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We are honored to present you with the Fall 2023 edition of the CCI student newsletter: *The Connector*. The past semester found our students leading and achieving both on our campus and around the world. We hope you enjoy reflecting on the accomplishments of our students through *The Connector* as much as we did.

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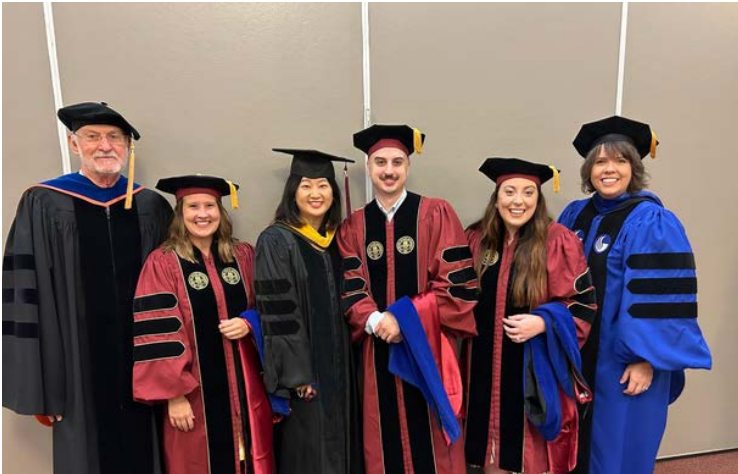
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COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

iSchool welcomed its newest doctoral students with a new student luncheon.



Digital Media Services interviewed former FSU President John Thrasher and Dean of the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice Thomas G. Blomberg as part of a special project.



We celebrated our CCI doctoral students at our Doctoral Hooding Ceremony.



We celebrated our graduates with their families at our summer graduation ceremony and events.

CCI alumnus Gary Adler spent the day sharing career advice with our students.



CCI kicked off the fall semester with free donuts in the Innovation Hub!

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS



Our student orgs showed up and showed out for CCI Club Day.



CCI officially welcomed our new Dean Dr. Michelle Kazmer.

FAMU, FSU, and TCC students toured top tech companies in the Tallahassee area to learn about company culture and job opportunities.



CCI students collaborated to solve real-world problems during the 24 hour Hackathon.



Faculty, students, and faculty came together for our annual CCI BBQ!



CCI's Digital Media Services unit donated 4 full camera kits to DMP's Advanced Feature Production course.

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

Our students and faculty represented CCI in the 2023 Homecoming Parade.



The School of Communication hosted their annual Fall Gathering.

The Center for Hispanic Marketing Communication held a summer camp to bring local K-12 students to our campus.



SCOM students hosted their own research conference where they gained valuable presenting experience.

CCI hosted iCamp, a STEM-based summer camp for local middle and high school students.



CCI honored our alumni during the Distinguished Alumni Awards.



COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

CCI staff had a ball at the annual staff retreat.



Board members and faculty met to focus their time and talent on propelling our college at the fall Leadership Board meeting.



CCI met with FAMU students at the FAMU Feeder to discuss graduate program options at FSU.



The Ukraine Task Force, the International Communication & Outreach Group, the International Travel, Safety, and Risk Advisory Council, CIES, and FSU IP staff gathered for an International Advisory Committee meeting.



CCI helped collect donations for the FSU Food for Thought Pantry food drive.



SCHOLARS AND STARS RECEPTION

On October 12, CCI hosted its annual Scholars and Stars Reception at the Challenger Learning Center in Downtown Tallahassee. This event recognizes incredible donors and outstanding faculty as well as numerous scholarship recipients and student leaders including **Pooja Ichplani** (SCOM), **Emma Summers** (SCSD), and **Lateef Adeshina** (iSchool).



TALTECH 2023

This year's Taltech Conference brought together leaders in the local tech community from businesses, education, and government to discuss industry trends and network. The event included several panels on topics such as AI and cybersecurity as well as a career fair where students were able to meet some of the leading tech companies in Tallahassee.

