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Annual Report
2021-2022



“Without your help, it would be very difficult to go to college. Because of your help, I can relax about tuition fees and put all my focus on my studies.”

Maritza S.

The mission of the FSW Foundation is to support the strategic priorities of Florida SouthWestern State College by providing additional funding and resources.

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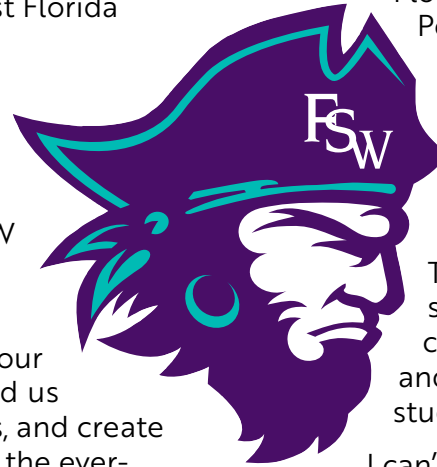
What an exciting time it is to be a part of Florida SouthWestern State College as we celebrate our 60th anniversary this year! During those six decades, FSW has awarded 71,398 degrees and certificates, and trained 21,048 workers, changing lives and elevating opportunities for our Southwest Florida communities.

If those numbers aren't enough to convince you of the impact FSW has on Southwest Florida, a recent study by the industry leader in college ROI and economic modeling, Emsi/Burning Glass, now Lightcast, found that in 2020-21, FSW had a total economic impact of \$435.4 million on our five-county service area.

None of this would have been possible without our FSW donors. Philanthropic support has allowed us to build new programs, expand current offerings, and create scholarships to help us prepare our students for the ever-growing and ever-evolving Southwest Florida workforce.

This fall, FSW announced the creation of Rist Cyber Institute, which is opening through the generosity of Brian and Kim Rist. We also introduced a new associate in science degree in cybersecurity operations and a bachelor of applied science degree in information systems.

Our current programs continued to see success this year as well.



Through the work of our Center for International Education, 64 students studied abroad in Italy, France, Austria, Spain and the U.K., preparing them to succeed in a global society.

For the second consecutive year, our bachelor of science degree in elementary education was ranked No. 1 by the Florida Department of Education's Annual Program Performance Reports, tying with Flager College and Florida Atlantic University.

Additionally, our respiratory care program was again given the President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

Thank you for your continued and dedicated support. Your generosity allows us to provide critical resources, create needed degree programs and expand learning technology – to prepare FSW students to thrive in the workforce.

I can't wait to see what the next 60 years will bring.

Go Bucs!

Dr. Jeff Allbritten

President, Florida SouthWestern State College



71,398

**DEGREES & CERTIFICATES
AWARDED**

**A TOTAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT OF MORE THAN**

\$435M

PRESIDENTIAL AREAS OF FOCUS

As the college continues to grow, develop programs and remain competitive, philanthropic support helps overcome the many challenges faced when pushing forward. Generous donors like you help fulfill the gaps from unavailable or diminished state support, while helping FSW provide students with deserving opportunities that may not otherwise have been afforded.

CRITICAL NEEDS

Unrestricted gifts assist critical need areas allowing FSW to move quickly to manage urgent priorities, as well as necessary financial assistance, such as those experienced during the pandemic.

Philanthropic support enabled the FSW Foundation to step in during the recent hurricane and provide \$1.2 million in disaster relief to students and employees who faced catastrophic loss. This aid, in addition to assisting with basic needs, helped to ensure the continuity of learning during this especially challenging situation.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Analytical thinking can only take place when students aren't told what to think, but are trained to craft meaningful research questions; collect and assess data, test hypotheses, and evaluate and interpret information. At FSW, this often involves students in real-world scenarios that impact our local community, and launches students onto educational pathways that leave them poised to be state, national or international leaders in their respective fields.



The Southwest Florida Turtle Project at FSW, a student research group, provides

data and information on the local life history and ecology of turtles. They also collaborate with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on projects. In addition to this, their real-world experience, connections, and acquired skills often lead to new opportunities, internships, and a competitive advantage for employment.

The same is true for other areas, outside of science. Undergraduate research in the arts can include mentoring, exploration and practical experience with local art installations and exhibitions. For alumnus Marty De La Cruz, her participation led to her artwork being displayed locally, and being accepted into a nationally juried exhibition at University of South Florida's Museum of Contemporary Art. This year, with recommendations from FSW, she was accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at Oxford University, United Kingdom.

