

THE CONNECTOR

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at Florida State University



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a letter from the editors

As students, the biggest opportunity we obtain from our time at Florida State University is the connections we make and the networks we build. Our cover photo of the 29th edition of The Connector showcases the many branches that represent the College of Communication & Information (CCI), as well as all the opportunities that CCI provides us as students so that we can grow as individual leaders and as a community. In this publication of The Connector, we are highlighting the branches that make up our diverse and well-rounded College, and showcasing what the student body has accomplished within a short amount of time. We hope you enjoy reminiscing the Fall 2022 semester with us.

Lauren Scala, Emma Roberts, and Olivia Kennedy

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College Happenings

CCI Transfer Success (COM 3933) hosted an alumni series to speak with students about a variety of topics.



Student entrepreneurs pitched their start-ups at the annual TalTech Conference.



Students in Seminole Productions learned how to cover live football games during utility training.



The Innovation Hub recognized its graduating Seminole Innovators.



SCSD graduate students went to the ASHA Conference in New Orleans.



Students participated in a coffee hour and had the opportunity to meet with the CCI Leadership Board.



Students enjoyed Welcome Back events at the beginning of the semester.



SCSD master's students began their graduate career with orientation.



Students in Digital Media Production shot promo footage for Homecoming.



College Happenings

Ad Club took a networking trip to New York City.



The FPRA Student Capital Chapter took a networking trip to Miami.



FSU STARS took a networking trip to Atlanta.



CCI hosted its annual Scholars and Stars event in October where donors and students were recognized.



CHMC students hosted high schoolers for a tour of FSU and a Q&A session.



Digital Media Production students shot and edited new training videos for FSU PD.



Masters students presented at the FCA Conference in Orlando.



CCI hosted its annual Scholars and Stars event where donors and students were recognized.



Graduate students and faculty members attended the NCA Conference in New Orleans in November.



The iSchool celebrated their Fall graduates at their Graduation Ceremony.



Students participated in the Tally Job Hop.



4 CCI Alumni Named 2022 Notable Noles

The Notable Nole program recognizes FSU graduates under the age of 35 who have made significant contributions to their profession, their community, and/or the university.



Meagan Nixon
Founder/CEO, Big Fish Marketing



Jessica Clark
CEO, Skye Creative Marketing

Reubin O'D. Askew Young Alumni Award Honorees



Drew Piers
Partner & Managing Director,
Sachs Media



Andrés Bascumbe
Federal Affairs Lead, Block, First
Lieutenant, United States Army Reserve

School of Communication



Zakari Kostzer

What's your favorite thing about CCI?

My favorite thing about CCI is the sense of community the faculty, staff, and students create.

What advice do you have for your fellow classmates or students who are looking to get involved with your school?

My advice for those looking to get involved is to give everything different organizations and people a chance. Its the organizations and people you least expect are the ones you fall in love with.

What are your future plans after graduating?

My plans after graduation is to find a job and travel the country.

What's your favorite thing about CCI?

My favorite thing about CCI is how dedicated the college is to student success and involvement. There are always so many ways to get involved through welcome events, speaker series, free headshots, etc. I also have met some of the best professors and mentors through CCI. As a Communication Science & Disorders (CSD) major, I have been able to personally connect with my professors and truly feel that they want me to excel in and outside the classroom.

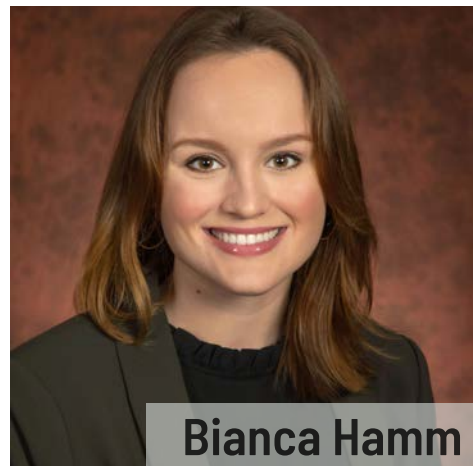
What advice do you have for your fellow classmates or students who are looking to get involved with your school?