CCI STUDENTS TEACH LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT ANNUAL TSA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The annual Technology Student Association (TSA) Leadership Conference was held from October 25 to 28. Eight CCI students traveled to Orlando to demonstrate their skills in presenting, mentoring, and leading. TSA encourages middle and high school students to improve their leadership skills, enhance personal development, and build confidence through technological education and problem-solving skills. TSA's 300,000+ members focus on leadership skills and participate in competitions and hands-on activities. 100% of TSA members are likely to graduate from high school, and 75% are college-bound.

At the 2023 Leadership Conference CCI students **Andrea Colon-De Feria, Ashari Penerton, Betty Phipps, Jai Reed, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Marija Travoric, Owen Van Lenten, and Stacci Smith** worked with over 300 TSA student leaders and over 50 teachers. The students worked with teams of TSA members for two days on how to collaborate and plan their year. They also delivered three presentations: Securing your Digital Footprint, Having Presence while Presenting, and Leveraging your TSA Experience for College and Scholarships.



MAFÉ BROOKS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DEAN OF DEVELOPMENT

The College of Communication and Information is pleased to announce the promotion of **Mafé Brooks** to Assistant Dean of Development. The new role expands her responsibilities as the first lead fundraiser for major gifts for International Programs (IP) and global initiatives at Florida State University. "The opportunity to partner with IP will allow me to enrich my knowledge in areas that I've always been passionate about and will allow me to expand our university network of alumni and donors beyond borders," Brooks said. "I'm excited to thrive in this new role and continue supporting our students and university. It is an enriching experience to witness our world-class faculty and students succeed and thrive."



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION



SCOM STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN THE METAVERSE

On November 9, Professor **Andy Opel**'s Immersive Documentary Production class joined students and faculty from the University of Tampere, Finland, and the Universities of Bergen and Volda, Norway, to exchange ideas about climate change. Approximately 25 students from all institutions gathered around a virtual campfire in a virtual forest.

The group included students from Nigeria, Bangladesh, India, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ghana, Poland, China, Finland, Norway, and the United States. The interaction took place in the metaverse on the platform spatial.io, with each participant represented by a human-like avatar with the ability to speak, gesture, and move around the virtual space.



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION STUDENTS AND FACULTY PRESENT AT ANNUAL NCA CONVENTION

From November 16-19, professors and doctoral students from the School of Communication traveled to National Harbor, Maryland for the 109th National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Convention.

NCA is a non-profit organization that focuses on advancing communication as the discipline that studies all forms, modes, media, and consequences of communication through humanistic, social scientific, and aesthetic inquiry. This year's conference took place from November 16-19 with the theme of "Freedom."

FPRA STUDENT CHAPTER TRAVELS TO ATLANTA FOR A NETWORKING TRIP

Florida State University's Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) went to Atlanta for their semesterly networking trip, exposing their members to real-world professionals and environments with opportunities to make valuable connections.

FSU's FPRA chapter looks forward to future networking trips and continues to connect its students at their biweekly meetings. Vice President **Alyssa Bynum** told CCI they value the connections made during this trip and recognize the "long-lasting impact these experiences can have on our students' professional journeys."

CCI STUDENT TRAVELS ABROAD FOR SUMMER WITH GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship is awarded by the U.S. Department of State and gives students the opportunity to study or intern in foreign countries with the aim of building proficiency in diverse languages and cultures and preparing individuals for a globalized world. 15 Florida State students were selected for the Gilman Scholarship, and CCI has one very special Gilman Scholar, **Mishalynn Brown**.

Mishalynn is a Digital Media Production and Creative Writing student who studied Documentary Filmmaking while spending the summer in London, England. Over the course of her time across the pond, Mishalynn will be creating a documentary about life in London through the eyes of the local residents. "Working on this project means that I'll have practice setting up equipment, creating a story, and improving my teamwork skills," says Mishalynn.



DOCTORAL STUDENTS PRESENTED AT ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE



The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) had its 106th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., where four CCI doctoral students had the opportunity to present their work. Students **Ashley Johns**, **Junho Park**, **Kyeongwon Kwon**, and **Sunah Lee** each presented during a different session, representing different topics in the media.

