

**Florida College System Council of Presidents
Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting**

**Association of Florida Colleges
Friday, May 17, 2024 – 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM ET
Virtual Meeting**

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COP Business Meeting

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - Welcome and Remarks – President Ed Meadows
- 2.0 Quorum Check – Mr. Tony Carvajal
- 3.0 Council of Presidents’ Minutes – President Ed Meadows
 - 3.1 Council of Presidents Business Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2024
- 4.0 Policy and Advocacy Committee – President Jeff Allbritten
 - 4.1 Legislative Agenda Priorities
 - 4.2 Legislative Updates – Mr. Seth McKeel
- 5.0 Report of the Chair – President Ed Meadows
- 6.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges – Chancellor Kathy Hebda
- 7.0 Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education – Chancellor Kevin O’Farrell
- 8.0 Other COP Committee and Work Group Reports
 - 8.1 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium – President Jim Henningsen and President Tonjua Williams (No Report)
 - 8.2 Articulation Coordinating Committee – President Paul Broadie (No Report)
 - 8.3 Media and Public Relations Committee – President Devin Stephenson and President Angela Garcia Falconetti, with Moore Agency

9.0 COP Support Council Reports

President Kathleen Plinske

- 9.1 Council of Instructional Affairs – Mr. Rich Senker
- 9.2 Council of Student Affairs – Dr. Erik D’Aquino
- 9.3 Council for Workforce Education – Dr. Jodi Long

President Heather Bigard

- 9.4 Council of Business Affairs – Mr. Chuck Prince
- 9.5 Florida Council for Resource Development – Ms. Jamie Bateman

10.0 Florida College System Activities Association – President John Avendano and Ms. Kelly Warren

- 10.1 FCSAA Report

11.0 Association of Florida Colleges Report

- 11.1 AFC Updates – Mr. Matt Wetzel
- 11.2 CEO Report – Mr. Tony Carvajal

12.0 Announcements, Celebrations, and Other Business

13.0 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 29, 2024	State Board of Education Meeting – Miami
May 29-30, 2024	Campus Safety & Resilience Symposium – Daytona State
May 30-31, 2024	Commissioner’s convenings in Miami
June 11-12, 2024	Dual Enrollment Success – Fort Myers
June 12-13, 2024	Council of Presidents Meetings – Fort Myers
July 24, 2024	State Board of Education Meeting – Orlando
November 4-8, 2024	Joint Annual Meeting (COP, Councils, Trustees, AFC) – Orlando
November 19, 2024	Legislative Reorganization Session

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Policy and Advocacy/Business Meeting Minutes (DRAFT until approved)

April 19, 2024- Pensacola State College / Zoom

Call To Order

President Ed Meadows called the Council of Presidents meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. ET.

Roll Call and Quorum Check *(alpha by college, 15 presidents required for quorum)*

Chipola: President Sarah Clemmons
Central Florida: President Jim Henningsen
Daytona State: President Tom LoBasso
Eastern Florida: Phillip Simpson (proxy)
President James Ritchie
Florida SouthWestern: President Jeff Allbritten
FSCJ: President John Avendano
Gulf Coast: President Glen McDonald
Hillsborough: Eric Johnson (proxy)
President Ken Atwater
Lake-Sumter: President Heather Bigard

Northwest Florida: President Devin Stephenson
Palm Beach: President Ava Parker
Pasco-Hernando: President Jessie Pisors
Pensacola: President Ed Meadows
Polk State: President Angela Falconetti
Santa-Fe: President Paul Broadie
Seminole: President Georgia Lorenz
South Florida: President Fred Hawkins
St. Johns River: President Joe Pickens
Valencia: President Kathleen Plinske

Quorum met.

Council of Presidents Chair’s Report

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome from President Ed Meadows, who introduced Dr. Floyd Tibbitt as the special guest, Chair of the State Board of Trustees. Dr. Tibbitt expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to address the Council of Presidents (COP) and shared nostalgic sentiments about Pensacola as the western gateway to the Sunshine State.

Dr. Tibbitt commended the COP for their contributions to the Florida College system, emphasizing their role as an economic engine for the state. He extended personal thanks to the college presidents for their dedication and highlighted their efforts in ensuring healthcare insurance availability for employees, akin to the university system.