To get involved with the school of CSD I recommend joining the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) or Student Academy of Audiology (SAA). Both are great organizations and provide information about what you can do with the CSD major as well as offer opportunities to gain professional experience. I am a member of NSSLHA and I have grown closer to my classmates and received amazing advice about becoming a future speech language pathologist.

What are your future plans after graduating?

My plans after graduation are to attend graduate school and receive a M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology while participating in research related to augmentative alternative communication (AAC). My goal is work with individuals that use AAC and continue research that promotes inclusions for those with language disorders.

School of Communication Science and Disorders



Bianca Hamm

School of Information



Efner Pierre

What's your favorite thing about CCI?

The CCI support system is truly unmatched. Professors are highly proactive in your learning, and the faculty is always creating new opportunities to provide career advancements. Every one of my classmates is eager to give a helping hand and they are all involved in CCI-based organizations.

What advice do you have for your fellow classmates or students who are looking to get involved with your school?

If you are interested in getting involved with CCI, DO IT! There is a space for everyone. I found myself switching into IT in the beginning of my senior year, and my first semester has been much more prosperous than my past 3 years on FSU campus!

What are your future plans after graduating?

Graduating in Fall 2023! My hopes after graduation are to get involved with humanoid robotics, and working with IHMC's Nadia robot would be a dream!

College of Communication and Information Events



Tally Job Hop

On October 11, 2022, students from FSU and FAMU attended the Tally Job Hop, an event which gives students the opportunity to visit tech companies and meet with their local leaders all in the span of one work day. Students were able to meet with industry professionals from Brandt Information Services, Diverse Computing, Hutt Recruiting Services, Ruvos, VR Systems, and Syntech Systems. The Job Hop allows students to speak with employees, managers, owners, and FSU alumni from each company to learn more about company culture, current developments in the tech industry, and potential job/internship opportunities.



TalTech Conference

On October 4, 2022, CCI partnered with the Florida Technology Council (FTC) and the TalTech Alliance to host its annual technology conference. This year's focus was "Tallahassee: A Data Driven City". The conference attracted over 225 attendees, including technology companies, students from all three local educational institutions (FAMU, FSU, and TCC), and local technology employees. For CCI students in the IT program, the event provided opportunities to connect with local technology businesses at a career fair, network with senior leadership, and learn from industry experts.

Scholars & Stars Reception



On October 27, the College of Communication and Information hosted the Scholars and Stars Reception. This hybrid event is the College's annual recognition of its incredible donors and scholarship recipients.

CCI Helps Host FBI Cybersecurity Symposium



On July 27th, the FBI Jacksonville Division, Florida Technology Council (FTC), and College of Communication and Information teamed up to host the 2022 Cybersecurity Symposium at the Florida State Conference Center. With over 175 attendees from local businesses, government agencies, and education in attendance, the symposium attracted many in our community interested in how they can protect themselves and how they can prepare for future threats.

College of Communication and Information News

STARS Students Travel to Atlanta to Network with Corporate Companies

In early November, students in the FSU STARS (Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service) Alliance program traveled to Atlanta, GA to meet with six companies to learn about corporate culture, job opportunities, and company growth trajectories, as well as what it takes to land a position at a corporate company. Students were also able to see what it would be like to be your own boss working at a start-up (intrapreneurs and entrepreneurs). Students Alyssa Goosby, Elyssa Horne, Olivia Kennedy, Emma Roberts, Aya Saludo, Lauren Scala, Owen Van Lenten and Brendan Woyt visited General Motors, Atlanta Tech Village, State Farm, The Home Depot, Meta and Chick-Fil-A.



