



# Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities

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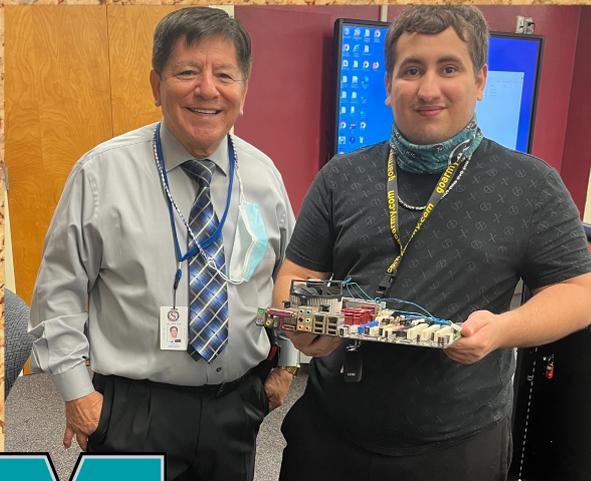
## News Brief



Okaloosa UP students learn all aspects of working in a kitchen during their inclusive Culinary Arts Program



Preparing for an Open House : (L to R) Cyrus, Chase, Heather, Salena Jo, Vanessa, Lester and Dr.Chatman



Jean with his instructor, Mr. Proano sharing a computer hardware Jean put together for his course.



Students in Culinary Lab with chef preparing for lunch service.



I could not have found my career path without Project Saint and the Adult Education program at Santa Fe College.

Sienna

Sienna completed Project Saint at Santa Fe College, a Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program. As one of her final projects for her Hospitality coursework, she created a presentation to share the skills she developed in her courses, and how these helped her to gain pay-raises.

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## REMINDER: END OF THE YEAR REPORT IN STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

**FPCTP Leaders,** A facilitator will be contacting you in May to review your End of Year Report in preparation for the Florida Postsecondary Education Program Planning Institute. Your team's Technical Soundness Report, posted in the online Strategic Planning Tool, includes feedback of your 2022 annual plans. Use the feedback to update your current plans in preparation for your End of the Year Report (Step 5) of the Strategic Planning Tool.

Florida Postsecondary Education Program Planning Institute

*Save the Date!*

July 12 - 14, 2022  
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress  
Orlando, FL

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Team Leaders can register their teams beginning Monday, May 9th. For more information visit our website, [Event page](#).



The Brady Bulletin is a research-to-practice bulletin for programs to support meaningful postsecondary comprehensive transition programs. This research bulletin is created by the Academy for Community Inclusion at Florida Atlantic University. Check FCSUA's [Research to Practice](#) webpage to read the most current issue.

[Read here](#)



We'd love to hear from you on what is happening at your institution. Please send stories and photos to [iris.neil@ucf.edu](mailto:iris.neil@ucf.edu), ATTN: FCSUA News Brief.

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# Using the FCSUA Community FAQ



*Claudia Bello Punto*

*Greetings, Claudia here! As FCSUA Community Architect and Administrator, I receive multiple emails with questions regarding access and navigation. I have summarized these questions below and provided step-by-step responses. I hope they are helpful in your journey of becoming an approved FPCTP or implementing your program.*

## **Where should I start if I want to become an approved program?**

As opposite as you would think, the first step when becoming an approved FPCTP is not the FCSUA Community. As I always hear our Executive Director and Assistant Director say, the first step is the FCSUA Online Strategic Planning Tool. This online system is designed for all types of higher education institutions: Universities, state colleges, and technical colleges. Whether you are planning an inclusive postsecondary education program that serves students with intellectual disabilities or just seeking to improve your services, this planning system is designed with a framework through which you use data to reflect on current practice and outcomes, identify your strengths and needs, and subsequently develop a plan to address your needs and evaluate associated outcomes.

