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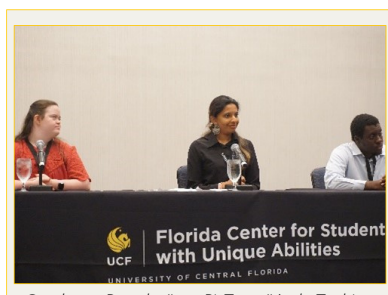
News Brief

Welcome to the 2022-23 Academic Year!

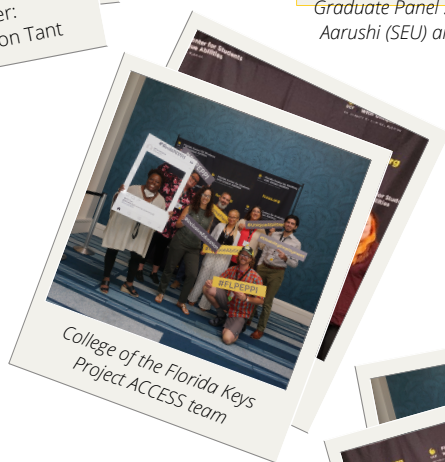
FLPEPPI Highlights



Keynote Speaker:
Representative Allison Tant



Graduate Panel : (L to R) Tory (Lively Tech),
Aarushi (SEU) and Johny (McFatter Tech)



College of the Florida Keys
Project ACCESS team

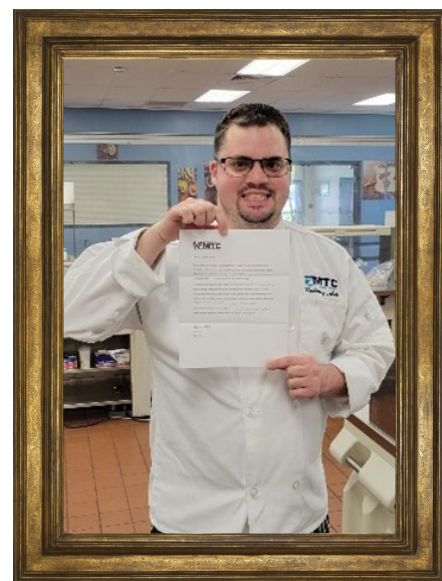


Facilitated Team Planning: Osceola County
Technical College planning to become a FPCTP



Santa Fe College Project
SAINT team

Student Highlight



Meet Sebastian Munoz, Ft. Myers Technical
College, holding his acceptance letter to the
National Tech Honor Society

Sebastian Munoz began his program in January of 2022 and will graduate in June of 2023. Sebastian was the first FPCTP student to be inducted into the National Tech Honor Society in May, 2022!!!! In order to be considered for eligibility, Sebastian had to demonstrate a strong commitment to his studies as evident by attendance at 93%, a 3.0 or higher GPA , and feedback from his instructor.

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Did you miss a breakout session or want to listen to a session again? Recordings are posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

Student Highlight

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Sebastian was working in a local restaurant, The Standard, where he chopped vegetables, prepared side dishes, and occasionally bussed tables when he decided to enroll in Ft. Myers Technical College's HIRE Program. His goal is to have the training, skills, and credentials in the Culinary Arts necessary to obtain his dream job of working in the kitchen at a local Olive Garden. Sebastian has a gift for pasta and makes the best shrimp fettucine around! The HIRE Program Coordinator, Christian Zimmerman, has already contacted the manager at the two local Olive Gardens and they cannot wait to have him on their team.

The HIRE program provides daily check-ins where Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. White discuss with Sebastian upcoming tests, areas needing additional assistance, grades, areas excelling in, and other personal interests. Tutoring sessions and exam reviews were provided by the HIRE staff and offered to all students in the culinary arts program at FTMC.

Success would not be possible without phenomenal instructors, Chef Rey Salinas and assistant Ms. Arron Wakeman. Their steadfast dedication to their students and passion for cooking is beyond compare. The administrative team at FTMC have cultivated an inclusive culture throughout the FTMC campus where every student is respected and knows that they are valued for who they are on a daily basis.