The floor was then opened for comments, with Dr. Falconetti expressing appreciation for Dr. Tibbitt's longstanding support and leadership. She recalled his advocacy for the state's healthcare plan during her tenure as Chair of the Council of Presidents.

The meeting proceeded with notable discussions centered around the organizational structure, including the addition of a vice chair for the advocacy and policy committee and the suspension of the Steering Committee, which had not been utilized for several years.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the Steering Committee for the next year, utilizing the existing structure on an as-needed basis.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

President Meadows handed over the floor to Dr. Jeff Allbritten, querying if Seth McKeel was present for the Policy and Advocacy report. Mr. McKeel proceeded to address recent developments, highlighting the unexpected challenges discussed in the previous day's meeting concerning the delay in accessing group health insurance. He emphasized the need for a proactive approach and reassured support from the legislative and executive branches in resolving the issue.

Mr. McKeel also provided updates on upcoming events, including the anticipated budget signing and discussions on the agenda for the next session. He encouraged members to engage with their delegation members, particularly during graduations and campus events.

A moment of remembrance was observed for Senator Pasadena's husband, whose unexpected passing was noted. Lacey Peterson was acknowledged for her invaluable assistance during the session, with Mr. McKeel expressing gratitude for her support.

Following Mr. McKeel's remarks, President Meadows expressed appreciation for the collaboration with Seth and Lacey, highlighting their responsiveness and assistance in facilitating meetings with House and Senate leadership.

President Meadows acknowledged the celebration of a significant legislative victory regarding the creation of the specialized transfer associate in arts degree. President Plinsky highlighted the importance of this policy advancement, particularly for students interested in STEM fields. She noted that the bill, introduced last year, successfully passed this session, benefiting students by addressing challenges in program prerequisites and federal financial aid eligibility.

The degree's creation ensures Florida College System students have equitable opportunities compared to their university counterparts. House Bill 1285, introduced by Representative Kennedy, and its companion bill, introduced by Senator Burgess, were instrumental in this achievement. President Plinsky expressed gratitude and mentioned plans for thank-you correspondence to the legislators involved.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Kathy Hebda addressed the attendees, expressing gratitude for the warm reception and dinner hosted by President Meadows. She shared her enjoyment of conversing with Dr. Tippett and Dr. Sprague, gaining insights into agricultural topics.

Chancellor Hebda proceeded to provide logistical details regarding upcoming events, including invitations from Commissioner Diaz for the President's Meeting on May 30th and the Commissioner's Summit on the 31st. Notable changes from the previous year included accommodation arrangements at the Elzer Hotel and sponsorship from the Florida College System Foundation and the Florida Lottery.

Additionally, Chancellor Hebda highlighted the expanded invitation to trustee chairs for the President's Meeting and Summit, emphasizing the collaborative approach between universities and school districts in addressing the teacher pipeline. She underscored Commissioner Diaz's focus on this issue and the crucial role of Florida College System institutions in teacher preparation.

Chancellor Hebda introduced a newly appointed Director of Data and Analytics, Christian Kosner, and mentioned the ongoing search for a Foundation Director.

She concluded by requesting reports on new chair and vice-chair appointments for boards of trustees, along with relevant meeting information. The meeting momentarily experienced technical difficulties before concluding.

Report of the Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

Chancellor O'Farrell provided a comprehensive update addressing the ongoing annual review of general education course offerings, emphasizing the importance of adherence to deadlines, and offering assistance where needed. Notably, Chancellor O'Farrell highlighted the diligent monitoring of the statewide force numbering system, underscoring the commitment to ensuring alignment and coherence across institutions.

Chancellor O'Farrell apprised the attendees of the imminent employee intellectual diversity survey, detailing its timeline and significance. They then transitioned seamlessly to discuss recent rule changes pertaining to the learning fund and residency requirements, elucidating the rationale behind these modifications and their implications for the institutions.

Chancellor O'Farrell delved into the forthcoming adoption of rules related to the CTE audit and site-determined degrees at career centers, providing insight into the collaborative process that led to their formulation. With meticulous attention to detail, they elucidated the intricacies of these regulatory updates, fostering a comprehensive understanding among the attendees.

