Florida Education Guide

The Ultimate Resource for Comparing Postsecondary Educational Options in Florida

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Many College Choices

Many of the state’s public universities, state colleges and private postsecondary schools have received national awards for their commitment to excellence. In 2019, Indian River State College and Miami Dade College won the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The $1 million Aspen Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America’s community colleges.

Meanwhile, Florida is among the nation's top producers of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) graduates, and is a global university leader in producing U.S. patents, led by the University of Florida and the University of South Florida.

STATE UNIVERSITIES

Florida’s public university system includes 12 universities with an enrollment of more than 300,000 students, more than 60,000 faculty and staff, and an annual operating budget of more than $8.5 billion. Admission is competitive; students can increase their chance of acceptance by completing a rigorous curriculum in high school.

“"A public university seemed like the best fit for me because they’re relatively affordable. I felt like they give you the most bang for your buck.”
Travis Hills, 2019 graduate of Florida Polytechnic University

PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Florida has 54 private, not-for-profit colleges and universities offering four-year degrees. In addition, there are 11 private, not-for-profit colleges and universities offering certificate and associate degrees. The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) is a diverse association of 30 private, not-for-profit, higher education institutions serving more than 150,000 degree-seeking students.

“I went to a small high school and thought I wanted to attend a large state university. But after I toured Florida Southern, I realized there were many benefits to attending a smaller school. It’s much easier to make new friends in a class of 30 than a class of 300.”
Victoria Cangero, senior at Florida Southern College

STATE COLLEGES

Florida’s state colleges are the primary point of access to higher education, with 60% of the state’s high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education beginning at a Florida college. More than 80% of freshman and sophomore minority students in public higher education attend one of Florida’s 28 state colleges.

“At a state college, the benefits are endless, and there are opportunities everywhere. I’ve joined so many clubs and even studied abroad. I don’t know if I would have done the same at a bigger university.”
Danielle Tjon, 2019 graduate of Broward College

PUBLIC TECHNICAL

There are dozens of career and technical schools across the state – both public and private – offering highly specialized training in a specific skill or field.

“I didn’t want to spend too much time in school before starting a career that would carry me through the rest of my life. Trade schools are a great option with the strong demand from the construction sector. You’ll also have a skill that you could always fall back on.”
Adam Meyer, 2019 graduate of Florida Technical College

“Florida has long been known as the Sunshine State, and it’s now time that the nation recognizes Florida also as the clearly established Education State.”
Department of Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran
Admissions

For first-time freshmen, the most prevalent factors in admissions decisions made by colleges and universities are overall high school GPA, grades in college preparatory courses, strength of curriculum and admission test scores. Among the next most important factors are the essay, a student’s demonstrated interest, counselor and teacher recommendations, class rank and extracurricular activities. That’s according to the 2018-2019 Admission Trends Survey, compiled by the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Between fall 2017 and fall 2018, colleges reported an average increase of 11% in the number of Early Decision applicants and 10% in related admissions. Similarly, the number of Early Action applications increased by 10%, and the number of students accepted through that early process increased by 9%, as revealed in the NACAC’s 2018-2019 Admission Trends Survey.

Graduation

The standard six-year graduation rate for first-time, full-time undergraduate students who began seeking a bachelor’s degree at four-year degree-granting institutions in fall 2011 overall was 60%. That is, by 2017 they completed a bachelor’s degree at the same institution where they started in 2011, according to The Condition of Education 2019, a study published by the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. More specifically, the six-year graduation rate was 60% at public institutions, 66% at private nonprofit institutions and 21% at private for-profit institutions.

Paying for College

According to How America Pays for College 2019, a national study of college students published by Sallie Mae, 70% of parents and students believe college is worth the investment – considered either appropriately priced, a bargain or worth every penny. Also, 79% of parents and 75% of students are willing to stretch themselves financially to pay for college, while 80% of families feel confident about how they’re paying for college, and 44% have a plan to pay for all years of college.
Is your student not certain about a major? It’s common. As many as half of students enter college undecided about which major to pursue. Plus, an estimated 75% change their major at least once over the course of their studies. As a result, most Florida colleges now allow students to essentially create their own major through an interdisciplinary studies major, which offers course flexibility.

Here are other relatively uncommon study options to keep in mind:

**CLEP:** The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) enables students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students don’t have to sit through a class to get credit; they only have to pass a subject-matter exam.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** Like CLEP, dual enrollment allows students to earn college credit while they’re still in high school. However, unlike CLEP, students must attend class – either at their high school or a local state college.

**COLLEGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE:** a series of college-credit courses that prepares students for entry-level employment in specific career fields or for career advancement.

**CAREER CERTIFICATE:** an educational certificate that specifically prepares students to work in a chosen field.

**UNDERGRAD CERTIFICATE:** provides students with a solid foundation in a chosen area of study, or major, and is designed to facilitate a transfer into a degree program.

**ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES:** designed for students who have already completed a degree (at least an associate degree) and are seeking advanced, specialized prep in a specific career field.

**FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE:** prepares students to work in a particular profession, typically meeting the academic requirements for licensure or accreditation.

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**WORTH THE DEGREE**

People with a bachelor’s degree make more than twice as much as those without a high school diploma or GED. Men with a graduate degree earn more than $1.5 million more in lifetime earnings than those with just a high school diploma, while women earn $1.1 million more, according to statistics from the Social Security Administration.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Common App (commonapp.org) is a way to apply to multiple schools — actually nearly 900 colleges and universities — with one online click. The application’s basic information is automatically copied and shared with the member schools selected by the student, eliminating the need for repeated applications. Also, although many schools require supplemental information specific to them, the submission process can take place through the Common App.
The Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) is a state-funded organization that works collaboratively with Florida’s 12 public universities, 28 public colleges, and K-12 school districts to provide free services that help students prepare for college, succeed in college, and find career success after graduation.

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For more information, visit FLVC.org

Source: UWF Haas Center, 2018 FLVC Economic Impact Analysis
Financial Aid

While the average annual in-state tuition at a public four-year institution in Florida costs approximately $6,300 — one of the lowest rates nationwide — financial aid typically is a big consideration, especially when higher private-school tuitions are factored. That makes financial aid an option that should be understood.

The most common types of financial aid:

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** don't have to be repaid. They're based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to financial need, academic standing, the college the student is attending and community service accomplishments.

**LOANS:** have to be repaid, often with interest. Lower interest rates may be available to those who demonstrate financial need, but everyone may qualify.

**GRANTS:** don't have to be repaid, but not everyone qualifies. Usually, qualification is based on financial need.

**WORK/STUDY:** earned money so there's nothing to repay. Work/study programs provide students who demonstrate financial need with a part-time job where they can earn money while taking classes. The jobs may be located on or off campus, and the work schedules are designed to not interfere with a student’s course load.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1988, the Florida Lottery has contributed more than $34 billion to education and has sent more than 800,000 Florida students to college on Bright Futures Scholarships. Depending on a student’s grades, test scores and volunteer activity, the scholarship may cover up to 100% of tuition and fees and help with other educational expenses.

Remember This Acronym:

**FAFSA**

To find out what type of financial aid students qualify for, families must have to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as the FAFSA. Even if a family doesn’t demonstrate financial need, filling out the FAFSA still is highly recommended. Some scholarships and programs require the student to have one on file even if their aid is not dependent on family income. According to recent national data, nearly eight in 10 families (77%) complete the FAFSA to get access to more than $150 billion in financial aid. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. And there's no charge to apply. (Go to fafsa.ed.gov.)
### Participating Schools & Programs

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MISSION: Barry University is a Catholic institution of higher education founded in 1940 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Grounded in the liberal arts tradition, Barry University is a scholarly community committed to the highest academic standards in undergraduate, graduate and professional education.

In the Catholic intellectual tradition, integration of study, reflection and action inform the intellectual life. Faithful to this tradition, a Barry education and experience foster individual and communal transformation where learning leads to knowledge and truth, reflection leads to informed action, and commitment to social justice leads to collaborative service.