Support of this program allows students to continue to have opportunities to fully explore and master content while engaging in projects that instill productive habits that are transferrable to any discipline.



Alumnus Marty De La Cruz

ATHLETICS

It was another year of celebration for FSW Athletics during the 2021-2022 season as the Buccaneers claimed Suncoast Conference Championships for the third consecutive year and were again the winningest school in Florida for the fourth straight year. Bucs student-athletes were outstanding in the classroom too with Academic All-Conference honors and NJCAA All-Academic accolades. Sterre den Duijn and Fiona Baker earned the most prestigious honor in college athletics as they were crowned CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

The Bucs softball team won the NJCAA National Championship, again, just the second team in 30 years to win back-to-back titles. The FSW volleyball team had a great 2021 season (and an even better 2022 season as they won the NJCAA National Championship title). Three Bucs baseball players were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft to start their professional careers. The Bucs women's basketball team won their fifth straight conference championship, while the men's basketball team sent six players on to the Division I level and had their first player, Keon Ellis, sign an NBA contract.



FSW volleyball team, November 2022 National Champions



FSW softball team, winner of back-to-back NJCAA Championships

2021 - 2022 SEASON

28 signed NCAA Division 1 Scholarships
Sophomores

.816 Winning Percentage
HIGHEST IN NJCAA

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL **BACK to BACK NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2 FSW ATHLETES named College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-Americans

3 BASEBALL players signed contracts with MLB Teams

VOLLEYBALL
16-0 2ND STRAIGHT CONFERENCE undefeated SEASON

6 players sent to DIVISION 1 level & **FIRST PLAYER** signed an NBA contract

8 ATHLETES named NJCAA All-Americans

44 Academic All-Conference Team Members

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

FSW's study-abroad programs, under the Center for International Education, continue to grow. In summer 2022, 64 students went abroad, collectively visiting seven countries. The 2023 program will include eight countries, with a first-time offering of a service-learning program in Belize for nursing majors. The Center for International Education provides global learning experiences, offering a unique opportunity for many students who have never traveled outside the state of Florida.



The summer program included music appreciation in Austria. The class was embedded at Salzburg College and visited Mozart's residence. The class also experienced the beauty and cultural richness of Vienna, Austria; Prague, Czech Republic; and Munich, Germany.

Students took French I, II and III classes in France with time spent in Paris, Lyon and Normandy. They visited art museums, including the

Louvre, and cruised on the Seine River from the base of the Eiffel Tower, along with extensive walking tours.

FSW in Italy at Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM Institute), in Florence, included introduction to business and introduction to intercultural communications classes. This FSW flagship program lasts one month at LdM. Each student took an FSW class, plus one LdM class. The communications class performed service-learning activities benefitting both disadvantaged people and animals.

Students learned intensive Spanish, levels I and II, at the International College of Seville, Spain. Students spent a month in the courses, practicing the language with their host family, and visiting Cordoba and Granada, as well as Morocco.

FSW professors presented "History of World Civilization 1815-Present" in the United Kingdom. Not only did students learn about recent world history, but they experienced it, as their visit coincided with Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee Celebration in London.





“ My experience has challenged me to think more critically and inspired me to continue a life of exploration, whether domestically or internationally. I will forever look back on this experience with immense fondness. ”

Kamari G.

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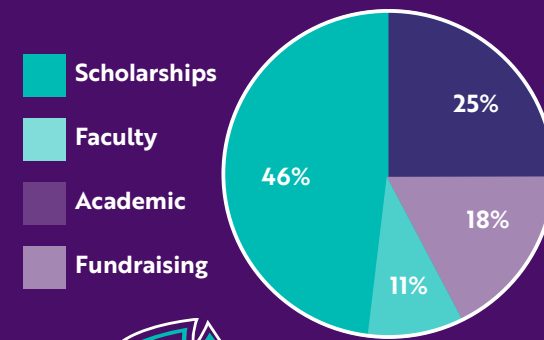
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These numbers reflect the April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 fiscal year.

“As an honors scholar, I was introduced to invaluable research skills, experiential learning, interdisciplinary theory and methods, and community engagement. After the program, I knew there was value in my curiosity and I felt prepared to tackle the future.”

Franklin D.



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