Expanding on recent developments, Chancellor O'Farrell shared updates on the addition of new programs to the inventory, showcasing a commitment to innovation and growth within the educational landscape. They elaborated on the approval process and potential implications of these program expansions, ensuring clarity and transparency in their communication.

Turning to funding opportunities, Chancellor O'Farrell outlined the impending deadlines for RFAs related to adult education and Perkins grants, emphasizing the importance of timely submissions for effective resource allocation. Additionally, they provided an overview of the workforce capitalization program and PCOG informational session, highlighting their strategic significance in advancing apprenticeship initiatives statewide.

COP Committee and Workgroup Reports

Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

President Henningsen's acknowledged, Mr. Chauncey Fagler, who provided a detailed update on recent developments, outlining potential courses of action based on ongoing deliberations. Mr. Fagler highlighted the implications of a potential enrollment date change to July 1, 2025,

particularly concerning health insurance plans and ancillary benefits. Notably, he emphasized the need for colleges with HMOs to assess the impact on their respective institutions.

Mr. Fagler shared insights into potential coordination efforts with Florida Blue and FBMC, aiming to streamline the transition process for consortium members. He highlighted upcoming meetings with these stakeholders and outlined key considerations for a smooth transition, including contract transfers and continuity of benefits for employees.

Additionally, Mr. Fagler announced an upcoming operations committee meeting to further address evolving developments and coordination efforts. He emphasized the collaborative nature of the process, involving multiple stakeholders to ensure comprehensive planning and execution.

Acknowledging the complexity of the situation, President Henningsen expressed gratitude for the consortium's swift response and comprehensive approach. Following Mr. Fagler's update, attendees sought clarification on certain points, reaffirming their commitment to addressing the challenges ahead.

President Henningsen thanked Chauncey for his detailed update and expressed readiness to address any further questions or concerns from attendees.

Articulation Coordinating Committee

President Broadie advised that the Committee's next meeting will be later this month.

Media and Public Relations Committee

President Meadows initiated the meeting by acknowledging the challenges faced in disseminating information and advocating during the legislative session, noting the success achieved thus far. They highlighted the recent Public Information Officer (PIO) session, featuring President Meadows, Val Canetti, and Chancellor Hebda, which garnered significant attendance and active participation.

It was mentioned that the President's spotlight for April, coinciding with FCS month, had been well-received, with Karen Moore facilitating live features for each President. Kendra Parsons was commended for her role in coordinating approvals and scheduling for the campaign across social media channels.

Upon the governor's budget approval and COP chair's endorsement, plans were underway to distribute a statement of appreciation to the governor and legislature, with assistance from the Moore team.

Speaker 2 expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts with the Moore Agency throughout the year, underscoring the positive impact on promotional activities and messaging coordination with Dr. Falconetti.

Kendra provided updates from the Moore team, acknowledging President Meadows' campus upkeep and the invaluable engagement with PIOs. She highlighted the success of the President's spotlights, sharing engaging statistics and upcoming content plans.

Looking ahead, Kendra outlined future themes, including Military Appreciation Month and Hurricane Preparedness Month, emphasizing ongoing support for the presidents and their teams.

During the discussion, clarification was sought regarding the audience for the updates, with confirmation that it pertained to the Florida College System Council of Presidents (FCS Presidents).

COP Support Council Reports

Council of Instructional Affairs

President Plinske called for reports from the councils, and Dr. Sanker provided updates from the Council of Instructional Affairs (CIA).

Dr. Sanker expressed gratitude to the chief academic officers and academic administration for their diligent work on legislative updates and curriculum changes, particularly regarding math pathways and alterations to the general education core.

Dr. Sanker highlighted the challenges faced during the review process, including the need for catalog changes to ensure updated course descriptions and potential adjustments to instructional materials to align with revised learning objectives. Additionally, Dr. Sanger emphasized the importance of ensuring that learning outcomes in online courses align with corresponding learning assignments and assessments, as per quality review standards.

