

# The Data Science House

## We BILT



Pamela Brauda  
David Singletary  
Gina Baker

[Pamela.Brauda@fscj.edu](mailto:Pamela.Brauda@fscj.edu)  
[David.Singletary@fscj.edu](mailto:David.Singletary@fscj.edu)  
[S3787129@students.fscj.edu](mailto:S3787129@students.fscj.edu)



This material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 1902524.

# The Neighborhood

Florida State College at Jacksonville



# The CIT Program was a 'fixer-upper'

- Computer Information Technology A. S. degree
  - Software Development Track
  - Web Track
  - Database Track
- Computer Programming Specialist
- Database Development Specialist
- Information Technology Analysis
- Information Technology Support Specialist
- Web Development Specialist



# The Dean wants to build a new program

- Informatics sounded like something from the 80s





# The IT Advisory Committee likes the idea!



## They suggest calling it Data Science

# What local industry needs in students:

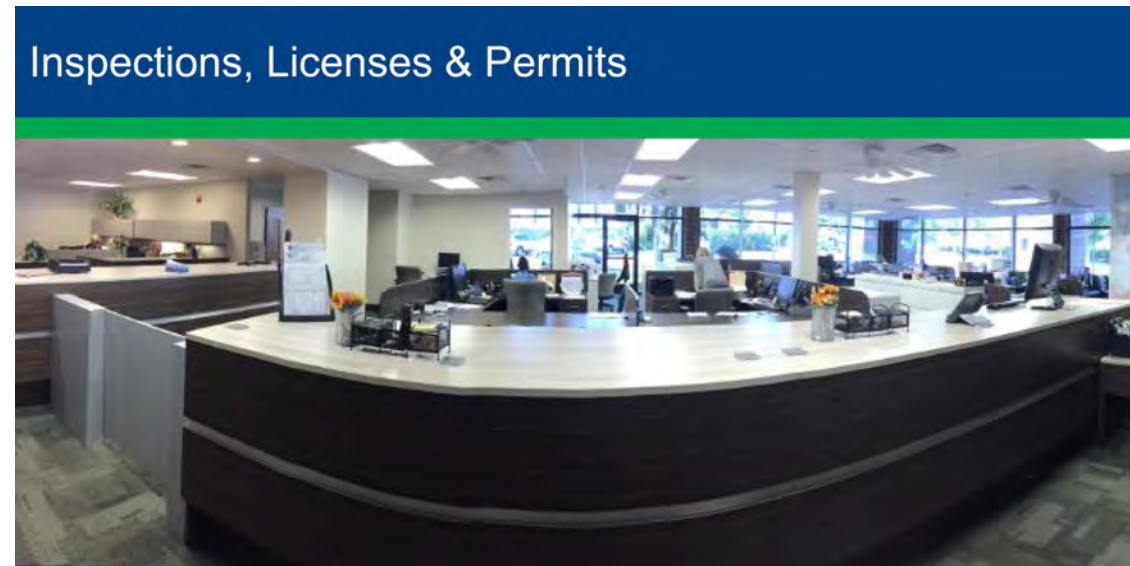
- Python
- SAS
- R
- Big Data / Hadoop
- Power BI
- Tableau
- Security





# We needed official permission to build

- Naturally, we went to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation
- SACSCOC – Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges – Substantive Changes
  - A new program takes 18 months 😞
  - A new track only takes 6 months 👍



# Planning construction and moving

- *STRATEGIC MOVE:*
- Create new electives in the CIT program
- Propose a new track – 6-month countdown starts
- Start developing the degree framework for the state – 9 months
- Use the new electives in the new track!
- Use the new track to create a new degree!



# DataTEC: Data Science Technician Education & Careers

- NSF ATE grant #1902524
- \$566,953





# New furniture added to the old house

- Intro to Python Programming
- Intro to SAS Programming
- Intro to Statistical Programming with R
- Intro to Big Data with Hadoop
- Data Visualization
- Data Warehousing (a rework of a 4000-level BI course)
- Intro to Information Tech (Data Science outcome added)

# Temporary quarters during construction

- Data Science track added to the CIT degree
- Electives added to the track



# Creating a new degree framework



- We took the outcomes from all of the courses we wanted in our program
- We grouped them into Standards (suggested 5 to 10)
- Polished the outcomes into benchmarks under each standard
- The numbering was the biggest challenge

# State Framework Approved



Data Science Technology A.S.

