program Coordinator Kristen Nicholson for completing the FSCJ Communications Certificate program.

Facilities Updates

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

Recently completed	Kent Campus:	In planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South - Fire Academy Sewer Pipe Replacement South - Gymnasium Floor Refinish and Renovation South - Flooring - Bldg C, Bldg G 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Water System Replacement Door Access Control Upgrades Addressable Device Upgrades Science Lab Upgrades Auditorium Dressing Room Renovation Career Closet Renovation Auditorium Renovation Student Life Common Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deerwood Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stairs, Curtain Wall, Main Entry and Balcony Repairs Downtown Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse Building VERC Renovation Kent Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus Route Improvements Nassau Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Yulee Room Furniture
<p>In progress</p> <p>Ongoing Collegewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Elevator Door Lock-Monitoring Systems Emergency Responders Radio Communications System Fire Alarm Panel Replacement Scan/Digitize Facilities Plans Science Lab & Classroom Renovations Monument Signs, Building IDs, Wayfinding Memorial Benches Energy Initiatives 	<p>Nassau Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Lab Remodel Door Access Control Upgrade Parking Lot Lighting <p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Student Services, Science Lab Renovation Nursing Program Expansion Parking Lot Lighting Elevator Modernization BDA Monitoring System Individual Addressable Monitoring System Signage CJC Pavilion, Window Replacement <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Door Access Control Upgrades Roof Replacement Elevator Modernization Fire Tower Repair Fire Academy Skills Pad Lighting Controls Upgrade Fire Alarm System Replacement Childcare Center Renovation Men's Locker Room Renovation 	<p>North Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Tower Stairwell Bulder Replacement Lot 5 Milling and Resurface <p>South Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilson Center Architect Assessment Honors Program Expansion Security Renovation River City Academy CSX Hazard Training Facility

Upcoming Events

Next Call:
November 20, 2 p.m.

Call notes available at myFSCJ OnPoint Quick Link

Check out the latest episode available on:

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- and many other podcast sources!

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INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 - 8-1:30 P.M.
1912 Kent Campus, Jacksonville, FL 32209

SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 3, 2025

Elevating Excellence

The 9th Annual Professional Development Day will be held at the Advanced Technology Center on Friday, January 3, 2025, as a way to promote a Collegewide culture of professional development and growth.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE OF JACKSONVILLE
HONORS PROGRAM

ACADEMIC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
November 22, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. - Noon

FSCJ South Campus
Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room

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Spring classes start January 6

FSCJ [VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE](#)

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

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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.

- Where is the last Fall Term Q&A with Dr. A?
 - North Campus
 - Cecil Center
 - Nassau Center
 - Downtown Campus
- What specific form of donor giving was celebrated at the FSCJ Foundation Legacy Luncheon?
 - Giving Tuesday donations
 - Endowments
 - In contributions
 - Capital gifts
- Where will the barbering program expand thanks to the Ratcliffe Pitch for Skilled Trades Grant?
 - North Campus
 - Deerwood Center
 - South Campus
 - Kent Campus
- On Giving Tuesday, FSCJ faculty, staff and students are invited to support which initiative?
 - H.O.P.E. Food Pantry
 - Scholarships
 - Campus cleanup
- What kind of heavy-duty machinery is used during Blocktoberfest?
 - Forklift
 - Cement mixer
 - Steamroller
 - Excavator

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