Dr. Sanker announced two upcoming candid conversations: one focused on success rate differences between online and on-ground students, scheduled for May 29th, and another on regular and substantive interaction in online classes, set for June 24th. These sessions aim to address pertinent issues and provide opportunities for chief academic officers to engage in meaningful discussions.

President Plinske echoed appreciation for the efforts of chief academic officers in navigating changes to both the General Education Core and institutional courses.

Council of Student Affairs

Mr. Eric D'Aquino provided an update on CSA's preparations for the upcoming June meeting in the Fort Myers area, expressing excitement about the joint council meetings and extending gratitude to Chancellor Hebda and the AFC team for their support in organizing the events.

He also discussed the progress of the AI workgroup, acknowledging Alex Jordan's valuable guidance and noting the formation of the Florida AI Learning Consortium. Mr. D'Aquino clarified that while several Florida College System institutions are involved in the consortium, it is distinct from the workgroup under the Council of Presidents.

President Plinske commended CSA for their contributions to identifying and addressing issues such as financial aid and residency requirements, emphasizing the importance of their policy recommendations in facilitating statewide changes.

Council of Workforce Education

CWE Chair, Ms. Jodi Long addressed the Council of Workforce Education (CWE), acknowledging the diligence of council members in reviewing reports and apologizing for an error in the header of the April report, confirming its accuracy. She highlighted CWE's collaboration with the Council of

Instructional Affairs (CIA) on math pathways updates and legislative items such as the Gates Scholarship Program and gainful employment regulations. Ms. Jodi Long also mentioned ongoing discussions on Perkins updates and plans for future legislative liaison updates via Zoom.

Council of Business Affairs

President Bigard transitioned to other council reports, beginning with the Council of Business Affairs (CBA) report. President Bigard relayed Chuck Prince's update on the state health insurance plan, succession planning challenges within CBA, and discussions on the Department of Energy Management's mutual aid agreement.

Council of Resource Affairs

Jamie Bateman provided the Council of Resource Affairs (CRA) report, summarizing the recent spring conference in Miami, attendance, upcoming hosting plans, keynote speakers, legislative updates, and leadership transitions within CRA.

President Meadows commended the councils for their comprehensive reports and expressed anticipation for positive developments regarding the health insurance plan.

Report of the Florida College System Activities Association

President Avendano acknowledged the absence of action items for the meeting but highlighted several informational updates and forthcoming action items. He then handed it over to Kelly Warren for her report.

Kelly Warren expressed gratitude to Dr. Brody for hosting the Brain Bowl tournament and congratulated Chipola College for their success. She shared updates on ongoing student government conferences, beach volleyball tournaments, and state tennis tournaments. Mrs. Warren also provided details on recent basketball tournaments and outlined plans for future sports budgets and dues for the upcoming academic year.

During the discussion, questions arose regarding athletic team counts, budget allocations, and the possibility of capturing overall athletic system GPA data. Mrs. Warren and Dr. Avendano addressed these inquiries, emphasizing the higher success rates of engaged students and the importance of student activities in fostering student success.

President Meadows commended Kelly Warren's efforts and stressed the importance of conveying the data to board members to underscore the significance of extracurricular activities in student success.

Report of the Association of Florida Colleges

Mr. Tony Carvajal from the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) began by discussing recent board meetings focused on modernizing the Articles of Incorporation and updating bylaws to align with the new oversight committee structure. They also discussed redefining the organization's value

proposition and purpose statement, with specific emphasis on best practices for student success, professional development, and advocating for the system.

Updates were provided on ongoing region conferences, including Region 5, Region 3, and the current Region 4 conference. The representative highlighted the upcoming Campus Safety and Resilience Symposium scheduled for May 29th and 30th and encouraged attendance from college employees.

Additionally, excitement was expressed for the joint conference with sub-councils, scheduled for November 4th through November 8th, aiming to provide professional development opportunities and share best practices.

Other Business

The meeting concluded with acknowledgments of appreciation for support and assistance from various individuals and departments. President Meadows emphasized the importance of attendance at the upcoming meetings and announced changes to the schedule for the next COP meetings. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. ET.