Program Highlight: **Supporting the Mental Health of** **FPCTP Students**

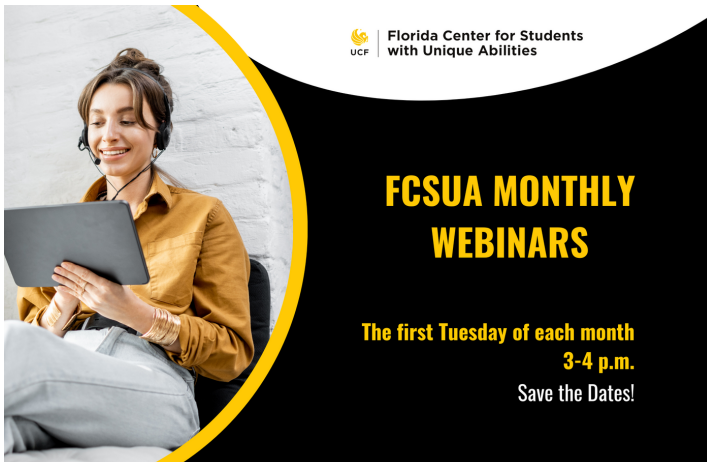


Nicole Attong, LMHC
FIU Embrace, Director
FIUnique, Director

As leaders of postsecondary, inclusive education programs for students with an intellectual disability, we have excelled at providing a comprehensive educational experience and independent living learning opportunities. However, very often we exclude an important component of the student's disability.

According to an article by Kerim M. Munir published in 2016, "the prevalence of ID/IDD is around 1–3%, and co-occurring mental ill-health is around 40%, with persistent mental ill-health around 30%." The article states that only 1 in 10 youth receive mental health services, with these co-occurring disorders occurring across the lifespan. Additionally, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, recognizes mental health disorders as a psychosocial disabilities (A Psychosocial Disability involves actual or perceived impairment due to a diversity of mental, emotional, or cognitive experiences.) Therefore, it is incumbent on the leadership of all post-secondary education programs to embed a mental health component throughout their programs.

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FCSUA offers monthly webinars on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. eastern time to support the development and continuation of FPCTPs. Join us for our upcoming webinars:

Sept. 6: How to Start a FTCTP

Oct. 4: Opening Doors for People with Intellectual Disabilities to Attain Meaningful Credentials

Nov. 1: Florida's Future Employment Needs and How to Prepare FTCTP Students for Employment

Dec. 6: TBD



MidYear Progress Update

(For team leaders)

January 26-27, 2023

DoubleTree Orlando East - UCF Area, Orlando, FL.

The Florida Postsecondary Education Program Planning Institute (FLPEPPI)

July 10-12, 2023

Hyatt Regency Cypress Grand Orlando, FL.

Professional Development Opportunities



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ACTE provides professional development for Career Technical Programs. Be on the look-out for an article written by Drew Andrews and Danie Roberts-Dahm on postsecondary CTE for students with intellectual disabilities in the September issue of **Techniques**.



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. Visit [FCSUA's website](https://www.fcsua.com) to read the current issue.



A brand new Affinity Group is launching this month! The newly formed Career and Technical Education (CTE) Affinity Group will kick off on September 20, 2022 from 3-4 p.m. ET via Zoom. [Click here for more information.](#)



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2022 Florida CEC State Conference: Riding the Waves of Change

Oct. 19-20
Daytona Beach, FL.



DIVISION ON CAREER
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION
COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
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Annual International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference

Nov. 2-5, 2022
Little Rock, AR



A Decade of Progress at State of the Art: Exploring the Next Frontier of Inclusive Higher Education

And Student Leadership Conference: How We Self-Advocate Across Campus and Beyond!

Oct. 19-20
Syracuse, NY



The Florida Forum on Engineering Technology (E.T. Forum) **Orange Park, FL. Sept. 29-30, 2023**

The E.T. forum is an important vehicle to bring together the diverse and geographically dispersed colleges with common issues and challenges. The Forum is a semiannual meeting of community college engineering technologies faculty in Florida. FLATE utilizes the Forum to strengthen its Technology Consortium; share its activity and projects; provide professional development; bring industry and academics together engage faculty and administrators in statewide curriculum reform; and keep in touch with new and ongoing college program issues and concerns.



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