ACADEMICS: Our mission at Barry University is to provide you with a transformative experience, not simply a degree. Formal learning goals are important, but there's just as much to be gained by what happens along the way to attaining them — if you're in the right environment.

With our Catholic liberal arts heritage and over 100 degree programs, including nursing and marine biology, from bachelor’s through Ph.D.s, we’ve got your options covered. Focus on arts and sciences, business, education, social work, communication, nursing, medical sciences, theology, or law. Take things further with personalized research and experiential learning opportunities. Enhance your prospects with hands-on internships at some of the country’s top organizations.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:
Cardiovascular Perfusion (1 of 4 accredited programs in the United States)

COST/AID: Cost of Attendance (living on campus): $47,350
Cost of Attendance (living off campus w/o family): $49,300
Cost of Attendance (living off campus with family): $35,900

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our student-faculty ratio is only 12:1. That means you get personal attention and guidance, and nobody gets lost in the shuffle. Even more impressive, over 95 percent of our full time faculty hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree available in their field of expertise.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The Department of Campus Recreation & Wellness at Barry is based on the philosophy of wholesome recreation and the right to play. By providing students, faculty, and staff with a well-rounded program, a safe environment, and a chance to challenge themselves, there is “something for everyone.”

Campus facilities include the popular Penafort Pool, the state of the art Landon Fitness Center, and Health and Sport Center where basketball and volleyball games are held.

STUDENT LIFE: First and foremost, this is Miami! A city known for its perfect blend of cultures, character, warm weather, entertainment, business innovation, and hemispheric influence.

When you’re not cheering on our championship-winning Buccaneers, you’ll likely be involved in one of our 60+ student organizations.

ATHLETICS: Barry University is serious about athletics. We are an NCAA Division II school and a member of the Sunshine State Conference with 12 varsity teams, including men’s baseball, basketball, golf, soccer and tennis; and women’s basketball, golf, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball. So far, we’ve won 22 NCAA championships, had 338 All-Americans, 413 Scholar All-Americans, and nine NCAA “Women of the Year” finalists, the most of any Division II school.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Barry University inspires students to foster positive change in the local and global community. No matter what undergraduate or graduate degree program you choose, you gain hands-on experience and apply what you learn in the classroom to a rapidly changing world. You work with professors who mentor, encourage, and challenge you.
Barry University’s undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees prepare students to excel in careers they want. Our transformational education inspires every student to lead from the heart and the mind — to foster positive change in the local and global communities. Barry University — let’s make the world a better place. | barry.edu
MISSION: Transforming students’ lives and enriching our diverse community through academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful career opportunities.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION: For the third time, in 2019, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Broward College one of the Top Colleges in the nation, and, for the second time, in 2020, U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in education, ranked Broward College as one of the top regional colleges in the South.

ACADEMICS: Broward College offers 67 academic programs of study, allowing students to earn certificates, associate, and bachelor’s degrees in eight Career Pathways. Pathways guide our students from the point of acceptance to selecting the right courses and programs to achieve their academic and career objectives. Students also receive structured support through our Academic Success Centers to ensure they achieve their desired learning outcomes.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: From high school career dual enrollment programs in aviation maintenance and marine technology to specialized training through Associate of Science and bachelor’s degree programs in some of the fastest-growing industries — transportation, information technology, health sciences, and business — Broward College provides postsecondary programs for everyone. The College has expanded its partnerships to offer on-site training and support in communities with low employment and postsecondary education attainment. Through Broward UP™, the College and its partners countywide are ensuring all residents have the opportunity to realize their Unlimited Potential (UP).

STUDENT SUCCESS: The College boasts 21 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipients. This prestigious national award is a $40,000 scholarship to transfer to the university of the student’s choice. Broward College also leads the state for the number of industry certifications awarded to students in the areas of public safety, health care, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Broward College offers guaranteed transfer admission through our “2+2 Pathways to Success” program — a partnership between Florida’s universities, state colleges, and out-of-state universities (through articulation agreements) designed to enable students seeking a bachelor’s degree to enroll and complete an associate degree program and transfer seamlessly to a state university. A valuable cost savings to students.

COST/AID: Students pay $117.90 per credit (in state) and $373.00 (out of state). University Headquarters (HQ), a resource that helps students across the nation find top-rated colleges and scholarships, has identified Broward College tuition as the most affordable among four-year institutions in the State of Florida. Not only is Broward College affordable, but it’s the best return on investment. According to a 2020 independent assessment by Florida TaxWatch, for every $1 that a Broward College graduate spends on their education, they can expect to earn $6.63 in additional personal income over their career.

STUDENT LIFE: At Broward College, academic experience is beyond the classroom. Our Student Life offers programming throughout the year that keeps students engaged and connected. From clubs and organizations, student-led governance, arts and culture, athletics, recreation, and award-winning student publications, student life at Broward College celebrates diversity and offers valuable experiences.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Broward College has three traditional campuses, a fully online campus and six centers, offering students access and the flexibility to take classes anywhere across Broward County or online when and where they want, including day, night, and weekends.

INSTITUTION TYPE: Public, 2-year, 4-year Community College

CAMPUS TYPE: Urban

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: 65,531

RETENTION RATE: 56%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1959

PRESIDENT: Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.
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MISSION: The mission of Everglades University is to provide quality education to adult learners of diverse backgrounds in a collaborative environment where each individual has the opportunity to achieve personal growth. The University seeks to accomplish its mission by combining small class sizes and innovative programs with traditional academic values. The University supports the academic endeavor and service to deliver graduate and undergraduate programs both on campus and online.

ACADEMICS: EU offers Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programs within unique, targeted industries focused on innovation and sustainability. In the undergraduate programs, students complete one class per month. Taking one class at a time promotes concentration in each individual class to allow students to balance their education with the daily demands of our modern fast-paced world. EU’s faculty have real-world experience, in conjunction with their academic credentials and accomplishments to relate classroom theory to the workplace and eventually a great career! Our faculty members hold either a Master’s or Doctoral degree in their area of specialty. The U.S. Green Building Council and EU have partnered together weaving the principles of sustainability, green building, nutrition, and environmental consciousness into its undergraduate degree programs.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: EU’s unique undergraduate programs include: Alternative Medicine, Aviation/Aerospace, Construction Management, and a brand new program: Marine Resources Management. The length of the undergraduate programs is approximately 41 months (this will vary if a student transfers in credits).

COST/AID: EU is a member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). The Financial Services Department at EU provides students with assistance in applying for financial aid. As a full time student, the tuition for undergraduate degree programs is currently $8,760 per semester. EU is also approved to participate in the Florida State Grant, Scholarship Programs, and Veterans Training.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: EU provides quality education to students throughout campuses in: Boca Raton, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa, and Online. Small class sizes is an EU Advantage providing greater interaction between students and faculty. Convenient schedules provide for flexibility with students balancing work, school, and family.

STUDENT LIFE: Students have many opportunities to participate in activities on campus such as Student Government Association (SGA), Military Veteran student groups, community service projects, community events, and professional development with EU’s Student Services Department.

VALUE PROPOSITION: With small class sizes, innovative degree programs, and convenient scheduling to accommodate working students and adult learners, our university is committed to student success. Consistently awarded and recognized, EU is committed to continually change, improve, and ensure the effectiveness of the University’s programs in preparing students for successful careers.
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Everglades University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor’s and master’s degrees.
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MISSION: Flagler College offers an exceptional education through a challenging, inclusive, and supportive academic community integrated with the thriving culture and history of this unique place, St. Augustine. We foster intellectual, social, and personal transformation in our students. We prepare them for a diverse world that will always need discerning individuals, responsible citizens, and visionary leaders. The College is committed to the preservation of the former Hotel Ponce de Leon and other historic structures that grace its campus.

ACADEMICS: At Flagler College, we concentrate on a select number of majors and commit ourselves to offering rigorous, high quality programs and the support you need to be successful. From our 33 majors and 41 minors, courses of study are designed to combine focused academic study with real-world experiences and community-integrated projects.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: The FlagSHIP (Flagler Sophomore High Impact Practice) program is a transformative educational experience designed to prepare students for intercultural competence and global citizenship. From study abroad and study away, in the community and outside the classroom, it's less about the major and more about making an impact in the community.