Prepared by Eileen Johnson. Reviewed and respectfully submitted by: Tony Carvajal

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Florida College System Council of Presidents

Business Meeting - May 2024

FCS Month Campaign Results: April 2024

Understanding Facebook & Instagram Statistics



13,300 Impressions

The number of times someone saw our post.

A new impression is counted even if the post was seen multiple times by the same user.



12,392 Reach

The number of times a new user sees the content.

A great way to track how many people are viewing the content over time.



700 Engagements

A user saw the post and then took action.

Engagement shows that not only are people seeing the content, but also want to engage with the page.



1,132 Followers

Page followers are our biggest fans and the ones who engage with our content the most.

FCS Month Campaign Compared to 2023



Impressions

Increase of **300 %** from
2023



Reach

Increase of **226 %** from
2023



Engagements

Increase of **2 %** from 2023



Followers

Increase of **19 %** from 2023

Top President Spotlights

PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT GLEN MCDONALD



Gulf Coast State College
President Glenn McDonald

Farthest Reach

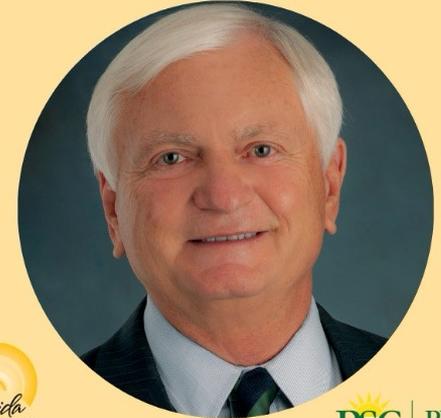
PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT DR. GEORGIA LORENZ



Seminole State President
Georgia Lorenz

Most Engagement

PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT DR. EDWARD MEADOWS



Pensacola State College
President Ed Meadows

Most Comments

Top Student Stories

STUDENT SUCCESS

Vishwa Patel is graduating this semester with an associate in Arts at the College of Central Florida, as her sights set on earning a Biology degree at the University of Florida. Patel chose CF not only for its partnership with UF through Florida's 2+2 program, but also for the college's reputation for providing high-quality education at an affordable cost.

Choosing CF was a strategic decision for me. It's the steppingstone I needed for my academic journey, ensuring the best education at the best rate. The ability to transfer to UF made CF my biggest priority, ensuring a smooth transition to continue my education in biology. CF is close to home, which made it much more appealing. It's affordable, I really connect with the professors and the small class sizes make learning more personal. This environment makes the transition to college life easier and more manageable for me. The education and experiences gained here are invaluable. I'm looking forward to taking the next steps at UF, prepared with the knowledge and skills I've acquired at CF."



- Vishwa Patel
College of Central
Florida Student



College of Central Florida



Florida College System Council of Presidents

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Dr. JC Perez, a Florida SouthWestern State College graduate, has dreamed about working in aerospace engineering since the 5th grade. After a lot of hard work and shooting for the stars, he works at NASA as an engineering project manager. #FloridaSuccess #HigherEducation

Watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/FSWCollege/videos/1393788531112/>



Florida SouthWestern State
College

STUDENT SUCCESS

Grace Duvet graduates with honors from Tallahassee Community College in May, she will continue her education at Florida State University, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Communications. As a member of the award-winning TCC Forensics Speech and Debate team, Grace has used her voice to champion the cause of Haiti's children who face harsh circumstances and labor.

"TCC provided not only a solid academic foundation but also opportunities to explore my passions and find my path. The tight-knit environment of the Honors Program allowed me to build meaningful connections with peers and professors, enriching my college experience by providing a supportive network where everyone is encouraged to excel. I cannot thank TCC enough for providing such a strong foundation and a nurturing environment where I could find my passion and excel academically."

- Grace Duvet
TCC Student



Tallahassee Community College



Most Engaged State Representatives



Representative Jenna Persons-
Mulicka



Representative Tom Leek



Representative Anna Eskamani

Most Engaged State Senators



Senator Alexis Calatayud



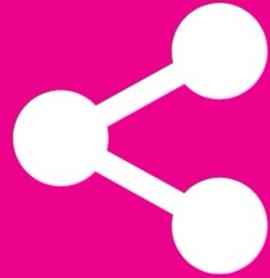
Senator Debbie Mayfield



Senator Jay Trumbull

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Council of Presidents Update May 2024

The Council of Instructional Affairs held our Business Meeting on May 15, 2024. We focused on the topics listed below.