Women Wednesday and Leadership Students Connect Student Groups from Across Campus

"Women Wednesday FSU" an RSO dedicated to providing resources and speakers to women across campus partnered with IT Leadership students Sydni Musum, Jennifer Sterling, Kylie Cruz, and Brooke Foster to host "Pub Subs in the Hub." The event, held in the Innovation Hub, brought together 12 female-focused student groups to connect and share ideas on how to better address challenges and promote the success of women and women's groups at FSU. Florida State University is home to over 30 female-focused student groups focused on connecting women, hosting speakers, growing networks, and providing discipline specific events. While these groups often have very similar goals and activities, they usually work in silos and are unaware of other similar groups or and their activities. "Pub Subs in the Hub" was created in order to give women the opportunity to connect over a meal while sharing their vision, goals and ideas.



CCI Students Teach Leadership Skills to Middle and High School Students

From October 19 to 22, seven STARS students traveled to Orlando to lead, present and mentor in the Annual Fall Technology Student Association (TSA) Leadership Training Conference. The mission of TSA is to prepare its members for the challenges of a dynamic world by promoting technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving. According to Associate Dean Ebe Randeree, who has served on the TSA Board since 2008, "FSU has had a STRONG presence at TSA since 2007 working with technology teachers across the state and interacting with students and parents; our students that help at the conference engage in developing the next generation of tech leaders, mentoring middle and high school, and giving back to the community." STARS member Olivia Kennedy added, "It was so rewarding to be able to work with the kids on their leadership and problem-solving skills and see them improve and grow in their teams throughout the conference. It was very visible how passionate each of them was about their chapters, which was amazing to see."



School of Communication



Ph.D. Student Amy Huber Harnesses Her Architectural Background to Support Marginalized Populations

Amy Huber received the AEJMC Collaborative Scholar grant this year to further her research on the communication aspects of the built environment in primary care facilities. Huber is a decorated project designer who is pursuing her Ph.D. at the School of Communication. Her research surrounds the area of interpersonal and interpretative communication methods and their effects on design processes. “I noticed a troubling pattern when teaching our healthcare design studio. My students from underrepresented backgrounds expressed more anxiety about attending our site visits to healthcare spaces and addressing their own healthcare needs. While I knew these anxieties were grounded in generational and systemic issues, I wanted to harness my architectural background to explore the messages sent by healthcare environments to marginalized populations.”

News from the School of Communication



SCOM Alumnus Ariya Massoudi Joins the ACC Network

Ariya Massoudi (Digital Media Production '17) recently joined ESPN and the ACC Network calling play-by-play in live games. Massoudi, who originally came to FSU to study biology, shifted his focus halfway through his college career. Now, Massoudi has been added to the ACC Network's roster of reporters, and will be covering soccer games throughout the country, as well as other sports when talent is needed. "I'm thankful to FSU and Seminole Productions for letting me follow my dream and helping me build the foundation I needed for this new opportunity," said Massoudi.



SCOM Student Cyrus Sabet Becomes Featured Seminole Innovator

Student and Seminole Innovator Cyrus Sabet is an example of upholding academic excellence while pursuing interdisciplinary exploration. The Seminole Innovators program provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of innovation in their areas of interest. Sabet has not only deepened his knowledge of media communication studies through the program but has also spearheaded student-led initiatives to educate others who wish to explore innovative topics.



SCOM Professors and Students Present at Annual NCA Convention

Professors and doctoral students from FSU's School of Communication had the opportunity to present at the National Communication Association's (NCA) 108th Annual Convention. NCA is a non-profit organization devoted to enriching accessible and ethical communication. This year's conference took place November 17-20 in New Orleans with the theme of "Honoring Place: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community and Environment." Student presenters included Anne Rivera.



Doctoral Student's Research Published in The Journal of Environmental Media

Doctoral student Pooja Ichplani's research article, titled "Agroenvironmental narratives of transformative resistance: how participatory videos frame climate change in India," was accepted for publication in the Journal of Environmental Media. Ichplani's work analyzes community communications to amplify the voices of those in rural communities from the Global South, specifically for those who do not get opportunities in the mainstream news and are disproportionately affected by climate change. Her findings show how these communities function and try to reduce the impact of climate change.

