

November 26, 2024

Dr. Calandra Stringer
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee FL 32304

Dear Provost Stringer,

I am writing to express our institutional support for Tallahassee State College's proposals to offer a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Management Analytics and new Bachelor of Applied Science in Audit and Compliance Management. The need for these two new academic degree programs is well supported by the data outlining Region's 5 increased demand for high-skill and high-wage jobs in both areas. Florida State University feels strongly that the creation and implementation of the two new degree programs will result in positive contributions to our region's economic development.

Florida State University looks forward to the implementation of these new degree programs at TCS and to future collaborations benefitting our region and the state of Florida.

Sincerely,



Dr. James J. Clark
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



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October 24, 2024

Dr. Calandra Stringer
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Dear Provost Stringer:

I am writing to express Florida A&M University's (FAMU) support for Tallahassee State College's (TSC) proposal to offer two new Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree programs in Management Analytics and Audit and Compliance Management. These programs are well-aligned with the growing demand for high-skill, high-wage jobs in Region 5, and we believe they will significantly contribute to the economic development of our region.

At FAMU, we recognize the importance of equipping students with the skills necessary to thrive in today's data-driven economy. In line with this, we are in the process of developing a Master of Science in Data Science program. We see a valuable opportunity to establish a partnership with TSC, allowing graduates from your new B.A.S. programs to seamlessly transition into our anticipated master's program. This pathway will enable students to complete both their bachelor's and master's degrees in a streamlined manner, enhancing their qualifications and career prospects. Furthermore, FAMU has established strong partnerships with leading industry players such as Google, Honeywell, and the Hewlett Foundation. These collaborations are designed to ensure that our graduates are well-prepared for high-earning positions in the workforce. We are confident that students transitioning from TSC's programs to our proposed Master of Science in Data Science will be highly sought after by these and other top employers.

We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with TSC on this initiative and are excited about the potential benefits it will bring to our students and the broader community. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or wish to discuss this partnership in more detail.

Sincerely,

Allyson Watson
Allyson L. Watson, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

c: Dr. Ira Bates, Interim Dean, School of Business and Industry
Dr. Sundra Kincey, Associate Provost, Academic Program Quality



September 3, 2025

President Jim Murdaugh
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Subject: Letter of Support for a New Bachelor's Degree of Applied Science in Audit and Compliance Management

Dear President Murdaugh:

I am writing to express enthusiastic support for Tallahassee State College's proposal to establish a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Audit and Compliance Management. There is a pressing need for well-trained audit and compliance professionals in this region, and that demand continues to grow.

Each year we see that the supply of newly degreed accountants and compliance professionals never fully meets employer demand. This is especially true in Tallahassee, where businesses, governmental agencies, higher education institutions, and nonprofits all face ongoing challenges in finding qualified people with strong skills in compliance, risk management, and audit.

A local, accessible degree program at Tallahassee State College would be invaluable in addressing this skills gap. It would create a direct pipeline of graduates ready to meet the evolving compliance and audit needs of employers throughout the region. We are very excited and supportive of this initiative, as we believe it will benefit students, employers, and the broader community alike.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this important degree program.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Walt McNeil

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September 5, 2025

President Jim Murdaugh
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Subject: Letter of Support for a New Bachelor's Degree of Applied Science in Audit and Compliance Management

Dear President Murdaugh:

I am writing to express enthusiastic support for Tallahassee State College's proposal to establish a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Audit and Compliance Management. Our company has first-hand experience with the pressing need for well-trained audit and compliance professionals in this region.

In today's complex regulatory environment, strong compliance management is essential. Demand for skilled professionals who can navigate complex regulations, mitigate financial risks, and ensure transparent operations is very high. Local businesses face ongoing challenges in attracting and retaining talent with the specific skills needed to meet these demands.

A local, accessible degree program at Tallahassee State College would be invaluable in addressing this skills gap. The program would allow local employees to upskill and advance their careers without leaving the area. It would also create a direct pipeline of qualified graduates ready to serve the needs of Florida's financial, corporate, and governmental sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this new degree.

Sincerely,

Walter McNeil
Sheriff, Leon County

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President Jim Murdaugh
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

September 8, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support for a New Bachelor's Degree of Applied Science in Audit and Compliance Management

Dear President Murdaugh:

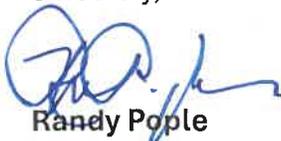
I am writing to express enthusiastic support for Tallahassee State College's proposal to establish a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Audit and Compliance Management. In my field of study, I have first-hand experience with the pressing need for well-trained audit and compliance professionals in this region.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this new degree.

Sincerely,



Randy Pople

Financial Advisor

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**CITY OF
TALLAHASSEE**

September 10, 2025

President Jim Murdaugh
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Subject: Letter of Support for a New Bachelor's Degree of Applied Science in Audit and Compliance Management

Dear President Murdaugh:

I am writing to express strong support for Tallahassee State College's proposal to establish a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Audit and Compliance Management. As the region's largest single provider of municipal services, the City of Tallahassee understands the critical importance of having well-trained audit and compliance professionals in key roles.

In today's complex regulated environment, strong compliance management is essential leading to a demand for skilled professionals who can navigate regulatory issues, mitigate financial risks, and ensure transparent operations. Many service providers within the public, private and non-profit sectors face ongoing challenges in attracting and retaining talent with the specific skills needed to meet these demands.

A local, accessible degree program at Tallahassee State College would be invaluable in addressing this skills gap. The program will enable residents to further their education and careers without leaving the community, while also attracting new talent to the area and creating a direct pipeline of qualified graduates ready to help organizations maintain compliance and uphold accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this new degree.

Sincerely,

Reese Goad
City Manager



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Sincerely,

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