- Artificial Intelligence Work Team
- Math Pathways
- Guidance from the FLDOE for General Education Core
- Accreditation Updates
- Upcoming CIA Candid Conversations:

Success Rate Differences Between Online and On-ground Students in the FCS

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Regular and Substantive Interaction in Online Classes: How Are We Ensuring It Occurs and How We Measure It

Tuesday, June 24, 2024 – 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Lastly, we finalized the agenda items for the June 7, 2024, CIA Business Meeting and are preparing for the elections of the new CIA Steering Committee members. The new committee members will be shared at the June 2024 COP meeting.

Submitted by Richard Senker, CIA Chair
May 16, 2024

Council on Workforce Report – May 2024

- Ad-hoc legislative committee last met on 5/9/2024.
 - The Committee tracked all pertinent legislation and respective progress through the entire legislative session. On 5/9 the committee reviewed all signed and enrolled bills related to higher education and workforce training. They prioritized the points of interest and between this committee and the CWE steering committee, we have created a question list regarding implementation for the FLDOE to share in advance of the June Joint Council meeting. Additionally, within CWE's business meeting, information on all legislation directly or indirectly impacting workforce education will be presented and discussed. Attention will be given to operational impacts. Institutions will share promising practices.
 - Of significant interest was legislation related to the GATES Scholarship program (HB 7032) for its impact on FCS institutions. Implementation of this program will be discussed at the June Joint Council Meeting.

- CWE Steering Committee last met on 5/8/2024.
 - All institutions have been finalizing and submitting their Perkins grant applications.
 - Representatives from FDLOE have requested we provide questions for them to use as a guide for the upcoming June Joint Council meeting. Based on membership feedback and Steering Committee discussions, we have crafted questions around implementation of various new and existing rules.
 - CWE Steering committee representatives are reviewing the latest guidance regarding the updated gainful employment regulations effective July 2024. There was a webinar provided by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration (NASFAA) that FCS financial aid officers attended on 5/8/2024. This information was shared with the CWE Steering Committee. We will meet to discuss in advance of the June Joint Council meeting so that a meaningful discussion can occur with all institutions at the meeting.
 - June Joint Council meeting agenda topics were identified.



Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

May 17, 2024

Information Item: Student Government Division

The Student Government Division held their year-end conference and elections at Seminole State College, Sanford Campus, April 19-20. Our thanks to Dr. Lorenz and the Seminole State Student Life team for hosting us. Fourteen colleges were represented by 185 attendees. Below are the elections results along with the Student Government awardees for the year.

2024-2025 FCSSGA State Executive Board

President: Matthew Oliver, St. Petersburg College

Vice President: Breana White, Florida State College at Jacksonville

Secretary: Madison Snyder, St. Petersburg College

Director of Legislative Affairs: Cannon Wisley, Lake-Sumter State College

Region 1 Coordinator: Reagan Stoker, Florida State College at Jacksonville

Region 2 Coordinator: Dwayne Harrington, St. Petersburg College

Region 3 Coordinator: Angelica Re, Lake-Sumter State College

Region 4 Coordinator: Ariana Arias, FSW

State Advisor: Meagan Dickson, Seminole State College

State Advisor-Elect: TBA

Region 1 Advisor: Kara Pineiro, Florida State College at Jacksonville

Region 2 Advisor: TBA

Region 3 Advisor: Alex Lambis, Seminole State College

Region 4 Advisor: Alex Bruno, Palm Beach State College

2023-2024 FCSSGA Award Winners

Bob Graham Distinguished Service - Employee Category: Blessen Jacob, Polk State College

Bob Graham Distinguished Service - Advisor Category: Meagan Dickson, Seminole State College

Bob Graham Distinguished Service - Student Category: Gilberto Mattei-Fernandez, Pasco-Hernando State College

SGA President of the Year: Conner Kilroy, Northwest Florida State College

Community Service of the Year: Northwest Florida State College

Region 1 Advisor of the Year: Tanner McKinley, Northwest Florida State College

Region 1 Student Leader of the Year: Lillian Roller, Northwest Florida State College