News from the School of Communication

Internships Across the Country: Public Relations Seniors Gain Hands-On Communication Experience

This summer, students in the School of Communication completed internships in various settings throughout the nation. Among them, three public relations seniors, Taylor Arnold, Savannah Gribbin and Kylee Mukeba, fulfilled the internship requirement for their major, each having a unique and rewarding experience. Taylor Arnold completed her internship in Denver, where she worked for the United Launch Alliance; Savannah Gribbin interned with Hundred Stories PR in Manhattan, New York; and Kylee Mukeba completed her internship remotely with the PR firm Taylor and was invited to attend a business trip in Atlanta.



CCI Faculty Member Joins Panel During Advanced Screening of Till



On September 19, 2022, Florida State University and Florida A&M University presented an advanced screening of *Till*, a film which chronicles Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who was lynched in 1955 while on a trip to Mississippi. The advanced screening included a guest panel, which featured *Till* producer and co-writer Keith Beauchamp, FAMU's Interim Director of Black Archives Dr. Darius Young, CCI's Fannie Lou Hamer Professor of Rhetorical Studies Dr. Davis Houck, and moderator Dr. Stephanie James Harris. When asked about the significance of Emmett Till's story, Houck answered, "You can't really study the Mississippi movement without understanding just how foundational the *Till* story was/is to many who grew up with it."

The FSU Alumna Behind Cartoon Network: Orlagh O'Rourke

FSU Media and Communication Studies Alumna, Orlagh O'Rourke, is proof that you can do anything you set your mind to. Her childhood passion for cartoons and TV shows transformed into her current career as a Marketing Coordinator at Cartoon Network after graduating from FSU in 2019. O'Rourke recently celebrated her 1-year work anniversary at the company and is excited to see what the next year brings. Read on to learn more about O'Rourke's experiences working at Cartoon Network and how her education from the School of Communication helped prepare her for her career. "I had amazing professors who saw potential at times when I didn't see it, as well as a fraternity who pushed me to become my best professional and individual self. I am a big believer in surrounding yourself with a community that both supports and challenges you – it truly makes all the difference in the world!"



News from the School of Communication



Alumni Highlight: Assistant Editor Behind Top Gun, Rogue One, and Aquaman

School of Communication Alumnus, Travis Cantey is one of the 90 alumni who graduated from the Los Angeles Television Experience (LATE) program, run by Dr. Bob Perkuny. While the program ended in 2014, the legacy of the program still lives on, as Cantey and other alumni are making their mark throughout the industry. As a First Assistant Editor for feature films, Cantey has assisted on movies such as Rogue One, Aquaman, and Top Gun: Maverick. "While at FSU I learned the fundamentals of both production and post-production. Bob's Narrative Project allowed myself and my colleagues to try our hand at producing a short film from start to finish. Bob gave us incredibly helpful guidance and feedback along the way. Working as an editor in class and on a documentary that Bob produced outside of class ultimately led to my current career path."



CCI Alumna Kaitie Kiger Receives Several Awards at Florida Media Conference

CCI alumna Kaitie Kiger was recently awarded first place for three of her news stories at the 2022 Florida Media Conference. Kaitie graduated from FSU in 2016 with a major in Media/Communication Studies and a minor in Meteorology. "I loved my experience as a Media Communications student," Kaitie shared, "I really feel the communications program at FSU set me up for success because I took a well-rounded track and learned a little bit of everything in the media industry." In August, Kaitie traveled to Ponte Vedra, Florida for the 2022 Florida Media Conference where she was awarded first place for three of her stories, two of which she authored by herself and one of which she co-wrote with her editor. She received awards in the categories Business Reporting, Education Feature, and Roads and Transportation.