<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20569/urlt/1530700100-2324.rtf>



# Prefab, modular construction was fast!



- The new Data Science Technology A. S. degree proposal sailed through our curriculum process at FSCJ
- <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2157>

# More value!

- Industry certification preparation
  - Linux+
  - Network+
  - Security+
  - SAS Base Programmer
  - Python PCAP
  - OCA Java
  - MOS Excel Associate
  - Tableau Desktop Specialist





# Moving day!



- New degree contains all the new electives
- Plus courses shared with:
  - the Computer Information Technology degree
  - the Networking Systems Technology degree
  - the IT Security degree

[https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8434&returnto=7373](https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8434&returnto=7373)



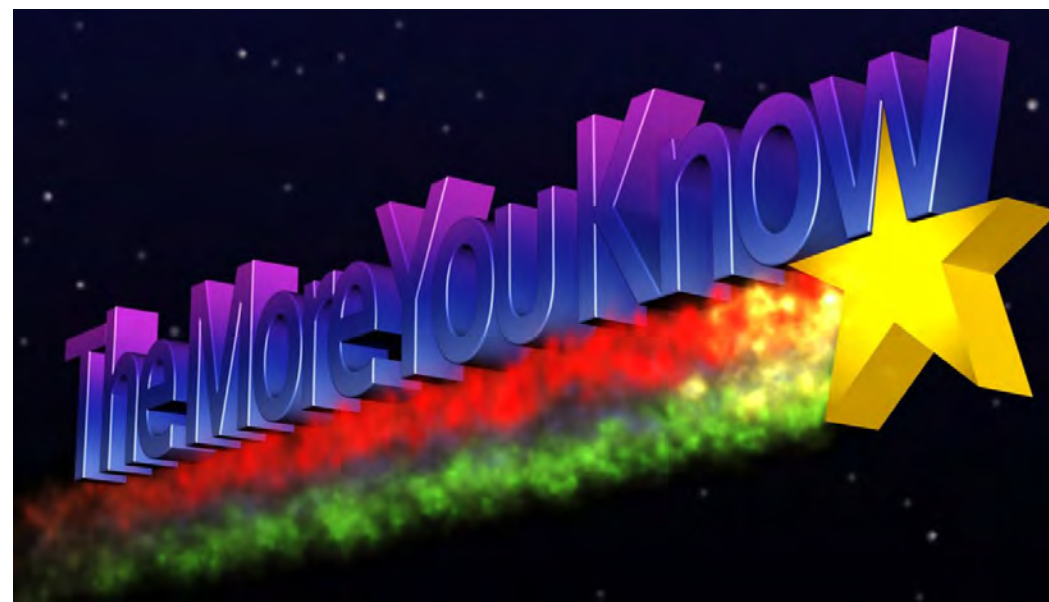
# Renting out a room to a neighbor

- Two technical certificates (CCCs – college credit certificates)
  - Data Science Technician Technical Certificate
    - [https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8435](https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8435)
  - Fintech Technician Technical Certificate
    - [https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8449](https://catalog.fscj.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=46&poid=8449)
    - Fintech outcomes added to Excel, Python, SAS

# Dissemination/Training

- Summer Working Connections
  - Virtual & In-person
  - Textbooks sent to participants
- Winter Working Connections
  - Virtual
- WASTEC
- HITEC (SLC & Atlanta)
- College Professional Development
- GitHub repos





- SQL Saturday - Jacksonville
- Orlando Machine Learning & Data Science Meetup
- Big Data Jax Meetup
- ODSC – Open Data Science Conference
- PyCON – Python.org Conference
- r::Studio – R and R studio
- WSDS – Women in Statistics & Data Science
- ASA-CSP – Conference on Statistical Programming
- Github Classroom (7 AM workshop)
- Summer Working Connections – Frisco
- fintech\_devcon
- ATE – PI
- HITEC
- Q-con
- SAS Explore
- Alteryx Inspire & SparkED



2<sup>nd</sup> No-cost Extension = 5<sup>th</sup> year



# It's time to remodel



- Fintech API outcomes
- Git and github used in courses
- Jupyter notebook and Google Colab in Python
- Posit in Statistical Programming with R
- Looking at Alteryx for the Big Data course – Hadoop is getting old
- Java needs to move from version 8 to version 17
- SAS moves to the cloud with SAS Viya
- Network+ course updated for Cloud



This material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 1902524.