Region 1 Rookie of the Year: Abdiel Alvarado Pabon, Northwest Florida State College

Region 2 Advisor of the Year: Tamika Francis, Hillsborough Community College, Ybor

Region 2 Student Leader of the Year: George Sullivan, St. Petersburg College, Tarpon

Region 2 Rookie of the Year: Holland Haley, Pasco-Hernando State College

Region 3 Advisor of the Year: Cindy Lackey, Lake-Sumter State College

Region 3 Student Leader of the Year: Cannon Wisley, Lake-Sumter State College

Region 3 Rookie of the Year: Angelica Re, Lake-Sumter State College

Region 4 Advisor of the Year: Michael Mears, Florida SouthWestern State College

Region 4 Student Leader of the Year: Michella Achille, Florida SouthWestern State College

Region 4 Rookie of the Year: Destiny Sanchez, Florida SouthWestern State College

Hard Copy Scrapbook: College of Central Florida, Ocala

Digital Scrapbook: Eastern Florida State College, Palm Bay

Information Item: Women's Tennis

The FCSAA State Tennis Championship was held at Hillsborough Community College April 18-19. Our thanks to Dr. Atwater and the HCC athletics team for hosting us.

- Champion: Hillsborough Community College
- Runner Up: St. Petersburg College
- FCSAA Player of the Year: Catherine Goldman, Hillsborough Community College
- FCSAA Coach of the Year: Sarah Lytle, Hillsborough Community College

Hillsborough, St. Petersburg, and Eastern Florida all traveled to the NJCAA National Tournament, May 4-8 in Tyler, Texas. Hillsborough finished as the national runner up, St. Petersburg finished 4th, and Eastern Florida finished 5th.

All-FCSAA

Catherine Goldman, #1 Singles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Roma Yoshida, #2 Singles Champion	St. Petersburg College
Rocio Martinez, #3 Singles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Yoana Duduva, #4 Singles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Sanna Schoormans, #5 Singles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Adeola Greatorez, #6 Singles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Isabela Mercante and Roma Yoshida, #1 Doubles Champion	St. Petersburg College
Yoana Dudova and Sanne Schoormans, #2 Doubles Champion	Hillsborough Community College
Elena Martinez and Sara Ladino, #2 Doubles Champion	Eastern Florida State College

Information Item: Beach Volleyball

The FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 Beach Volleyball Championship was held at the UMR Sports Facility in Bradenton April 18-20.

- FCSAA Champions: Palm Beach State College
- FCSAA Runner Up: Lake-Sumter State College
- FCSAA Player of the Year: Ana Paula Fallas Cruz, Palm Beach State College
- FCSAA Pair of the Year: Ana Paula Fallas Cruz and Zuzanna Michalska, Palm Beach State College
- FCSAA Coach of the Year: Drew Colvin, Palm Beach State College

Palm Beach State College went on to win the NJCAA Beach Volleyball National Championship for the second year in a row. Congrats, Panthers! The Panthers' #1 pair of Ana Paula Fallas Cruz and Zuzanna Michalska were named the 2024 NJCAA Beach Volleyball Pair of the Tournament while head coach Drew Colvin was named Coach of the Tournament. State College of Florida finished 3rd and Lake-Sumter State College finished 4th.

All-FCSAA/All-NJCAA Region 8

First Team	
Berklee Andrews	Lake-Sumter State College
Leanne Blue	Lake-Sumter State College
Ana Paula Fallas Cruz	Palm Beach State College
Zuzanna Michalska	Palm Beach State College
Hannah Hamill	St. Johns River State College
Second Team	
Martina Soler Marti	Florida State College at Jacksonville

Hana Roberts	Florida State College at Jacksonville
Kaylee Hunt	Lake-Sumter State College
Marilyn Cesaro	Palm Beach State College
Camryn Deem	St. Johns River State College

All-FCSAA/All-NJCAA Region 8 Pairs

Martina Soler Marti & Hana Roberts	Florida State College at Jacksonville
Leanne Blue & Cassidy Rountree	Lake-Sumter State College
Braelyn Mittauer & Jayden Ponsford	Lake-Sumter State College
Ana Paula Fallas Cruz & Zuzanna Michalska	Palm Beach State College
Hannah Hamill & Camryn Deem	St. Johns River State College

Information Item: DII Baseball

The FCSAA Division II/NJCAA Region 8 Baseball Championship was held May 2-5 at Pasco-Hernando State College. Our thanks to Dr. Pisors and his Athletics team for hosting.