Meet Whitney Lee, IMC Alumna



Named one of the "Five Most Dynamic Women Leaders, Ruling the Industry 2022" in the 2022 CIO Times Magazine, Whitney Lee is a force in the Hospitality Public Relations Industry. A graduate of Florida State's Integrated Marketing Communications program, Lee found her calling through an internship she completed during her time at FSU. Starting as an intern at the Emerald Grande resort in Destin, FL, Lee quickly rose up the ladder, and she was hired as the Director of Marketing for the most profitable Hilton Franchise in the world at age 24. "The IMC program brought a career vision to life for me. I also had a professor who had been an independent Public Relations consultant and I was immediately drawn to everything he was saying. I didn't know the "how" of getting there, but I knew that was what I wanted to do!"

Meet Alumna Jennifer Richardson



As the National Marketing Manager at Gulfeagle Supply, a family-owned and operated roofing distributor, Jennifer Richardson leads a brand new marketing department that works hands-on to embrace social media and engage with new customers. Jennifer is a two-time FSU and CCI graduate, earning both her Bachelor's and Master's in Communication with a focus in Public Relations. "I credit my education at CCI in giving me a strong foundation to grow as a Communications professional," Jennifer said. "The professors and internships really made the difference for me."

School of Communication Science and Disorders



SCSD Travels to Orlando for Special Olympics USA Games

Dr. Selena Snowden, along with Dr. Chelsea Alexander and several graduate and undergraduate students from the School of Communication Science & Disorders, traveled to Orlando, FL from June 4-11 to conduct hearing testing on athletes, coaches, and unified partners for the Special Olympics USA Games.

Audiology and Speech Pathology students from the University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of South Florida, and NOVA Southeastern University joined SCSD to test approximately 2,300 individuals at the Special Olympics games.

FSU SCSD students have been participating with Special Olympics USA since 2006. Students who volunteer their time are able to gain experience in working with those with a variety of intellectual disabilities. "Having been involved with the Special Olympics for many years, my favorite part is knowing I am a part of a movement to not only decrease health disparities for individuals with intellectual disabilities but also to invite others to think, feel, and act differently. You leave the event knowing you are helping create a world of inclusion and acceptance," said Snowden. "The smiles of the athletes are truly the only 'thank you' that I need and is what keeps me coming back year after year."

News from the School of Communication Science and Disorders

The London Program Returns: SCSD Students Study Abroad for First Time in Three Years



From May 6 to June 1, SCSD students visited London for the study abroad program. During the program, students had the opportunity to visit globally renowned clinics and schools in the London area and learn from preeminent clinicians in speech-language pathology and audiology. "My classmates and I traveled to Bath, Avebury, Brighton, and Stonehenge with FSU London," said student Lexi Kreimeier. "We explored the British Museum, Buckingham Palace, and Kensington Palace with self-guided tours. We also went sightseeing at the London Eye, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, and Westminster Abbey."

SCSD Bridge Graduate Combines Two Passions for Summer Workshops

Lydia Hiller, a graduate of the School of Communication Science and Disorders Bridge Program, combined her acting background with communication work over the summer to create three workshops with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. The workshops took place during day camps that serve young people with intellectual disabilities. Hiller modified exercises from a book called *Shakespeare's Heartbeat* by Kelly Hunter which uses Shakespeare in drama therapy for children with autism. Through these modified exercises students are able to practice their speech skills and expand their confidence. Most of the campers eagerly participated for the entire hour-long workshop, and I was constantly impressed with how many were speaking lines of text by the end," says Hiller. "It was a great reminder to never assume someone's capabilities."