To access the FCSUA Online Strategic Planning Tool, you can send a request to [fcsuasupport@ucf.edu](mailto:fcsuasupport@ucf.edu), and upon approval, you will receive an email with detailed information on how to access your account. It has been proved that IHEs that start with an FCSUA Online Strategic Planning Tool plan will write an FPCTP Application and Grant Proposal more easily.

## **How does one access the FCSUA Community to write and submit an FPCTP Application and Grant Proposal?**

- Upon indication from our Executive Director, I will create an account for the IHE intending to write the FPCTP Application and Grant Proposal.
- Along with the account, I will need the user's full name and email address that will occupy the Primary Program Contact role. This user will receive a welcome email from the FCSUA Community with access instructions once I assign a community license.
- The Primary Program Contact may request two additional community licenses for other staff members to access the FCSUA Community. They will also receive the welcome email once I assign the community license to them.

## **Can I request more than three community licenses for my IHE?**

At this moment, we are granting three community licenses per institution. Initially, we were only providing two; however, Salesforce has increased our data security in the system by implementing Multi-Factor Authentication, which made it difficult for some program contacts to share a license. When a program requests an additional license, I always suggest revisiting the Institutional Profile section in the Community and evaluating what contacts hold these licenses and if they really need them or if one of those licenses should be reassigned to someone else. Most of the time, the answer is affirmative.

That is why we are always encouraged to keep this section up to date and the contacts on the correct roles.

## **How does one submit Scholarship Disbursement Reports?**

To complete a disbursement report, follow these steps:

1. Open the cost estimator(s) on edit mode (pencil icon)
2. Click on the Scholarship Request tab (second tab)
3. Open each student scholarship request on edit mode (pencil icon)
4. On the right column, find the disbursement field corresponding to the report due
5. Enter the amount disbursed to the student
6. Save before exiting

**Note:** There is no need to resubmit the scholarship request, only save.

**Note:** There is no need to wait for the reminders to arrive; you can work on disbursement reports as soon as you know how much the student will receive.

*I hope these FAQs were helpful. For other questions and details, you can visit the [FCSUA YouTube channel](#) where we have a playlist with all the webinars and workshops about the FCSUA Community.*

**Welcome New FPCTP faculty and staff!**

- FGCU Soaring Eagles Academy welcomes Kaitlynn Curwick and Alyssa Sanabria to their team.
- Okaloosa UP have added Cherl Rushing as the new Instructor, Heather Jordan and Fred Cheney as the new Job Coaches.
- Mike Muldoon is the new Assistant Director of the Eileen Hoffman Hafter UMatter at USF.



(L) Think College National Coordinating Center and the Association for University Centers on Disability (AUCD) Policy Advocates Logo; (R) Torey Roberts and Judith Husband within heart frame.

Lively Technical College SOAR program's Torey Roberts and Judith Husband have been selected as a 2022 Think College Policy Advocate. During the next month, they will learn the basics of advocacy, get updates on the latest issues. In June, they will be going to Washington DC to meet with Florida's Members of Congress to advocate for inclusive postsecondary education.



At the FL-DCDT Visions Conference, Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore received the

Patrick Mulvihill Making a Difference Award for her career's work in transition. [Click here to read more about Janice's career.](#) Additionally, Tara Rowe, an FCSUA Institute facilitator and Director of UNF's THRIVE Program, received the Debra Husted Memorial "Dreams Can Come True" Award. [Click here to read more about Tara's career.](#)



Tara Rowe and Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore



Douglas Carothers, Alyssa Sanabria, Katie Curwick, Hasan Aydin and Clarisse Halpern, from FGCU's Soaring Eagles Academy, will be presenting at the

American Education Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting in San Diego. Their sessions will be on "Campus Attitudes Toward Academic and Social Inclusion of Students with Intellectual Disabilities" and "The Joy of Helping: The Inception of a Transition Program for Individuals with Intellectual Disability."



*Do you have a success you would like to share with other FPCTPs? We would love to share! In each bi-monthly issue of FCSUA's News Brief we will share your success stories and the strategies you used to make it happen. Contact us to share your success story.*