

Summer Summary

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Greetings faculty & staff!

We sincerely hope you are continuing to have an enjoyable term! Here is the second in our series of *Summer* Summaries--monthly bulletins providing the latest updates, news and other useful information.



Critical Update

We have completed testing the digital Extra Load Pay Agreements for all full-time faculty teaching a class in this category. We hope to have these digital pay agreements deployed by the end of the first week in July. If you have questions regarding current extra load assignments, please contact your dean, instructional program manager or course administrator.

Blackboard Upgrade: Save the Date!

Academic Technology will be performing a required system upgrade to Blackboard on August 25, 2018, beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Canvas: A New Learning Management System

We are pleased to announce that Information Technology Services, in conjunction with the Educational Technology team, is preparing to transition our learning management system from Blackboard to Canvas. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Adjunct Convocation

Adjunct Convocation is just around the corner. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mango: A New Library Search Tool

Beginning in July, the Library and Learning Commons (LLC) will be coordinating with all of Florida's public colleges and universities to implement a new state-wide shared library catalog and database discovery system known as "Mango." Mango is a powerful search tool that instantly searches not only FSCJ's collections of books, eBooks, and media, but also the full text of *tens of millions* of articles found in all the LLC's journal databases. While most library material/resource links from the old LINCCWEB/Primo system will be automatically updated, some links to specific resources may require updated hyperlinks. For example, links from course syllabi that lead directly to a book or article record may need to be updated. **Therefore, the LLC asks that all faculty review their course syllabi and Blackboard shells and test all embedded library material hyperlinks before the beginning of the fall semester.** For additional information, please click [here](#).

Brainfuse: A New Online Tutoring Platform

In an effort to make continuous improvements in online tutoring services, the Library and Learning Commons (LLC) recently formed an Online Tutoring Platform Review Committee to review the six largest online tutoring platforms available today in higher education. The committee included department faculty, tutors, academic administrators, as well as educational and information technology representatives. After an extensive review, the committee

unanimously recommended implementation of [Brainfuse](#) as FSCJ's new online academic tutoring platform. By spring 2019, *Brainfuse* will replace *Smarthinking* as the College's online tutoring platform. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Author Series

We're excited to announce this year's Author Series book! Dr. Damon Tweedy will be joining us **March 20th and 21st** to discuss his memoir, *Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine*. Dr. Tweedy is an associate professor of psychiatry at Duke University School of Medicine and staff physician at the Durham Veteran Affairs Health System. For more information, click [here](#).

The FSCJ Distinguished Honors Faculty Certificate Program

Interested in teaching in the FSCJ Associate in Arts Honors Program? You are cordially invited to participate in the Distinguished Honors Faculty Certificate Program, with AFPD workshops offered on Friday, July 27, August 3, and August 10. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Service Learning Days for the Fall 2018 Term

Planning your fall term syllabi? Interested in incorporating service learning into your classes? Click [here](#) for a schedule of pre-planned, theme-based Service Learning Days sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement on behalf of faculty and students.

Embracing the World Through Study Away and Study Abroad

The Office of Academic Engagement welcomes the opportunity to support faculty seeking to lead study away/study abroad trips in academic year 2018-2019. Although we are just beginning to establish a departmental infrastructure for this important work, we invite you to share your ideas for study away or study abroad for Spring or Summer 2019, and beyond. If you are interested in facilitating an educational trip, kindly contact [Dr. Elaina Lommason](#), Interim Director of Academic Engagement, by September 15th.

Coming Soon...

We are continuing to develop the Academic Operations and Academic Affairs blog. The blog will contain organizational contact information, current news and articles, and a digital repository housing documents previously published in the Academic Operations bulletins. If you have an idea for additional content, please let us know!

Sincerely,

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