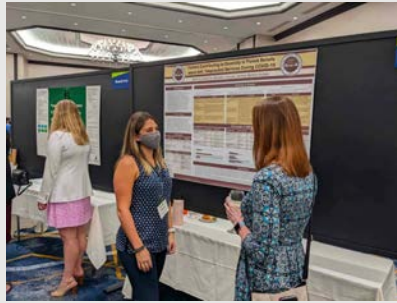
Delta Zeta Hosts Event with SCSD Graduate Students for Children with Hearing Loss from the FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic

The Alpha Sigma chapter of Delta Zeta worked with Florida State speech pathology graduate students to host an event for children with hearing loss from the FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic. At this year's Halloween Party, nearly 50 children trick-or-treated throughout the house, played games, and painted pumpkins. The graduate students were also able to assist with communication during the event and parents had the opportunity to speak with each other as well as hear from audiologist Dr. Catherine Johnson on the importance of using remote microphones with hearing devices.



News from the School of Communication Science and Disorders

SCSD Doctoral Students Present at AAIDD Conference



Over the summer, Brianna Coltellino and Sara Collins, doctoral students in SCSD, presented at the annual American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) conference which recognizes research for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Collins led a talk on her research titled, “A Review of Early Literacy Measures Administered to Children who use Aided Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)” and Coltellino presented her poster on “Factors Contributing to Diversity in Parent Beliefs about AAC Telepractice Services During COVID-19.” Both Coltellino and Collins will be continuing with research on their respective topics.

SCSD Doctoral Student Selected for Fellowship Program



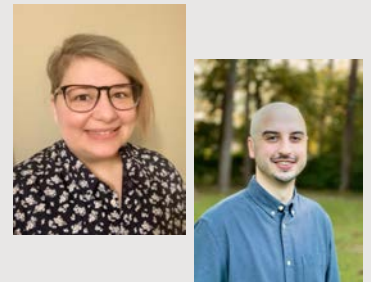
Selected for the “Start with Equity” (SwE) Fellowship Program in Washington D.C., SCSD Doctoral Student, Diana Abarca will be transforming her research into policy. Under the guidance of SCSD Assistant Professor, Mollie Romano, Abarca’s research specifically focuses on providing culturally responsive early childhood intervention services. Early intervention includes the support and services that are provided to babies and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. The 1-Year Fellowship Program focuses on equity research that is applicable to the field of early childhood education. The program’s mission is “to prepare the next generation of changemakers in early childhood policy and research.” Abarca will be working with The Children’s Equity Project (CEP) network members in Washington, DC to develop a policy document on her specific research.

SCSD Student Receives Rosalia Gonzales Award



This semester, SCSD student Michelle Torres-Chavarro received the Florida State University Rosalia Gonzales Student Award at the Latinx Cultural Celebration Ceremony. This award recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student for their contributions to the University community related to sharing and upholding the principles and ideals of the Latinx culture. Torres-Chavarro’s contributions include teaching undergraduate coursework in SCSD’s bilingual certificate program and serving as a bilingual speech-language pathologist (SLP) to improve outcomes for Spanish-English speaking children and families in the community. “I hope to carry on the legacy of Rosalia Gonzales both at FSU and within the Tallahassee community by advocating for Latinx families and the diversification of our field through my service, teaching, and research,” said Torres-Chavarro.

SCSD Doctoral Students Publish Research in Special Issue of Brain Sciences



Doctoral students Micah Hirsch and Austin Thompson were recently published in a special issue of Brain Sciences on dysarthria (a neurological speech disorder) assessment and intervention. Working with Drs. Kaitlin Lansford and Yunjung Kim, Hirsch and Thompson led and derived the project that focused on the “reliability and validity of speech-language pathologists’ (SLP) estimations of speech intelligibility in dysarthria”. Hirsch said, “This project is the result of a directed individual study that Austin and I completed with Dr. Lansford. Austin and I have been working on this project for about a year. It has been an incredible experience working with Austin on this project, and it is really exciting to see that our work has finally been published.”

School of Information



STORY SPOTLIGHT



CCI's Black Men in Tech Program Reaches the End of its Pilot Year – The Best is Yet to Come!