COST/AID: Although the cost of attending college has risen in recent years, Flagler has kept yearly expenses among the lowest in the nation for private colleges. The College’s governing body believes that the opportunity for higher education should be affordable to students and strives to provide students with a high quality education at a reasonable cost.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Flagler faculty are experts in their respective fields. They inspire students through mentorship and experiential learning. Small class sizes provide students with an enhanced academic experience that prepares them for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and engaged citizenship.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The main building is Ponce de Leon Hall, which is designated as a National Historic Landmark. The campus also includes several other historic structures. The College is a 47-acre campus four miles from the Atlantic Ocean. A 19-acre athletic field is located two miles from campus.

STUDENT LIFE: At Flagler College you’ll find yourself immersed in a world of activity, friendships, networking, and learning. As part of the Flagler community, you’ll see the same faces quite often, and you’ll get to know your classmates and your instructors well. Our campus facilities — from dining and fitness to worship and recreation — support your lifestyle and ensure a comfortable environment to support your academic goals. In addition, Flagler offers a wide range of extracurricular, athletic, and intramural activities.

ATHLETICS: Member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II (NCAA II). Men — baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track & field, soccer, tennis. Women — basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track & field, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Flagler College lives four core values — Transformative Learning, Respectful and Inclusive Community, Citizenship with Integrity, and Thoughtful Stewardship. Flagler is committed to educating the whole person. We value freedom of expression and the bond between teacher and student. We embrace a personalized education that is designed to transform lives and instill a passion for lifelong learning.
Flagler College

THIS IS ONE BIG LEARNING LABORATORY.

And it will challenge you. To write. To think critically and quantitatively. Flagler professors will inspire you to do, act, experience. You’ll learn how to apply what you discover in class to the community outside. Our expectations are high, but we’ll roll up our sleeves and work right alongside you. Always.

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Flagler is part of Enactus, a worldwide academic organization linking students and faculty with industry leaders and businesses to build better, stronger local communities. Our ideas helped farmers grow through marketing and turned storage containers into homes for the homeless.

Professor McGinley and his students partner with the National Estuarial Research Reserve, Guana GTM, and state and national parks as researchers and data collectors.

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U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT


“Seventh best ranking on the Best Value list in the Southern regional category,

“#2 for Most Innovative,

“Ranked 4th Best Undergraduate Teaching for colleges in the South”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

“The annual Princeton Review has included Flagler College in its 2020 guidebook, “The Best 385 Colleges.”

BEST COLLEGE VALUES

“Money Magazine- Ranked among The Best Colleges for Your Money.”

“Best Small Colleges in Florida,” by Niche.

BEAUTIFUL CAMPUSES

“Most Beautiful College in Florida” by Travel + Leisure, March 2017

#4 on College Magazine’s “Top 10 Schools for Beach Lovers” July 2016

“The 25 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America,” by Thrillist.com - 2015

#2 on “25 Of The Most Beautiful College Campuses In The World,” by BuzzFeed - 2015
MISSION: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is an 1890 land-grant institution dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, resolution of complex issues and the empowerment of citizens and communities. The University provides a student-centered environment consistent with its core values. The faculty is committed to educating students at the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and professional levels, preparing graduates to apply their knowledge, critical thinking skills and creativity in their service to society. FAMU’s distinction as a doctoral/research institution will continue to provide mechanisms to address emerging issues through local and global partnerships. Expanding upon the University’s land-grant status, it will enhance the lives of constituents through innovative research, engaging cooperative extension, and public service. While the University continues its historic mission of educating African Americans, FAMU embraces persons of all races, ethnic origins and nationalities as lifelong members of the university community.

ACADEMICS: FAMU offers 100 degrees from the undergraduate to doctoral levels in targeted industries such as Education, Law, Business, Pharmacy, Architecture and Engineering, Journalism, Nursing, Science and Technology and more. A world-class education led by knowledgeable faculty with real-world experience helps prepare our students for rigorous career-focused disciplines.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: Facilities Management, 5-Year MBA program, Master of Public Health, Supply Chain Management

FACULTY/RESEARCH: FAMU’s Division of Research set a record-breaking pace to bring more research-based financial resources into the University. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, faculty submitted research proposal totaling $182.1 million and research expenditures increased to $49.6 million.

FAMU also has been chosen to lead a five-year, $16 million research collaboration addressing cancer health disparities in Black and Latino communities. The College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical researchers made history by being the first in the United States to create corneas using a high-performance 3D printer.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: FAMU has multiple campuses with the flagship campus located in Tallahassee, and our satellite locations in Jacksonville, Crestview, Tampa, Brooksville and the College of Law located in Orlando. FAMU is currently building a 73,000-sq.-ft. Center of Academic Student Success to be finished in Summer 2020. Also, in development is a new residential complex hosting 700 beds for our upper class and graduate students. The recently completed College of Pharmacy Laboratory, a 74,648-sq.-ft., five-story research facility helps facilitate the innovative work of our top-ranked pharmacy program.

What’s happening on the hill? On campus is our Hansel Tookes recreational center featuring rock climbing, an indoor basketball gym, yoga and spinning classes. Other services on campus include Chick-Fil-A, Wingstop, Rattlers Edge Beauty Supply store, state-of-the-art bowling alley, and many more.

STUDENT LIFE: FAMU offers something for each and every student on Campus. More than 200+ student clubs and organizations for students to join, recreational center, and an active Student Government Association.

ATHLETICS: FAMU is a member of the Mid Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) with more than 200 student-athletes participating in 15 collegiate sports. FAMU’s football program recently hosted the best record in the MEAC conference at 9-2.
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- **100** undergraduate and graduate degree programs
- **80,000** alumni worldwide

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MISSION: FAU is an energetic and dynamic institution, determined to propel itself to the forefront of innovation and scholarship. In recent years, the University has doubled its research expenditures and outpaced its peers in student achievement rates. U.S. News & World Report placed FAU at No. 45 in the nation for “Social Mobility.” At FAU, Pell-eligible students, first-generation students, African American students and Hispanic students all outpace the University’s overall retention and graduation rates, which is an accomplishment that also eliminates historical achievement gaps. Our students are bold, ambitious and ready to take on the world.

ACADEMICS: Distinguished faculty foster a dynamic learning environment that sets students on a path to tackle today’s most important questions. Research-focused curriculum, fellowships and assistantships provide both undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work with world-renowned researchers. FAU is ranked as a top public university by U.S. News and World Report and is home to nationally ranked programs in business, nursing, online education and honors.

COST/AID: In-state $5,488, Out-of-state $19,488 (2019-20). The University awards more than $234 million dollars in financial aid each year. FAU has received national recognition as a best total-package university based on the career outcomes of graduates and affordable tuition that allows students to start their careers with less debt, increasing their probability for success.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: A 21-to-1 student-faculty ratio creates an environment that fosters lifelong mentorships. Across disciplines and campuses, FAU’s world-class researchers seek answers to some of humanity’s most challenging problems, addressing issues that impact Florida, our nation and beyond. FAU is a “University of Distinction” in artificial intelligence and big data analytics. This official distinction by the Florida Board of Governors will enhance and expand degree offerings at FAU and promote AI and data-driven engagement in our region’s technology industry.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The University serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students across six campuses spanning 110 miles of Southeast Florida’s coast. More than 70 percent of students take classes at FAU’s first and largest campus in Boca Raton, and the majority of the University’s 170+ degree programs are based there. The John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter is home to the nationally-ranked Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College and offers groundbreaking programs in research and education. FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Dania Beach — Sea Tech campuses host academic and research programs in ocean science. More than 5,000 students take classes at FAU’s Davie and Fort Lauderdale campuses.

STUDENT LIFE: Through award-winning advising and career services, FAU provides students with the skills to turn dreams into reality. The University has earned national recognition for student outcomes and is proudly ranked as the most diverse public university in Florida. FAU is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education. Ranked among the best in the country for undergraduate research, FAU offers students a world of opportunities to dive into high-quality research, scholarship and creative experiences from the moment they step onto campus.

