



# Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## News Brief

*See you at the MidYear!*



*Join us June 15 - 18  
on Whova*

We are looking forward to seeing you at The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Virtual MidYear Institute and College

and Career Transition Club Sponsors' Annual Meeting, June 15 - 18, 2021. If you missed registration, contact us at [fcsua@ucf.edu](mailto:fcsua@ucf.edu)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

VCU RRTC-Transition - Free Course & Technical Assistance! Summer 2021.

"Improving Paid Employment Opportunities for Your College Students" for staff members of inclusive higher education program for students with intellectual disabilities. For a quick look of the program and registration info, [watch this video](#).

Professional Development from Florida AHEAD, June 15, 2021 1:00 - 4:00. HUD Training: Understanding the Fair Housing Act with Aaron Levine and Q & A and Legislature Updates with Florida Department of Education with Shanna Autry, Director of Student Affairs and Alex Jordan, Director of Student and Administrative Affairs.

### Upcoming Conferences:

**The 23rd Annual Family Cafe** will be both an in-person and virtual event, June 11 -13 at the Hyatt Regency.

**The Florida Self-Advocates Network'D (FL SAND) Mission Inclusion**

**Conference** July 30 - August 1, 2021.

This conference will be in-person and virtual.

July 19 - 21, 2021 at SeaWorld Renaissance in Orlando.

**The Florida Association and Career Technical Education Conference and**

**Trade Show**, July 19 - 21, 2021 at

SeaWorld Renaissance in Orlando.

**AHEAD 2021 Equity and Excellence**

**Access in Higher Education** will be held in Austin TX July 19 -23 and virtually July 26 - 30.

**FCSUA Informational Webinar**, June 8, 2021 MidYear Institute Overview for all attendees.

**Now Accepting Presentation Proposals**

**29th Annual Statewide CARD**

**Conference** Submissions Due July 5th

**2021 Florida CEC Conference**

Submissions due July 16th



# Let's Celebrate!

## CONGRATULATIONS FPCTP GRADUATES!

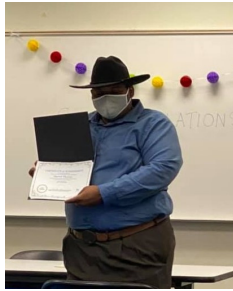
**"I've been learning to do things on my own by myself because I know what it takes for me to do what I need to do to succeed." Jordan, TCC Graduate**



Southeastern University celebrated four graduates, Abby, Tiffany, Jolina, and Mary obtaining The Link Certificate of Achievement. These young women are pursuing careers in childcare, working in a ministry setting and in tourism and hospitality.



Nashaira and Jordan were awarded the Tallahassee Community College Eagle Connections Employment Credential. Nashaira's credential focused on arts, humanities, communication and design. Jordan will be pursuing a career in sports broadcasting in Miami.



Christian and Marcel graduating from Santa Fe College's Project SAINT Program

### College of the Florida Keys Project ACCESS



Monae shaking hands with President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra



Conner with Monroe County Mayor, Michelle Coldiron



Jalyssa with CFK President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra



Isabelle, Michael, Austin, Jeremiah, Pablo, Julianna, and Sabrina graduated from UCF Inclusive Education Services



Emily with President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra



Bryan



AJ with President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra



FAU President Kelly shakes hands with Tyler as he graduates from the Academy for Community Inclusion.



Kyla with President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra



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Joshua with President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra

## WELCOME NEW FPCTP STAFF!



Christian Zimmerman is the new coordinator for the How I Reach Employment (HIRE) program in Lee County.

Christian has been a lifelong supporter of persons with intellectual disabilities. Mr. Zimmerman had an integral part of the Community Integration and Socialization Project (CISP) in Oregon, where he helped find community-based housing for patients after the closure of the state

mental hospital left over a thousand people on the verge of homelessness.