CCI's Black Men in Tech (BMIT) program reached the end of its pilot year. The program, led by PI and Faculty Researcher Dr. Faye Jones, Co-PI and Associate Dean Ebe Randeree, and lead instructor and award-winning faculty member Dr. Christy Chatmon, served to connect young Black men in local high schools to FSU alumni mentors, technology training, technology careers, and FSU students. The program worked with CTE teachers at Amos P. Godby High School, James S. Rickards High School, Florida State University School (FSUS), and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School and was funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP). Students accepted in the program were rising high school young Black men that worked in small innovation hubs in each of the four schools.

News from the School of Information

Students Ezekiel Faulknor and Diamond Scrivens Present their Research at the 2022 President's Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence



The 2022 President's Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence which took place on September 22 in the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House is a collaboration between the Office of the President and the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE) that allows students to present their research and creative projects. This event was also the culmination of both the IDEA Grant and Tech Fellows programs. One of the participating students, Ezekiel Faulknor, an Information Communication Technology major, presented his project "Single Parent Households and Entrepreneurship." Diamond Scrivens—another tech fellow—presented her study, "Trends in Minority Participation in Technology Industries" at the showcase.

Student Groups CGS and STARS Host Robotics Petting Zoo Event for Young Girls



Student groups Connecting Girls to STEM (CGS) and Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service (STARS) hosted a Robotics Petting Zoo for 1st through 5th grade girls. The event included over 40 participants and 8 FSU student volunteers and was led by now recently graduated Ph.D. candidate Melissa Davis. CGS hosts 3-5 STEM outreach events every semester for young girls. The Robotics Petting Zoo event was held on December 4th and allowed participants to gain knowledge on a variety of robotics-related topics including programming, infrared signals, motors, and obstacle avoidance. After an introductory session into robotics led by Dr. Davis, the girls spent four hours rotating between four different stations led by student volunteers as well as Dr. Davis where they worked with bristlebots and motors, learned about breadboards and programming arduinos, worked with infrared signals and small robots to learn about obstacle avoidance, and interacted with robot ants to further understand robot movement and how to program functions.

Meet Juliana Gonzalez and the San Diego Seminoles Club

When Juliana Gonzalez (B.S. ICT, '13) first moved out to California a little over 5 years ago, she did not know anyone in the San Diego area. One of the first things she thought of doing to make connections was to look up FSU alumni groups in the area, and to her surprise there happened to be one in Pacific Beach. Juliana drove an hour in each direction from her area in San Diego to Pacific Beach every game day just to meet up with fellow Seminoles, who Juliana now calls "my people!" Juliana quickly forged great friendships with the other alumni, and became highly involved in the San Diego Seminole Club, sitting as a Board Member for three years, the Vice President for last year, and now as the President!



News from the School of Information



Muhamad Prabu Wibowo Presents at International Webinar Hosted by the University of Indonesia

Muhamad Prabu Wibowo, School of Information Ph.D. candidate and teaching assistant, recently spoke on his work with bibliometrics at the University of Indonesia's international webinar "The Role of Bibliometrics in Library and Information Research and Services." The webinar was held on September 21 and included over 550 participants from countries across the world including China, Malaysia, and Australia. During his presentation, Wibowo spoke on bibliometrics analysis and its application in the library and information science research and professions. Bibliometrics is the application of mathematical and statistical methods to media. This, and the overall theme of the webinar, are closely related to Wibowo's research and interests as his study is focused on research data management, data repository, academic library, and open health data. He shared more about his presentation, saying, "At this event, I spoke on bibliometrics from the perspective of researchers. I presented how to harvest the bibliographic data and analytical tools in bibliometrics."