ATHLETICS: FAU is a member of Conference USA and CCSA with nearly 500 student-athletes and 19 NCAA Division I teams. FAU currently holds conference champion status in baseball, football and women’s soccer.
MISSION: Florida Institute of Technology’s mission is to provide high-quality education to a culturally diverse student body to prepare students for entering the global workforce, seeking higher education opportunities and serving within their communities. The university also seeks to expand knowledge through basic and applied research and to serve the diverse economic, cultural and societal needs of our local, state, national and international constituencies.

ACADEMICS: Florida Tech is known worldwide for its uniquely strong aerospace engineering, space sciences, marine sciences, cybersecurity, behavior analysis and aviation (flight) degree programs. The university also offers dynamic hands-on programs in business, biological sciences, biomedical sciences and engineering, chemistry and chemical engineering, civil engineering, communication, computer science and engineering, education, electrical engineering, environmental studies, sustainability, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics, premedical studies and psychology.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Florida Tech is fueled by the research of its stellar faculty, who are experts on everything from primates to sharks, fluid dynamics to advanced manufacturing. They unravel the mysteries of lightning, supermassive black holes and autism spectrum disorder. They build better rocket engines, space telescopes and cybersecurity software. They are inventors, musicians, historians, astronauts and authors. At Florida Tech, being “stellar” means more than just being accomplished. It means using one’s accomplishments to help students reach their full potential — and that’s what our faculty is all about.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our subtropical campus is home to unique facilities, like the L3Harris Student Design Center, where students collaboratively design and fabricate engineering projects using laser cutters, CNC machines, welding stations, 3D printers and other tools. Our observation deck houses a 0.8-meter Ortega telescope and 15 others perfect for stargazing parties, while the Digital Scholarship Lab offers students the chance to play with new technologies. Florida Tech is also home to WFIT — an NPR affiliate station — the Scott Center for Autism Treatment and the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts. In addition to all of our facilities, Florida Tech has ample green space for relaxing outside, including a 15-acre botanical garden.

STUDENT LIFE: Take a dip in the pool, volunteer in the Ethos Community Garden and find your fit among 150-plus clubs and organizations. Spend your free time at the beach, kayak the Indian River Lagoon, visit the Kennedy Space Center or hang out in Downtown Melbourne.

ATHLETICS: Florida Tech is a member of NCAA Division II. It is home to 20 intercollegiate varsity men’s and women’s sports teams, which play as the Florida Tech Panthers. Most teams participate in the competitive Sunshine State Conference. Florida Tech’s football team competes in the renowned Gulf South Conference.

VALUE PROPOSITION: More than anything, Florida Tech is defined by its relentless pursuit of greatness. In academics and research. In innovation. In sports and student life and community service. Florida Tech is a university where serious students from more than 100 countries around the world come to put their passion to work transforming ideas into actualities. Florida Tech is among Florida’s — and the nation’s — best universities for return on investment 20 years after graduation, according to PayScale.
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Florida International University

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MISSION: Florida International University is an urban, multi-campus, public research university serving its students and the diverse population of South Florida. FIU is committed to high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research and creative activity, and collaborative engagement with our local and global communities.

ACADEMICS: FIU offers 200+ degree programs. Over the past decade, FIU has invested heavily to expand its academic offerings and add locations to meet student and industry needs. Within the last 10 years, FIU has also graduated 100,000 engineers, teachers, speech and physical therapists, nurses, doctors, lawyers and more.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION: FIU is ranked a top-50 national public university by Washington Monthly. FIU has 42 top-50 rankings among public universities and is ranked a top-50 innovative public university by U.S. News & World Report. These rankings confirm what many have long known: FIU competes among the state’s and nation’s elite institutions.

COST/AID: $6,566 (2019-20 in-state), $18,964 (2019-20 out-of-state). FIU is consistently ranked in Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine’s “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.” FIU is dedicated to keeping higher education accessible to all and annually awards more than $180 million in financial aid.

RESEARCH & PREEMINENT PROGRAMS: FIU’s research output ranks among the top 2 percent of U.S. universities, and it joins some of the nation’s oldest and most respected public and private institutions with an “R1” designation for the highest level of research activity.

SOLUTIONS CENTER STATUS: University programs for underserved populations such as The Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP® and The Education Effect serve as national models.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: FIU has long capitalized on its diverse population and location. Today, FIU has two Miami-Dade County campuses in addition to academic centers in South Beach, Brickell, Coconut Grove, the Florida Keys and Broward County. FIU’s state-of-the-art research facilities include the Wall of Wind Research and Testing Facility, and the Aquarius Reef Base. FIU also supports artistic and cultural engagement through its three museums: the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian-FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU.

STUDENT LIFE: FIU offers something for each and every student with hundreds of clubs and organizations to join, health and recreation centers on both campuses and an active Student Government Association.

ATHLETICS: FIU is a member of Conference USA with more than 400 student-athletes participating in 18 sports. FIU’s Football team recently won the Bahamas Bowl and set an all-time win record.

FIU ONLINE: FIU’s online programs increase access to education through the use of modern technology. The fully online undergraduate and graduate degrees are specifically designed for working learners to address today’s global workforce needs. FIU’s faculty and students represent more than 100 nations worldwide, and their diversity truly enriches online learning to provide the international experience FIU is known for.
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Our mission is to connect FIU students and lifelong learners to the highest quality online educational experience – anytime, anywhere. Our online programs share the same rankings, accolades and designations that make FIU compete among the state’s and nation’s elite institutions.

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MISSION: Florida Polytechnic University serves students and industry through excellence in education, discovery and application of engineering and applied sciences. Florida Poly was created to provide a pipeline of high-tech talent to tackle Florida’s shortage of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) professionals. According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the state’s demand in STEM fields has gone up more than 63% since 2010, and currently Florida has more than 55,000 unfilled STEM jobs. As the only 100% STEM institution in the State University System, Florida Poly is fulfilling its mission through its high-demand graduates excelling in low-supply fields. The median starting salary for Florida Poly’s first class of graduates is $54,800, 50% higher than the average median wage across the system.

ACADEMICS: The only member of the State University System of Florida dedicated exclusively to science, technology, engineering, and math, we are producing highly desirable graduates with lifetime employable skills. Our students don’t change with the world, they change it.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: From computer and electrical engineering to data science and business analytics, Florida Poly offers several innovative undergraduate degree programs. Concentrations include cybersecurity, machine intelligence, health informatics, renewable energy, and nanotechnology, to name a few.

COST/AID: We’re proud to be the most affordable public university in Florida. Florida residents pay $19,977 for tuition and fees and room and board. Out-of-state residents pay $31,469. On top of that, we offer several merit-based scholarships and financial assistance averaging $9,500 a year.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: with a student-faculty ratio of 16:1, Florida Poly offers valuable access to some of the top educators in STEM. Students don’t have to wait until they are in graduate school to take part in research. Many get to work alongside their faculty mentors to conduct cutting-edge, high-tech research as undergraduate students. Florida Poly’s Advanced Mobility Institute is poised to be the premier university-affiliated applied research center for the development and testing of autonomous vehicle-related technology.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our iconic Innovation, Science and Technology Building is the centerpiece of our state-of-the-art campus centrally located off I-4 between Orlando and Tampa, along the I-4 corridor. Students have access to a number of high-tech labs, a super-computer, and one of the largest collections of 3D printers in higher education. The 90,000+ square foot Applied Research Center (ARC) broke ground in September 2019 and will become a research hub for students, faculty, and high-tech industry in the region.

STUDENT LIFE: Students participate in nearly 40 clubs and organizations. Our small size makes it easy to become engaged in a variety of activities outside of the classroom. Student events throughout the year involve a variety of passions. An annual hackathon shows off problem-solving skills; FLPolyCon is a student-run convention celebrating anime, sci-fi, comics, video games, and more; and the Pie Run along a scenic 3.14-mile course raises money for scholarships.