- FCSAA Champions: St. Johns River State College
- FCSAA Runner-up: South Florida State College
- Tournament Most Outstanding Pitcher: Payton Waters, St. Johns River State College
- Tournament Most Outstanding Player: Ben Barrow, St. Johns River State College
- FCSAA Coach of the Year: Ross Jones, Jr.
- FCSAA Player of the Year: Chris Arroyo, Pasco-Hernando State College
- FCSAA Pitcher of the Year: Michael Savarese, Pasco-Hernando State College
- FCSAA Fireman of the Year: Jacob Hardy, South Florida State College

St. Johns River is participating in and hosting the NJCAA South District Tournament May 10-12.

FCSAA DII Baseball All-Tournament Team:

Aiden Corn	Pasco-Hernando State College
Chris Arroyo	Pasco-Hernando State College
Michael Furry	St. Johns River State College
Tripp Davis	St. Johns River State College
Payton Waters	St. Johns River State College
Ben Barrow	St. Johns River State College
Roger Vergara	St. Johns River State College
Blane Schmitt	St. Johns River State College
Jean Cuello	South Florida State College
Dawson Bryant	South Florida State College
Jacob Hardy	South Florida State College
Jacob Morgan	South Florida State College

DII All-FCSAA/All-NJCAA Region 8:

Ryan Jenkins	Lake-Sumter State College
Gabe Roque	Palm Beach State College
Aiden Corn	Pasco-Hernando State College
Eddiel Tolentino	Pasco-Hernando State College
Chris Arroyo	Pasco-Hernando State College

Josh Cone	Pasco-Hernando State College
Michael Savarese	Pasco-Hernando State College
Derek Bermudez	South Florida State College
Mike Cuello	South Florida State College
Andon Lewis	St. Johns River State College
Nathan Gagnon	St. Johns River State College
Danny Lazar	St. Johns River State College

Information Item: DII Softball

Our DII softball coaches voted to forego a state championship and instead crown the number one conference finisher as the state champions.

- FCSAA DII State Champions: St. Johns River State College
- FCSAA State Runner Up: South Florida State College
- Player of the Year: Kendall Catherwood, St. Johns River State College
- Pitcher of the Year: Jayda Smith, Pasco-Hernando State College
- Coach of the Year: Joe Pound, St. Johns River State College

St. Johns River, South Florida and Lake-Sumter are participating in the NJCAA South District tournament May 9-12 in Alabaster, Alabama.

DII All-FCSAA/All-NJCAA Region 8:

Brooklyn Kennedy	Florida Gateway College
Payton Parkes	Lake-Sumter State College
Emma Chisholm	Lake-Sumter State College
Savannah Ellis	Lake-Sumter State College
Jayda Smith	Pasco-Hernando State College
Trinity Rohrer	South Florida State College
Jenny Bouthillier	St. Johns River State College
Caylee Elder	St. Johns River State College
Kendall Catherwood	St. Johns River State College
Alyssa Vallad	St. Johns River State College
Princess Arredondo	St. Johns River State College
Olivia Hansen	St. Johns River State College
Carolyn Lasater	St. Johns River State College

Information Item: Upcoming Dates

May 8-11	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Softball Tournament, Clearwater
May 10-12	NJCAA South District DII Baseball Championship Tournament, SJRSC
May 10-13	FCSAA State/NJCAA Region 8 DI Baseball Tournament Finals, Tampa
May 23	FCSAA Executive Committee Spring Meeting, 8:30am-3pm, Daytona State College
June 4-5	Council for Athletic Affairs Spring Meeting, Tallahassee Community College
June 13-15	FCSSGA Summer Advisors' Workshop, SJRSC, St. Augustine Campus

Respectfully Submitted,
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