Director of FSU STEM Libraries and ISchool Alumnus Renaine Julian Secures \$471,847 Grant

Renaine Julian (B.S. Political Science '07, M.S. Urban and Regional Planning '11, MLIS '14), Director of STEM Libraries, has recently secured a \$471,847 grant for the FAIR Facilities and Instruments Research Coordination Network in collaboration with the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and the University of Colorado Boulder. As Director of STEM Libraries, Julian leads a team of staff and librarians that supports the research, teaching, and learning needs of STEM researchers at FSU. He stated, "Our team supports scholars in traditional ways such as finding scholarly information or managing citations but includes new activities that support scholars' changing needs. We also partner with faculty on research and learning pursuits such as workshop series or grants like this one." Julian also explained that, currently, his team is focused on enabling and facilitating more open science and research. This focus is further supported by the recent grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). "The grant," Julian explained, "will concentrate on building a research coordination network (RCN) that focuses on the creation and assignment of persistent identifiers (PIDs) for research facilities and instruments. PIDs will increase awareness of open science related to instrument tracking and provide for transparent instrument data provenance and research. They also will enhance the discoverability of existing instruments, equipment and data, which will streamline scientific research production and open science practices."



Alumni Spotlight - Jeffrey Melbourne

Graduating from FSU's iSchool in 2003, Jeffrey Melbourne has moved his way up in the IT industry and at the current company he works for, Johnson & Johnson (J&J). At J&J, a multinational healthcare company, Melbourne is currently the Director of Global Supply Chain Business Technology. When asked how his time at CCI helped him prepare for his current role Melbourne said, "The degree itself was indispensable in gaining that Information Technology knowledge. Also, when I came out of the army, I moved down to South Florida, and I was looking to finish school. I wanted to do it through FSU, and they had a remote program at CCI. It was perfect for me."

News from the School of Information

iSchool Alumna Receives a 2022 Influential Businesswoman Award

TaRhonda Harvey (B.S. '02) received a 2022 Influential Businesswoman Award from Acquisition International Magazine, a business magazine based out of the United Kingdom. The Influential Businesswoman Awards celebrate the contributions that female leaders make to social, environmental, and economic prosperity across the globe through their businesses. Harvey's company, Kolmio Global, is built on supporting small businesses and nonprofits in developing their brands. Founder of her own personal branding company, Harvey sat down with CCI to talk about her award, her company, and how students and alumni can develop their own personal brands. "I always tell people 'You never know who's watching you,'" said Harvey. "My goal has always been to make an impact, but I never imagined I would reach the point of being recognized at an international level."



iSchool Alumnus Featured in CBC Radio Episode

Alumnus Farhood Basiri was interviewed in CBC Radio Episode about his commencement management software, "Tassel Turner." "Tassel Turner" is an online service platform made for everyone involved in commencement ceremonies, from parents and students to event coordinators and administrative staff. The CBC episode explores the growing trend of universities using professional name readers in their ceremonies. With the growing popularity of professional name readers, "Tassel Turner" continues to gain interest from clients all over North America. Basiri cites his success to multiple courses he took at FSU during his undergraduate studies. Notably from CCI, he thanks Dr. John Dubard's (CCI, retired) courses in project management, Dr. Phil Grise's (CCI, retired) courses on organizational behavior, and Professor John Marks III's (CCI) courses in legal research.



CCI Alumnus Starts New Job at Spotify

Juan Camilo Sanchez (B.S. ICT '13) recently started a new position as the International Music Strategy Lead for Latin America at Spotify. Before beginning his role with Spotify, Juan was with Meta as the Strategic Partner Manager for Music Artists as well as with Sony Music Entertainment US Latin as an Artist Relations and Marketing Senior Manager. Juan also worked as the General Manager and A&R of Miami's Art House Records, which is esteemed Grammy winning producer Julio Reyes Copello's state-of-the-art recording studio and the creative home base for artists like Jennifer Lopez, Marc Anthony, and Alejandro Sanz. In his new position, Juan and his team are the bridge between Music and Markets within Spotify. He will be advising the Latin America Music teams, identifying opportunities of expanded collaboration and alignment both across the global Music team and with key stakeholders across the company, and supporting global and local music and overall business objectives.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH CCI

Student Leadership Council

The CCI Student Leadership Council (SLC) meets monthly with the Dean of CCI to discuss student affairs and what is going on within the College from a student's perspective, as well as hosting events around the College and promoting student involvement!

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