INTERNSHIPS: Providing students with meaningful opportunities outside of the classroom to develop career skills is a hallmark of the Florida Poly experience. In the last year alone, Career Services has collaborated with more than 200 companies located throughout Florida and the U.S. to employ students in internship or career positions.

VALUE PROPOSITION: We’re a very selective, public STEM university focused on student engagement, with 82% of Florida freshmen earning Bright Futures Scholarships. Our students benefit from a highly collaborative and hands-on environment in which they work alongside some of the best and brightest minds in the country.
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Academic, research, and internships go hand-in-hand at Florida Poly. Our alumni are turning internships into jobs at prestigious organizations across Florida. Computer Science alum Travis Hills ’19 interned at Saddle Creek Logistics Services and is now an information security analyst for the Lakeland company. His education in cybersecurity and on the job training equipped him for his role protecting the data of many of the company's top brands, and their customers. Saddle Creek provides supply chain solutions for companies such as Rack Room Shoes, Tony Robbins, and Ipsy.

Our alumni are making the world a better place. [floridapoly.edu]
Florida Southern College
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MISSION: Florida Southern College prepares students through dynamic engaged learning to make a positive and consequential impact on society.

ACADEMICS: Florida Southern is a comprehensive college that offers more than 70 undergraduate degree programs in business, education, nursing, arts and the sciences. A national leader in engaged learning, FSC guarantees each student an internship, a travel-study experience, and the opportunity to graduate in four years. Our commitment to hands-on experiences gives students a taste of daily life in their field and a deep understanding of the curriculum through real-world application. In fact, 100% of FSC graduates participate in internships, performance, study abroad, research and other high-impact experiences.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Business and Free Enterprise, Computer Science, Citrus and Horticultural Science, Marine Biology

COST/AID: Total tuition, fees, and room and board per year for a first-year student averages $50,986. Each year, Florida Southern offers more than $35+ million in college aid on the basis of academic merit, talent in athletics or fine arts, leadership, community services, student need, and other factors.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Florida Southern students work alongside world-renowned faculty. A community of dedicated teachers, scholars, and artists, our faculty engage in research and creative activities that push the boundaries of understanding and imagination. Students often publish their findings in academic research journals and at national conferences.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Consistently named one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation by The Princeton Review, Florida Southern’s 100-acre campus sits on beautiful Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland, Florida. As home to the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world, the campus is a National Historic Landmark that welcomes tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year. In addition to 13 Wright-designed structures, the campus features lavish gardens, lakeside residence halls, and state-of-the-art academic facilities, including the Becker Business, Blanton Nursing, and Christoverson Humanities Buildings — as well as the Wynee Warden Dance Studio and Rinker Technology Center. FSC also opened a campus location of the Steak ‘n Shake restaurant chain in the fall of 2019.

STUDENT LIFE: Florida Southern, a residential college with 94% of students living on campus, is home to more than 100 student clubs and organizations and 13 national fraternities and sororities. From cheering on teammates from our student fan section (the “Snake Pit”), to late-night comedy shows by our improv group Studio Box, to movies under the stars through our Southern Cinema series, our students are never bored. FSC is a short walk to downtown Lakeland, which features boutique shopping, craft dining, live entertainment, a monthly food truck rally, and a Saturday morning farmer’s market. And for more entertainment options, students can travel less than an hour to world-class beaches and the nation’s top theme parks.

ATHLETICS: Florida Southern College has 20 men’s and women’s varsity sports teams and boasts 30 NCAA Division II national championships, as well as three club sports: esports, water skiing, equestrian, and ice hockey. FSC also offers 20+ intramural sports.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Florida Southern College has been recognized as one of the nation’s best four-year colleges by The Princeton Review, U.S. News and World Report, and The Fiske Guide and was recently named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students for the second consecutive year. FSC is committed to preparing students for success after graduation and boasts a 97% placement rate.
Florida Southern College goes beyond the conventional college experience, guaranteeing each student an internship, a travel-study experience, and graduation in four years. These signature opportunities, combined with our devoted faculty and stunning historic campus, create a college experience unlike any other.
MISSION: Florida State University preserves, expands, and disseminates knowledge in the sciences, technology, arts, humanities, and professions, while embracing a philosophy of learning strongly rooted in the traditions of the liberal arts. The university is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The university strives to instill the strength, skill, and character essential for lifelong learning, personal responsibility, and sustained achievement within a community that fosters free inquiry and embraces diversity.

ACADEMICS: Florida State University is a comprehensive degree granting university, offering baccalaureate degrees in 104 programs, master’s degrees in 111 programs, advanced master’s/specialist degrees in 11 programs, doctorates in 67 programs, and two professional degrees. Degree programs are also available at campuses in Panama City, Florida, and the Republic of Panama. In addition, the university offers several undergraduate and graduate degree programs that may be completed entirely online.

Florida State University also offers a variety of study abroad opportunities for students during the regular academic year in Florence, Italy, Panama City, Republic of Panama, Valencia, Spain, and London, England, as well as dozens of summer programs.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Florida State University vaulted eight spots to No. 18 among national public universities in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings — the biggest single-year improvement in university history. The Journal of Criminal Justice Education ranked Florida State’s College of Criminology and Criminal Justice No. 1 in the nation for faculty research. FSU’s College of Motion Picture Arts is ranked among the Top 25 Film Schools by The Hollywood Reporter, 2019. Numerous other programs at Florida State rank in the Top 5.

COST/AID: Florida State consistently delivers an affordable, high quality education and offers distinctive opportunities to engage its students. In 2019, Kiplinger’s Personal Finance “Best College Value,” ranked Florida State as the No. 3 best value among public colleges for out-of-state students, a one-place jump over the previous year. FSU was rated the No. 9 best value among public colleges for in-state students.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our distinguished faculty are central to the mission of the university and the key to every university accomplishment. Faculty excellence in scholarship, research, and creative activity is critical to the quality of student learning and makes a difference in the lives of others.

STUDENT LIFE: We encourage our students to be active, both inside the classroom and out. At Florida State, you’ll find over 700 student organizations, an extensive array of intramurals to keep you active, a wealth of entertainment options, and countless service opportunities to do your part in making the world a better place.

ATHLETICS: Since they began fielding intercollegiate athletic teams in 1946, the Seminoles have won 17 national championships in nine sports, including the 2018 NCAA Soccer Championship and the 2018 NCAA Softball Championship. The Seminole football program won its third national title in 2013.
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MISSION: Founded in 1979, Full Sail University is an award-winning educational leader for those pursuing careers in entertainment, media, arts and technology. With over 70,000+ graduates worldwide, Full Sail alumni have worked on countless award-winning projects with individual recognition including OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY® and Video Game Award honors. Our university is a graduate and undergraduate degree-granting institution offering on-campus and online degree programs in areas related to Art & Design, Business, Film & Television, Games, Media & Communications, Music & Recording, Sports, and Technology.

RECOGNITION: Full Sail has received numerous accolades throughout our 40+ year history, including most recently: One of the 2019 “Top Graduate & Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design” by The Princeton Review, one of the 2019 “Top 50 U.S. Film Schools” by The Wrap Magazine, and the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges also named Full Sail the 2019 “School/College of the Year.”

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Located in Winter Park, our 210-acre campus feels more like working in a collaborative creative studio. From live venues, to production studios, to a Hollywood-style backlot, our university is equipped with over 880,000 square feet of real-world media production facilities designed for hands-on learning. Facilities including our state-of-the-art Simulation Lab, VR/AR Lab and User Experience Lab are just a handful of our campus spaces giving students the environments, technology, and production tools needed to bring their next-gen ideas to life.

ACCELERATED EDUCATION: There’s another reason why our campus feels like a production studio — it operates on the same kind of schedule. For our students, classes and labs take the place around the clock, and the courses in their chosen degree program progress month-to-month — so they are fully immersed in their education.

