

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  
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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads '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

Attn: Dr. Nicholas Vick, Ed.D.  
Applied Sciences and Technology Division  
Tallahassee State College

August 25, 2025

Dear Dr. Nicholas Vick,

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to voice my support for Tallahassee State College's new bachelor's degree in management analytics. This degree program is a timely and relevant addition for Tallahassee State College students to consider, and will be an important for the education-to-workforce pipeline here in the Greater Tallahassee region.

As the CEO of a growing data science and research firm based here in Tallahassee, I have first-hand evidence of the increasing need for data analytics professionals in North Florida. We are witnessing the rapid growth of analytics roles in the Tallahassee region, especially in education, government, and private sectors. As leaders of various organizations in our community increasingly prioritize data-informed decision support, our local talent pool will need to include more graduates trained in management analytics skills. It is an exciting time to offer a new degree program that targets this specialized knowledge, helping to meet the changing demands of the job market.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support for Tallahassee State College's bachelor's degree in management analytics. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions regarding my support for this new degree program.

Sincerely,



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