FSU DEBATE TEAM GOES TO ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

On April 15, 2023, the FSU Debate Team participated in the ACC Debate Tournament, where it reached the championship round after having an undefeated season. "I am very proud of the students for the wonderful accomplishment of going undefeated," said **Dr. Avery Henry**, the team's instructor. "The team had a remarkable preliminary record winning debates against top tier competition in Miami, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame, and North Carolina." The Debate Team continued their season at the Miami Ocean Debates from April 22-23, where they placed third. The team also competed at the Transatlantic Dialogues in Paris in June.



SCOM DOCTORAL STUDENT WINS BRIAN MURPHY PAPER AWARD

SCOM doctoral student **Sunah Lee** was recently awarded the Brian Murphy Student Paper Award by the Union for Democratic Communications (UDC) during the 2023 UDC Conference. The Brian Murphy Student Paper Award honors Dr. Brian Murphy, who was a dedicated communications professor at Niagara University and an active journalist promoting social justice and concerns of the African continent. He was one of the pioneers of using international electronic networks for social justice in the pre-internet era.



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION NEWS



SCOM STUDENT RECEIVES THE DR. JAY RAYBURN SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE FLORIDA PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

Rising Public Relations senior and Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) student chapter member **Christopher Schulze** received the Dr. Jay Rayburn Scholarship during the FPRA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, on August 7. FPRA provides two scholarships annually; the Dr. Bob Davis, APR, CPRC, Scholarship and the Dr. Jay Rayburn, APR, CPRC, Scholarship. Alongside the outstanding honor and recognition, the two chosen students receive \$1,500 each for education-based expenses. During the conference, Schulze got the opportunity to learn about the history of FPRA, hear from past FPRA presidents, and witnessed the new president accept her role. As he prepares to begin his application for various law schools this fall, Schulze believes that this scholarship will not only help him reduce financial stress but also motivate him even further.

NEW COHORT OF PHD STUDENTS BEGINS ACADEMIC YEAR AT FLORIDA STATE'S SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

A new cohort of doctoral students started with the School of Communication this fall. **Kaylin Lane**, **Tursynay Alikhanova**, **Yu Liang** and **Sooyen Park** all hail from diverse academic backgrounds and are undertaking unique research endeavors.

"They are a really strong group with a diverse set of interests that reflect the diverse interests of our faculty," said Associate Professor **Rachel Bailey**, the School of Communication's Director of Doctoral Studies.

SCOM DOCTORAL STUDENT PRESENTS HER RESEARCH AT THE FCA CONFERENCE

School of Communication doctoral student **Alessandra Noli** presented her research, "Exploring the Gendered Portrayal of Care Work in Business Magazines: A Quantitative Content Analysis," at the 2023 Florida Communication Association (FCA) Conference. This study also received a Top Student Paper Award from FCA.

Noli's co-authors are SCOM graduate students **Jihye Han** and **Han Yu**. This research analyzed content from profile articles in three top business magazines to determine if there were any differences between male and female profiled individuals in terms of presence, how much space was given in the magazine, mentions of engaging in care work, and mentions of their romantic partners.



CCI STUDENT SOMMAIYA ANGRISH TRAVELS TO INDIA FOR RESEARCH THROUGH FSU'S GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This summer, Digital Media Production student **Sommaiya Angrish** spent twelve weeks in India conducting a self-directed research project through FSU's Global Scholars Program. This program provides students with guidance and support as they pursue their own student-designed learning experiences whether it be an internship or self-directed research project either in the United States or abroad.

During Sommaiya's time in India, he met with different Indian musicians to create an interview-based database in audio-format in both Hindi and English. He explained, "The purpose of this project was to demonstrate how the sonic environment of places is reflected and manifested in music and how different sounds can narrate different philosophies emotionally."



DIGITAL MEDIA SERVICES STUDENTS WORK WITH PROVOST, CCJ DEAN, AND FORMER FSU PRESIDENT

This summer, Digital Media Services (DMS) students welcomed the opportunity to work alongside Provost James J. Clark, the Dean of the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Thomas G. Blomberg, and former FSU President John Thrasher to produce online certification training videos.

DMS Director and CCI/Digital Media Production (DMP) faculty member **Jim Garbarino** created the auxiliary in 2021. He wants students to benefit from his experience and garner additional training by being involved in DMS's work while continuing to help the university by delivering high-quality, professional, digital content.