STUDENT COMMUNITY: Connected by a shared passion to create, our student community is diverse and tight knit, both on campus and online. Collaboration lives and thrives here — whether it’s a film production on the backlot, a brainstorming session in The Smart Lab, connecting through our custom-designed online learning platform, or a game concept coming to life at Blackmoor Studios. Because degrees start each month, class sizes are small, giving our students a chance to really get to know their classmates and instructors.

FULL SAIL ONLINE: Full Sail’s online programs are designed for students who want a fast-paced, immersive learning experience with 24/7 flexibility. Courses are designed in a specific “building-block” order, so that their instructors know what they’ve learned at each stage of their program. Our bachelor’s programs have integrated career and portfolio modules that emphasize professional development and putting our student’s skills into practice. Our master’s programs emphasize relevant experience that students can apply into their current or future career path.

EDUCATORS: Educators at Full Sail University possess both knowledge and extensive professional experience. They share a philosophy that teaching is less about dictating what to do, and more about coaching and mentorship. Education also comes from beyond the classroom through industry advisors — outside pros who stay engaged with degree programs to give feedback about advances and trends.

ESPORTS: The Fortress is Full Sail’s state-of-the-art esports arena built in support of Armada, the university’s collegiate level varsity esports team, as well as other professional industry esports initiatives. The 11,200+ square foot facility is the largest esports arena to date on any college or university campus in the United States. Currently, Full Sail Armada teams compete across a variety of games throughout the year including Overwatch, League of Legends, Hearthstone and more.
Hollywood-style sets, 3D-printing labs, game design studios, live venues, and recording studios, plus acres of creative spaces – it’s all inside the Full Sail campus in Winter Park. If you’ve got a dream in entertainment and media, this is the place to make it happen. Book your tour today.
Keiser University
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MISSION: Keiser University (KU) is a regionally accredited, private career university that provides degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body. Through quality instruction and learning, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful employment. Service to the community is inherent in our mission.

ACADEMICS: KU offers 100+ degrees from the associate to doctoral levels in targeted industries such as health care, information technology, business, homeland and cybersecurity, behavioral sciences and more. Knowledgeable faculty with real-world experience provide personalized attention and rigorous career-focused academics. Students learn leadership and professional skill development in small, well-equipped classrooms and laboratories through workshops, industry expert advisors, community service initiatives and internships. Most degree programs are offered year-round, on-campus, online, or in hybrid formats to support career-minded students in reaching their academic and professional goals.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: KU offers South Florida’s only Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Other unique study programs include: the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia; the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science; programs in pre-med, equine studies, physician’s assistant, golf management; and multiple degrees offered in Spanish and Mandarin to serve international students.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: KU’s 21 campuses are located in nearly all of Florida’s metropolitan areas. The Flagship residential campus in Palm Beach County offers a traditional collegiate experience including accessible faculty advisement, athletics, student housing, student organizations and clubs, social activities and career placement services. The College of Chiropractic Medicine is in West Palm Beach. The Nurse Anesthetist campus is in Naples, and the College of Advanced Technology is in Pembroke Pines.

STUDENT LIFE: Students have countless opportunities to engage in activities such as Student Government Association (SGA), honor societies, Student Veterans Association chapters, club sports, athletic competitions, campus-wide service projects, community events and professional development.

ATHLETICS: The Keiser Seahawks compete in 25 athletic programs and hold numerous national rankings in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as members of the Sun Conference. Recently KU entered the competitive arena of Esports competing virtually with college students worldwide.

VALUE PROPOSITION: KU’s philosophy is “Students First.” Individualized attention, engaged faculty, small class sizes, career-focused degree programs, leadership and professional skill development, convenient and innovative scheduling for working adult learners and recent high school graduates are paramount to the educational experience at KU.
Keiser University offers more than 100 doctoral, specialist, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degrees. In addition to our well recognized history of educating adult learners, a comprehensive college experience is available for traditional students seeking a culturally rich campus life comprised of student events, athletics, and a safe environment to live, learn, work, and play. Visit our website to learn how Keiser University can empower you to succeed.

Online classes and degree programs available. Programs vary by campus.
MISSION: The mission of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity. The school’s professional programs are dedicated to serving all students through innovative curriculums and the development of postdoctoral education and interprofessional experiences.

ACADEMICS: Students have options when it comes to earning their degrees at LECOM. The College of Osteopathic Medicine features five unique, student-centered learning pathways, each tailored to accommodate students’ preferred learning styles. LECOM’s School of Pharmacy allows students to earn their degrees through an accelerated three-year program; a four-year program, either in the classroom or through an online distance education program, is also available. The School of Dental Medicine, based at LECOM Bradenton, sends fourth-year students to dental practices in Defuniak Springs, Florida, and Erie for hands-on, real-world training. LECOM also offers a number of masters-level programs, including the nationally ranked Master’s in Health Services Administration, as well as doctoral programs in anatomy education and medical microbiology education.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: LECOM has developed special early acceptance programs with more than 150 community colleges, undergraduate schools and universities across the country, granting qualified students a provisional early entrance into LECOM’s medical, pharmacy and dental medicine programs. In some cases, this affiliate program permits students to start LECOM’s professional programs even before receiving a bachelor’s degree from an undergraduate institution.

COST/AID: LECOM consistently offers one of the lowest tuitions among private medical schools in the country. Since 1994, the school has distributed more than $37 million in scholarships to deserving students, including $20 million over the last five years alone.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Students are encouraged to participate in research projects with their classmates and members of the LECOM faculty. LECOM maintains laboratories at its Erie and Bradenton campuses and hosts annual Research Days that allow students and hospital residents to showcase their research projects. Meanwhile the School of Pharmacy Center for Drug Information and Research serves as a learning tool for pharmacy students and provides timely independent, best-evidence analysis and commentary on pharmaceuticals and related health care policy.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: LECOM’s main campus is in Erie, Pennsylvania, and is the center of LECOM Health, the nation’s only osteopathic academic health center. LECOM Health includes two hospitals, a network of physicians and clinical practices, a full spectrum of geriatric services and senior living centers, a medically integrated fitness center, pharmacies and dental offices. Over the last two decades, LECOM has expanded to include college campuses in Bradenton, Florida, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and, opening in the summer of 2020, Elmira, New York. In addition to these academic centers is the LECOM Dental Offices in Defuniak Springs, Florida, where each year a group of LECOM dental students gain hands-on, real world clinical training.

STUDENT LIFE: LECOM offers students a variety of extracurricular activities, club organizations and other opportunities for personal and professional development at each of its campuses. Students are encouraged to participate in community service as part of their overall education experience.
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MISSION: As the recognized leader in student learning, achievement and success while enriching our community, Miami Dade College is known as Democracy’s College. MDC changes lives through accessible, high-quality teaching and learning experiences and embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS: MDC learners have a wide array of offerings from which to choose, including more than 300 programs of study. MDC is home to the Miami Fashion Institute, Miami Culinary Institute, Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC), Eig-Watson School of Aviation, The Idea Center, The Honors College and School for Advanced Studies, among its most innovative programs. MAGIC offered the first AR/VR academic program in the state of Florida. And the College’s recent partnership with Tesla enabled it to offer the first Tesla START program in the state, which trains students to be Tesla electric vehicle service technicians in 15 weeks. MDC’s Cybersecurity Center of the Americas features a state-of-the-art Cyber Range, the first of its kind in the region.