Christian has a B.A. in English from the University of Oregon, an M. Ed in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education, an MFA in British Literature from Middlebury College, and most recently an MLitt in 16th Century Literature from Exeter College, Oxford. Aside from collecting degrees like some collect coupons, Christian enjoys editing texts for Corwin-Sage Publishing and traveling the globe in search of his next course of study.

## DID YOU MISS ATTENDING...

### April's Informational Webinar: "Using Peer Mentors to Support Student Success"

Dr. Gwen Carey, faculty at FAU Academy for Community Inclusion, and Dr. Tara Rowe, Co-Director of Student Accessibility Services and THRIVE Program Director at UNF. During this webinar, Drs. Carey and Rowe shared their peer mentor programs

and the process of obtaining the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) International Mentor Training Program Certification.

You can find all of our Monthly Webinars on our YouTube Channel "FCUSA Monthly Informational Webinars" Playlist.

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## Have you read it yet?

CTP Trends is the new research bulletin focusing on bringing a synopsis of the most recently published research and practices that may be useful to postsecondary comprehensive transition programs. This research bulletin is created by the Academy for Community Inclusion at Florida Atlantic University. Check our [Events](#) webpage to read the most current issue.

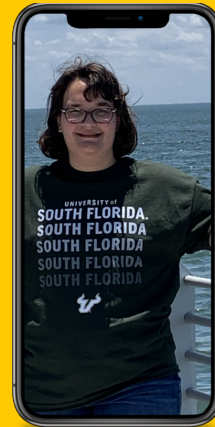


**College and Career Transition Club Annual Reports** are due June 7th. Applications for new CCT Clubs and renewal for support funds are due August 31, 2021. Additional information, applications and reports can be found on our [CCT Club](#) webpage.



## Welcome New Students!

University of South Florida UMatter Program has begun accepting students for its inaugural class!



Luke shows off his USF Bound yard sign while Marla and Logan model their new USF t-shirts.

## Legislative Update for SB 52: Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP)

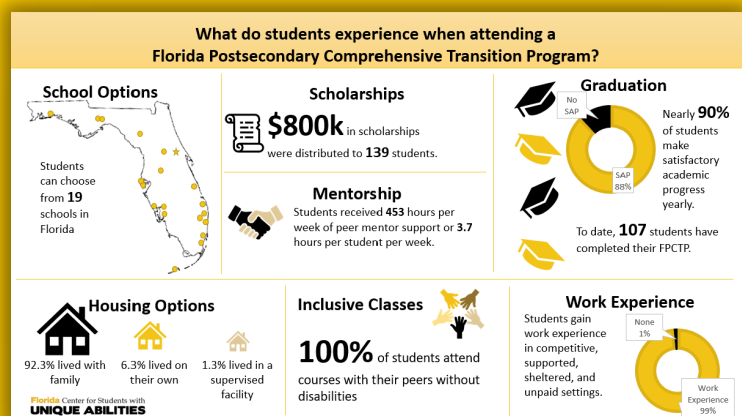
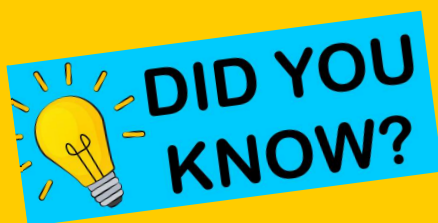
The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act was passed in 2016, to establish mechanisms for the approval of postsecondary education programs tailored to the needs of students with intellectual disabilities and provide statewide coordination of information about programs for students with disabilities. The Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (Center) was created within the University of Central Florida to improve the coordination of postsecondary options for students with developmental disabilities.

The bill amends s. 1004.6495, F.S., to provide flexibility in how the Florida Postsecondary

Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) grant funds can be awarded in order to better support existing programs. Specifically, the bill:

- Removes the restriction that Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) grant funds be used only for start-up and enhancement costs; and
- Removes the maximum value for such FPCTP grants, instead leaving the amounts to be as determined in the General Appropriations Act (the annual state budget bill).

Further discussion of SB 52 will be held during the MidYear Institute.



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