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SCSD OPENS PRESCHOOL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

SCSD opened a brand-new Preschool Language Program in the Communication Corner at the Florida State University Speech & Hearing Clinic on June 1, 2023.

Under the supervision of **Brooke Ott** and **Jennifer Westmoreland**, this program allows graduate students to gain hands-on experience implementing language skills in a group setting. "Most importantly," Ott said, "this program meets a need within the local community for families with children who have language difficulties to get support from speech-language pathologists."



SCSD DOCTORAL STUDENT GETS PAPER PUBLISHED

Recently, SCSD doctoral student **Miguel Garcia-Salas** had his paper published in the Education and Treatment of Children Journal.

Alongside co-authors **Dr. Carla Wood** (Professor and FSU SCSD School Director), **Dr. Chris Schatscheider** (Professor at FSU School of Psychology), and **Dr. Jeanne Wanzek** (Associate Professor in the Department of Special Education at Vanderbilt University), Garcia-Salas focused on exploring how second-grade teachers provided praise to their students during English language arts (ELA) instruction. "I hope the manuscript sparks a greater interest in both exploring the potential links of teacher praise on academic outcomes and also potential links between other areas of teacher language and their students' language and literacy outcomes," Garcia-Salas explained.



LINDSAY WILSON SIMULTANEOUSLY LEADS DM AT FSU AND COMPLETES HONORS THESIS

Recent SCSD graduate **Lindsay Wilson** spent her senior year simultaneously completing her honors thesis and serving as the Executive Director of FSU Dance Marathon (DM).

"Serving as the 2023 Executive Director will undoubtedly be one of the most impactful experiences I will ever have. This role shaped me into the student, future professional, and woman I am today, and I could not be more grateful for this experience and the people who have mentored me and impacted me along the way... Additionally, I was able to see first-hand the impact that our funds and advocacy for children's health were making throughout my four years as a student which was such an indescribable feeling."

While holding the role of DM Executive Director, Lindsay also completed her Honors in the Major Thesis with **Dr. Richard Morris** on *Training Faculty Members to Score the Critical Thinking in Communication Science & Disorders*.



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SCSD FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENT RECEIVE “MOST SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH PAPER PUBLISHED IN 2022” AWARD



SCSD faculty **Drs. Michelle Therrien, Andrea Barton-Hulsey and Mollie Romano**, along with recent-graduate **Dr. Sara Collins**, co-authored a publication and received the Augmentative Alternative Communication Editor's Award for the most significant research paper published in 2022.

The article, “Augmentative and Alternative Communication Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on Children, their Families, and Service Providers,” focuses on understanding the perspectives of parents and speech-language pathologists on how COVID-19 has affected children, families, services providers and the delivery of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)-related services.

SCSD LAUNCHES SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR OF AAC CAMP

This summer, SCSD launched its first Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Camp under the direction of **Drs. Andrea Barton-Hulsey and Michelle Therrien**, and with colleagues from special education and physical therapy, **Dr. Kelly Whalon and Dr. Mari Therrien**.

AAC is used as an alternative or as a supplement to speech by individuals with disabilities who are unable to communicate effectively with speech. The AAC Camp offered families of children who use AAC, as well as children without disabilities, a place to participate in a summer camp in SCSD's brand-new Communication Corner.

“We had so much fun – navigating obstacle courses, creating art, reading stories, dancing to music, and just hanging out!” Therrien shared. “Our biggest focus was on the participation of children who use AAC – if they weren't engaged or didn't seem like they were having fun, we switched things up and tried something new.”



SCSD DOCTORAL CANDIDATE GETS PUBLISHED IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS QUARTERLY



SCSD Doctoral Candidate and FIREFLIES Fellow **Kiana Hines** recently had her first-author publication in Communication Disorders Quarterly. Co-authored by **Dr. Carla Wood** and **Dr. Keisey Fumero**, “Go, going, goed: Relation between verb tense errors and reading comprehension skills in English Learners” explored the concept that if Spanish-English learners who present with difficulties producing the robust and challenging verbs of English in writing, does that also relate to difficulties with comprehending the same verbs during reading comprehension.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to write research that can be used by other researchers and practicing speech-language pathologists (SLPs),” said Hines. “It is still surreal to think that I am writing research that I once read as a student and SLP.”