COST: MDC offers unparalleled educational value. In-state, annual tuition for an associate degree is $3,547, and $3,897 for a bachelor’s degree. Nearly 85% of MDC’s full-time, first-time students receive financial aid (average amount: $5,782), requiring few of them to take on educational debt. In fact, only 5% of MDC students take on federal student loans.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: MDC boasts eight campuses, an outreach center and online courses available across Miami-Dade County. With so many locations, chances are that everyone has an MDC campus nearby. They range in size and atmosphere from the bustling Wolfson Campus in the heart of Downtown Miami and the Padrón Campus in lively Little Havana to the vast, beautifully landscaped Kendall and North campuses and the advanced Medical Campus in the city’s medical/civic center complex. Homestead Campus is home to the College’s renowned aviation program, and smaller campuses including Hialeah and West have helped MDC fulfill its mission to provide access to education in fast-growing neighborhoods.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Bottom line: it pays to go to MDC. The College’s graduates earn on average nearly $16,000 more per year than alumni of Florida state universities. Furthermore, MDC boasts the highest student economic mobility rate of all public colleges in Florida. Alumni employment numbers make the best case for return-on-investment: 96% of MDC Associate in Science degree graduates, and 97% of newly minted baccalaureate degree holders, are employed within one year.
Making Miami and the world stronger by cultivating future leaders, Miami Dade College teaches the skills needed to thrive in today’s economy. MDC is the largest and most diverse college in the country. It offers more than 300 academic pathways and essential training to help people advance in their existing careers or in emerging industries. MDC is home to multiple schools, institutes and centers dedicated to quality instruction in a wide range of fields including aviation, business, culinary, cybersecurity, education, fashion, nursing and others. Take your skills, business or career to the next level with MDC.

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MISSION: New College of Florida prepares intellectually curious students for lives of great achievement.

ACADEMICS: As the only legislatively designated Honors College of Florida, New College offers a rigorous curriculum customized to students’ academic and career goals. Small classes and frequent interaction with professors contribute to a personalized learning experience where students can develop their own ideas, produce original research, and explore new fields of personal and professional interest. The college offers nearly 40 areas of study in natural sciences, mathematics, arts, humanities, and social sciences. Approximately one-third of our students major in STEM fields. Students receive performance evaluations from faculty that provide more detailed feedback than letter grades. The culmination of every student’s education is the senior thesis project, which can be a significant research paper, findings from a scientific study, a body of artwork, or a theatrical production.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: All students participate in independent study projects each January and complete a senior thesis project in their final year. Students can also embark on a tutorial, an academic undertaking sponsored by a faculty member that is not offered as a class in the Course Catalog. Past projects have focused on: coal mining in Appalachia, malaria in Florida’s lizards, surrealist art movement, music therapy, and particle physics.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our 110-acre bayfront campus is housed on the former estate of circus magnate Charles Ringling on Sarasota Bay. It is home to the Pritzker Marine Biology Research Center, Public Archaeology Lab, Heiser Natural Sciences Complex, Academic Center, Sainer Fine Arts Complex, and the Black Box Theater. Students live on campus in 11 residence halls that include seven different living learning communities.

STUDENT LIFE: Students can participate in over 70 different clubs and organizations. There are also affinity groups for students representing a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds, religions, and political affiliations. Other clubs focus on students’ academic and professional pursuits.

ATHLETICS: Students can participate in a variety of intramural and club sports, including basketball, sailing, beach volleyball, tennis, soccer, and softball.

COST/AID: $20,756 (FL), $43,784 (Out of State). 84% of students receive institutional financial aid. Our students graduate with the second lowest debt among all Florida public universities.

New College has been named the seventh most affordable small college in the nation by CNBC.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our proximity to Sarasota Bay enables our faculty and students to conduct environmental research on microplastic pollution in the bay, mangrove restoration, and the impact of red tide on the local ecosystem. Faculty research incorporates a range of interdisciplinary fields spanning the arts, human and artificial intelligence, sustainability, and natural and social sciences.

VALUE PROPOSITION: In the last six years, New College students have been accepted to 16 law schools ranked in the Top 30 by U.S. News & World Report. New College leads all universities in Florida for the percentage of Fulbright scholars that it graduates (71 in the past 15 years) and ranks as the nation’s No.1 public university for the percentage of graduates who go on to earn Ph.D.s.
Unleash your intellectual curiosity while building a foundation for your future career at New College of Florida. Learn from stellar faculty like Associate Professor of Biology Jayne Gardiner (pictured above on the right), who was named the 2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teacher by the Society for College Teachers and received a grant from the Mote Scientific Foundation to study the effects of red tide on sea life in Sarasota Bay.

Experience the benefits of small classes, frequent interaction with your professors, and an academically rigorous curriculum that is customized to your educational and professional goals. At NCF, you might tag shark species in the Gulf of Mexico, collaborate with a global team on the future of urban spaces, or plan your own social entrepreneurship conference. You’ll be gaining the experience needed to prepare you to thrive in today’s evolving job market.

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MISSION: To improve lives by providing a high-quality, globally competitive education that is a catalyst for cultural, civic, and economic development throughout the region.

ACADEMICS: Northwest Florida State College’s (NWFSC) Associate of Arts (AA) degree is offered at a reasonable cost, recognized nationally for excellence by the Aspen Institute, and is fully accessible through NWF Online. NWFSC provides several career-ready certificates and degrees which prepare students to enter the workforce immediately.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Located in close proximity to Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, NWFSC offers workforce bachelor’s degrees that align closely, like the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management for Military Science and Leadership. From real estate preparation courses to earning industry certifications in flying drones, a host of professional and continuing education courses can be customized to complement the training needs of the local workforce.

COST/AID: NWFSC offers highly competitive tuition rates with an in-state rate of $104.01, an Alabama/E-rate of $105.01 and an out-of-state rate of $398.02 per credit hour for associate degrees. Bachelor degree rates include an in-state rate of $122.59, an Alabama/E-rate of $123.59 and an out-of-state rate of $450.86 per credit hour.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: NWF State College faculty members have been working hard to deliver quality online programs since the launch of NWF Online in August 2019. The Quality Development and Review (QDR) process recognizes online courses that have met 25 rigorous standards for quality of design, instruction, accessibility and student experience. Courses that pass this review are eligible to receive a Quality designation that will be visible to students when they register for classes. After a successful Quality review, instructors may submit their courses for second review comprising 16 additional standards. Courses successful at this level achieve High Quality ratings. Since beginning this initiative at NWFSC, 20 instructors have completed a successful Quality/High Quality Review. Currently, 18 classes are designated Quality and 29 are designated High Quality.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Six locations across Okaloosa and Walton counties in the Florida Panhandle. NWFSC’s facilities are among the best, including the state-of-the-art Raider Arena, the outstanding Mattie Kelly Arts Center and a nationally recognized welding education and testing site.

STUDENT LIFE: NWFSC’s Office of Student Development and Campus Engagement promotes the social, physical and educational well-being of students by providing opportunities and experiences for student development and engagement at school as well as in the community.

ATHLETICS: The Raiders men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball teams compete in the Panhandle conference where they have collectively brought home 30 conference championships and three national championships as of February 2019.

VALUE PROPOSITION: NWFSC has earned a reputation for educational excellence and community involvement. We are proud to be designated a Military Friendly® School by Viqtory Media for 2019-2020, serving the highest number of students receiving post 9/11 GI Bill benefits in the Florida College System. In 2017, our Collegiate High School ranked first in the state for four-year graduation rates.
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MISSION: Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership by offering excellent undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of study in the arts, humanities, sciences and selected professions. As a community of learners, the University provides students with a rigorous educational environment that leads to intellectual, spiritual and personal character development.

ACADEMICS: Undergraduate students choose from over 50 majors offered by nine academic schools plus 11 master’s programs and professional degrees in nursing practice and pharmacy. PBA offers students flexibility with several completely online degrees, accelerated and dual degree options.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: The Titus Center for Franchising is the only university-based center in the nation offering an academic concentration in franchising as well as internships, job shadowing and training at franchises across the country.

COST/AID: The University is committed to working with students one-on-one to pay for their college education not just in the first year, but throughout their entire time on campus. Florida residents attending PBA can be eligible for the Effective Access to Student Education grant as well as applying benefits they have earned through the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Additionally, the University awards over $27 million in endowed and annual scholarships every year. Little wonder that PBA has become a first choice among Florida residents seeking the advantages of a private college education.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: At PBA, students are encouraged to explore learning at a deep level through original research, often in collaboration with faculty. Each spring, the annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference brings us together to share and discuss these discoveries. With support from the University’s competitive Quality Initiative Grant, students travel the country presenting their findings at professional conferences.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our 29-acre campus is situated in the heart of West Palm Beach within easy walking distance of the business and entertainment districts along the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway. PBA’s urban location puts internships, part-time jobs and volunteer service opportunities nearby as well as the arts, world-class entertainment and recreation. The Rinker Athletic Campus, just 1.5 miles away, is the hub for intercollegiate competition for PBA’s outdoor sports as well as intramurals and recreation. This fall, a new student residence opens featuring one and two-bedroom apartments with amenities.

