

# Panther TRACKS



## **FLORIDA PATHWAYS INSTITUTE: DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS 2023-2024**

The focus of Panther PATHways: Increasing Attainment through Access, the College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is to help every student achieve their desired success goal in the least amount of time while maximizing their financial resources.

Continued focus on partnering with area high schools is the key to increasing attainment rates for all campuses in our service area. As a part of the Florida Success Center's new Florida Pathways Institute focused on Dual Enrollment Partnerships, SFSC is engaging with other teams across the state in planning, implementing, and sharing promising practices that are aimed at expanding dual enrollment (DE) participation and enhancing the quality of dual enrollment offerings. Through collaborative efforts within Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee school districts, SFSC is providing DE students with structured and supportive environments to guide students toward their academic and career goals, maximizing their success, and ensuring a seamless transition from high school to college and beyond. 🐾

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## UCF HIGHER EDUCATION COACHING ACADEMY OFFERS THE CONSORTIUM'S COACHING COLLABORATIVE FOR SFSC STAFF



Designed to teach fundamental coaching techniques and skills to those interested in applying coaching methodologies to their work with students, 17 SFSC staff members participated in the nine-week Consortium's Coaching Collaborative program facilitated by UCF's Higher Education Coaching Academy. This training offered concepts of student coaching as a different way to interact and build relationships with students. As Panther PATHways is in full swing, structured guidance and holistic support measures are being provided with more proactive and intentional advising. Participants included: Andy Polk, Anthony Pacheco, Asena Mott, Charla Ellerker, Danielle Ochoa, Diana Fernandez, Jazmin Rosario, Jennifer Tollison, Kris Anderson, Kristi Wilson, Laura Wilder, Mary von Merveldt, Megan Tongo, Ricardo Pantoja, Rob Hampton, Sofia Ochoa, and Felecia Dozier.

"The Coaching Collaborative workshop offered me an opportunity to **collaborate with other departments/offices** and find new ways to ensure that each student who attends our institution is successful in their educational journey. One main takeaway was that I learned **new techniques that enhance my connections with our students,**" said Megan Tongo, assistant registrar at SFSC.

"It was an incredible opportunity to participate in UCF's Coaching Collaborative workshop. The course was structurally designed with a smooth teaching method that allowed for **adoptable ways to incorporate personalized coaching** with standard advisement. It was enjoyable to **collaborate with dedicated professionals in the Florida College System** and improve skillsets related to guiding student pathways," said Jazmin Rosario, PATHways advisor. 🐾

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## COLLEGE FOR A DAY CONNECTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SFSC



SFSC's Highlands Campus continues hosting successful College for a Day events for each high school to bring 11th- and 12th-grade students to see what SFSC offers. Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advising and Counseling staff alongside deans and instructors, deliver presentations to the students on college life and how to prepare to register for classes. A virtual or in-person tour of the Highlands Campus and a student panel create excitement for a fun-filled informative day.

Games, prizes, and a pizza lunch round out activities to bring this thrilling day to an end. This event is made possible by the amazing team at SFSC and the Panther P.A.L.S. work group dedicated to enhancing recruitment efforts on campus. 🐾

**"I was able to gain more understanding of my career path while at the same time having some hands-on experience!"**

- SHS Student



**"I got a lot of information and a better idea of what I want to do after high school."**

- APHS Student



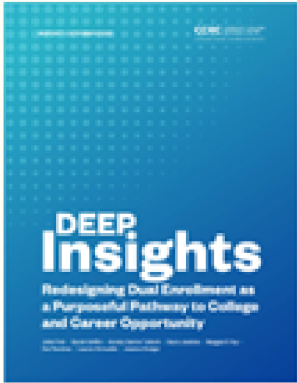
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## MEET HIRELL BELL

Hirell Bell is a proud mother of two who recently relocated from Hawaii. Her commitment to community and family has led her to a career in public administration and community service earning her master's degree in Public Administration and certification in family development. Through her years of service, she has held various positions in public safety and as a civil servant.

Hirell looks forward to continuing her commitment and service here at South Florida State College. She is excited to bring her social work experience to her new position as a Panther Care Specialist focusing on student impact and community engagement. She is responsible for managing the Beacon Early Alert system, assisting with care outreach, collaborating with advising and recruitment needs to support students, and engaging with high school counselors and students to promote career pathway opportunities. 🐾





## **DEEP Insights: Redesigning Dual Enrollment as a Purposeful Pathway to College and Career Opportunity**

By John Fink, Sarah Griffin, Aurely Garcia Tulloch, Davis Jenkins, Maggie P. Fay, Cat Ramirez, Lauren Schudde, and Jessica Steiger

[ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/publications/deep-insights-redesigning-dual-enrollment.html](http://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/publications/deep-insights-redesigning-dual-enrollment.html)

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## **Tracks Trivia**

Who is coordinating the Beacon Early Alert system?

The first five to email with the correct answer get PATHway swag. Email your answer to [dabolte@southflorida.edu](mailto:dabolte@southflorida.edu).

## **Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities**

### **Friday, Oct. 4, 2024**

Virtual Workshop - Offering Students Flexibility: How to Plan Your HyFlex Implementation

Duration: 3 hours

Fee: \$200 (\$150 early registration discount) will be paid through our Heartland Pathways 2 Success Grant; Contact Emily Dabolt at ext. 7477 or via email to pre-register before June 1, 2024

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