CCI STUDENTS AND FACULTY PRESENT AT SSSR CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA



This summer, two CCI faculty members, **Dr. Shannon Hall-Mills** and **Dr. Kelly Farquharson**—and four graduate students—**Anne Reed**, **Kiana Hines**, **Shaylyn King St. Remy**, and **Jasmine Smith**, had the opportunity to travel to Queensland, Australia to attend the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading's (SSSR) annual conference. Dr. Shannon Hall-Mills, Dr. Kelly Farquharson, Kiana Hines, and Anne Reed also presented at the conference.

SSSR promotes the scientific study of reading and works to disseminate information about reading and other related topics. This summer's conference in Australia was their 30th annual.

SCSD DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY PUBLISH ARTICLE IN TOPICS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION JOURNAL

SCSD doctoral student **Anne Reed**, recent graduate **Rebecca Summy**, Associate Professor **Dr. Kelly Farquharson**, and FSU School of Teacher Education Associate Professor **Dr. Lindsay Dennis** got their article published in *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education Journal*. This journal focuses on research that will improve the lives of young children with special needs and their families.

Their article, "The Effects of Practice-Based Coaching on the Implementation of Shared Book Reading Strategies for Speech-Language Pathology Strategies for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Paraeducators Working with Children with Language Delays," examines the effects of practice-based coaching with scripted supports designed to support paraeducators and speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs).



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Methodology to Early Childhood
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SCSD DOCTORAL STUDENT ATTENDED THE ISAAC CONFERENCE

SCSD doctoral student **Brianna Coltellino** attended the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Conference (ISAAC) in Cancún, Mexico, in July.

ISAAC's goal is to improve the lives of children and adults who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). The conference focuses on acknowledging the accomplishments of ISAAC chapters, members, professionals, and people who benefit from AAC support. This was Coltellino's first time attending and presenting at the conference. She presented her work, "Factors Contributing to Diversity in Parent Beliefs about AAC Telepractice Services During COVID-19". While Coltellino presented the work herself, her co-advisors, Associate Professors **Dr. Michelle Therrien** and **Dr. Andrea Barton-Hulse**y, were co-authors of this study. The purpose of her work was to investigate whether income or community type had any relation to different perceptions of speech-language therapy services during the COVID-19 pandemic.



SCSD DOCTORAL STUDENT SPENDS SUMMER HELPING LOCAL COMMUNITY AND RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP



SCSD Doctoral student **Kiana Hines** volunteered her time over summer collecting data for Gadsden County Public Schools with multilingual learners in the Migrant Education Program, as well as being recently awarded with a McKnight Doctoral Fellowship.

Hines told CCI that she has had the privilege of working with the multilingual learning students to improve their English grammatical skills through a grammar intervention to assess the best approach to teaching grammar skills.

"The summer program has allowed me to address the research questions of my dissertation, while also developing other research questions related to supporting the language and literacy development of multilingual learners," says Hines.

SCSD DOCTORAL CANDIDATE DIANA ABARCA RECEIVES STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER COUNCIL DISSERTATION RESEARCH FUNDING AWARD

Recently, SCSD doctoral candidate **Diana Abarca** was among just ten scholars recognized by the Society of Research in Child Development for their 15th Annual Student and Early Career Council Dissertation Research Funding Awards. These Dissertation Research Funding Awards (DFAs) are given to exceptionally noteworthy dissertation research proposals that have the potential to contribute greatly to the field of child development. Awardees receive \$2,000 to go towards dissertation related research costs.

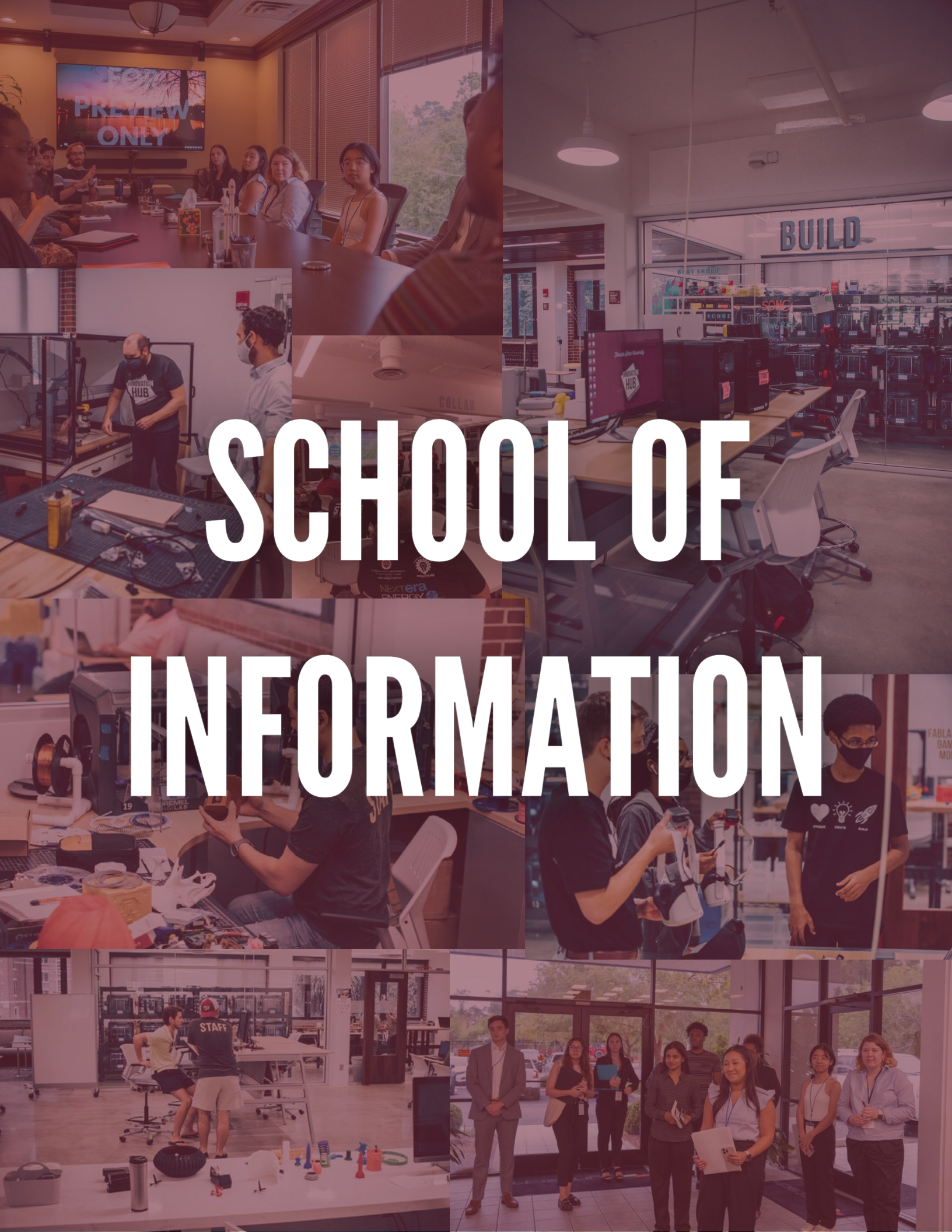
Abarca was awarded for her proposal "Equity in Early Intervention: A Mixed-Methods Pilot Study of a Professional Development Program on Culturally Responsive Practices" which will study development training programs on cultural responsiveness for early intervention (EI) providers who work with families of color.



NEW ARTICLE BY SCSD DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBER ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

A new article authored by School of Communication Science and Disorders faculty member **Dr. Kelly Farquharson** and doctoral students **Anne Reed** and **Mary Allison Moody** was recently accepted for publication in Language Speech and Hearing Services in Schools by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).





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CCI STUDENT TRAVELS TO D.C. TO REPRESENT PORCOLOMBIA FSU

Information Technology junior **Jennifer Sterling** recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent Florida State University at the Colombian Embassy during the national PorColombia conference. PorColombia is a nationally recognized student organization created to promote and provide for the social welfare of the Colombian-American student body at FSU.

"What I took out of this trip is to not be afraid to have conversations with strangers. Don't be afraid to join an organization on campus that doesn't have much to do with your major," says Sterling. "On this trip, I made it my mission to speak to people in the conference that I normally wouldn't gravitate towards due to age difference, language barriers, etc."



STARS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT KILLEARN LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

FSU students from STARS – Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service (STARS), spent their Saturday afternoon volunteering at the Killearn Lakes Elementary School (KLES) Fall Festival. This is the second year that CCI and STARS has contributed to the event. STARS students tabled stations that invited KLES students and their families to learn more about the world of technology. The event brought in around 350 kids and 200 parents.

Thank you to all of the student volunteers: **Anaija Leblanc, Andrea Colon-De Feria, Anni Douberly, Ashari Penerton, Betty Phipps, Catalina Smith, Daisy Lara, Efner Pierre, Jamie Guterman, Lauren Scala, Marija Travoric, Owen Van Lenten, Ryan Surujballi, Stacci Smith, and Thum Rangsiyawaranon.**





ISCHOOL DOCTORAL STUDENT GETS PAPER PUBLISHED IN SAGE JOURNALS

iSchool Ph.D. student **Lateef Ayinde** is the main contributor to a paper that was published in the Business Information Review Journal in Sage Journals.

The paper, "ChatGPT as an important tool in organizational management: A review of the literature", conducts a thorough literature review to explore multiple perspectives on integrating ChatGPT into organizational management. It breaks down ChatGPT development, practical uses, ethical implications, governance mechanisms, regulations, and policies.



STUDENTS IN WISE ATTEND JITC TECH COAST CONFERENCE

Four students involved with Women in IT/ICT Sharing Experiences (WISE) recently attended the Jacksonville Information Technology Council (JITC) Tech Coast Conference. **Arianna Nicolas, Josephine St. Hilaire, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, and Jennifer Sterling** spent their Thursday in Jacksonville at the University of North Florida forming professional connections, gaining insight, and listening to engaging speakers with innovators, IT professionals, and other important figures.

"The Tech Coast Conference gave me a greater insight into how technology is rapidly improving," says STARS president Maggie Martin-McKinnie. "That, in turn, gave me a little more direction on what I might want to focus on in my professional career."

IT ALUMNUS NAMED PARTNER AT DELOITTE

Information Technology Alumnus **Cedric Nabe** (B.S. '08) was recently promoted to Partner at Deloitte. A lifelong athlete and hard worker, Nabe was eager to reconnect with his alma mater to talk more about his achievement. "It's like reaching the Olympics," said Nabe, who has worked with Deloitte for most of his career. "I'm super excited to have reached the highest level of my company."

Regarding success, Nabe had this parting advice for students: "Give yourself a chance to learn. Be hungry for knowledge. Today, for you to be successful in the workforce, you need to be different. What are you bringing to the table that someone else is not?"





ISCHOOL PH.D. CANDIDATE PRESENTS AT 2023 NACADA CONFERENCE

iSchool Ph.D. Candidate **Willie L. Smith, Jr.** presented at the 2023 National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Conference, which took place in Orlando, FL, from October 4 to October 7. "NACADA promotes and supports quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students. NACADA provides a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas pertaining to academic advising through numerous activities and publications" (NACADA).

CCI AND FSU CAREER CENTER COLLABORATE WITH NEXTERA ENERGY FOR 24 HOUR HACKATHON AT THE INNOVATION HUB

Hosted by the College of Communication & Information, the Innovation Hub, Florida State University Career Center, and in partnership with NextEra Energy, the Innovation Hub hosted its first 24-hour hackathon, "Guardians of the Grid."

NextEra Energy is a leading clean energy company headquartered in Juno Beach, Florida. NextEra Energy owns Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company, which is America's largest electric utility that sells more power than any other utility, providing clean, affordable, reliable electricity to approximately 5.8 million customer accounts, or more than 12 million people across Florida. NextEra Energy also owns a competitive clean energy business, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun and a world leader in battery storage.



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