STUDENT LIFE: Workshop is PBA’s award-winning community service program that responds to human needs with Christ-like action locally and around the world. Through community service, students can discern their vocation and develop a lifelong habit of servant leadership. DIVE (Discovering Internships as Vocational Exploration) engages students in career experiences. Students who immerse themselves in vocationally focused internships frequently are offered full-time employment.

ATHLETICS: PBA is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and competes in the Sunshine State Conference, known for the academic achievement of its student athletes. Competitive sports include beach volleyball, baseball, m/w basketball, m/w cross country, m/w golf, m/w lacrosse, m/w soccer, m/w tennis, m/w track, softball and volleyball.

VALUE PROPOSITION: PBA is a community of learners who value selflessness, compassion and loyalty, where people feel valued and supported. Students eagerly share examples of how a professor showed personal commitment for their success by helping them overcome challenges and encouraging their academic curiosity.
When Paul Brockley entered the program at Palm Beach Atlantic University’s Titus Center for Franchising, he envisioned the powerful impact it could have on his future.

Now set to graduate in May, Paul is the program’s first-ever German Franchise Association Fellow, and has worked with the Chief Economic Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin. And while attending the global FranchiseExpo19 with program director Dr. John P. Hayes, he received multiple job offers from American and German companies, on the spot.

While in Germany, Paul helped Bodystreet fitness studios with franchise expansion efforts in Tanzania, England, Bulgaria and the U.S., and he is representing Bodystreet at the 2020 Franchise Expo South in Miami.

“I’m very thankful for the opportunities that the Titus Center and PBA have given me. They really put students in a position to succeed.”
MISSION: Pensacola State College, under the governance of a local Board of Trustees, is committed to providing quality, affordable, and accessible educational opportunities through a variety of delivery methods. The College, a member of the Florida College System, offers baccalaureate and associate degrees, workforce certificates, adult education, business and industry training, non-credit continuing education, community outreach, and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and the community.

ACADEMICS: Pensacola State College offers a wide variety of programs to study. Students can choose from workforce baccalaureate or associate degrees, transferrable associate degrees, or career certificates or applied technology diplomas.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: With more than 100 programs to choose from, Pensacola State College offers a multitude of academic programs to help students reach their educational and career goals. The College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program is the only BSN program in the region to hold dual accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity includes 17 stackable certificates identified as highly desirable by industry partners.

COST/AID: Pensacola State College’s average in-state tuition and required fees is $2,364 and $9,471 for average out-of-state tuition and required fees. The U.S. Department of Education listed Pensacola State College as a best value among public four-year colleges and universities for the seventh consecutive year in 2018. This past year, the College awarded more than $21 million in federal financial aid, $1.8 million in Military Tuition Assistance Program and the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. Pensacola State College also offers more than 300 scholarships each award year.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: The faculty at Pensacola State College are focused on teaching and on helping students succeed. Each year, in recognition of a sustained record of outstanding teaching, four full-time faculty members and one adjunct faculty member are inducted into the College’s Academy of Teaching Excellence. Our faculty also win statewide and national awards including the 2017 national Bellwether Award for the Virtual Tutoring Program.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Pensacola State College has six campuses and centers to meet the needs of the student population in the community.

STUDENT LIFE: Pensacola State College offers students more than 30 clubs, organizations and honor societies to satisfy their interests. Service learning is incorporated into many classes to help students get a hands-on opportunity not only to serve the community but also to better understand issues facing our society.

ATHLETICS: Pensacola State College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, the Florida College System Activities Association and the FCSAA Panhandle Conference. With more than 80 student-athletes participating in six sports, the College added a Women’s Cross Country team to its roster during the 2019-2020 academic year. The College has won three national championships and placed as runners-up in two other national competitions.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Pensacola State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and holds national accreditations for 17 academic programs. Students experience small class sizes, individualized attention from faculty, and services designed to help them succeed — all at an affordable cost.
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MISSION: Saint Leo University’s residential campus — located just north of Tampa — educates more than 2,200 students. Total enrollment across University Campus, more than 30 regional locations, and online programs is nearly 12,000. Saint Leo offers nearly 60 undergraduate, master’s, doctoral, endorsement, and certificate programs across arts and sciences, business, and education and social services.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: Tradition! Saint Leo is proud to be one of the oldest Catholic universities in Florida and among the top five Catholic higher education institutions nationwide. Founded in 1889, the university continues to incorporate its Benedictine core values of community, respect, integrity, responsible stewardship, excellence, and professional development into all aspects of the educational process.

STUDENT LIFE: Educate your way. Saint Leo provides the personal attention and convenience of both traditional classroom learning and interactive online programs. We can fit your unique needs and offer one-on-one support from our faculty, no matter the learning format you choose or where you reside.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Go where you want to go. As part of any Saint Leo program, you can pursue your associate, bachelor’s, master’s, or education specialist degree almost anywhere that is convenient for you — at our University Campus, education centers or offices, and remotely via the Center for Online Learning.

MILITARY: As a top 10 military-friendly institution, Saint Leo has been a leading educator of all types of military members, veterans, and their families for nearly 50 years. We provide flexible degree programs, financial aid, and other assistance programs to ensure students maximize their military education benefits.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Experienced and caring faculty. Saint Leo’s faculty are practitioners in their given field and bring that insight to the classroom. Always putting students at the center of what they do, our caring faculty equip students with the skills and experience needed to be leaders in their desired career paths.

ACADEMICS: Micro-credentials. Saint Leo students can earn cutting-edge, real-world credentials that are in demand and add value for both those starting a career and for individuals seeking advancement opportunities. These unique credentials can enhance your degree and help improve your overall skill set.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Career focused. Saint Leo prepares students for career excellence by developing core marketable skills and providing networking opportunities that match the professional interest and goals of every student. We create the opportunity for students to build relationships with employers, develop excellent job search strategies and ultimately begin or advance their career.
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Saint Leo faculty teach from a place of love for learning and the learner. Their teaching approach focuses on understanding and application, and they collaborate regularly with industry partners to develop curriculum that prepares students to be valuable contributors to our society. We know our students personally, and we are here to help them excel.

We also know that learning is not a one size–fits-all experience, so we teach at the places that are convenient for the learner—whether that is online, at our residential campus in the Tampa Bay area, or at one of our 30+ education centers located in seven states.

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MISSION: St. Thomas is a Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community.

ACADEMICS: STU offers 70 degree programs. As the only private, Catholic, Florida-based university affiliated with the Archdiocese of Miami, we are internationally recognized for our unique academic specializations in justice, international business, ministry, sports administration, and the sciences. Our varied academic programs coupled with our prestigious faculty, who recognize the importance of personalized attention for every student, ensures that we accomplish our mission of developing leaders for life.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: STU areas of study range from global entrepreneurship and undergraduate scientific research to divinity studies, intercultural human rights, and liberal arts. STU also offers students an opportunity to earn their law degree in six years versus seven years with our 3 + 3 B.A./J.D. program.

COST/AID: $15,450 (2018-19 in-state and out-of-state) and $550 in fees per semester. St. Thomas University recognizes the importance of providing students with a choice when it comes to selecting an institution that meets their educational needs, which is why STU provides merit and need-based financial aid. At STU, more than 97% of freshmen receive scholarships.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: With a 12:1 student to faculty ratio, our students receive the one-on-one attention they need to succeed. Our faculty members join STU from all walks of life ready to share invaluable knowledge in support of students’ educational pursuit and dreams.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: St. Thomas has one main campus located in Miami Gardens. The campus is 140 acres and sports a state-of-the-art fitness and wellness center, a chapel, four modern residence halls, nature paths and more. It’s hard not to fall in love with STU, especially when major South Florida attractions, like South Beach, are only a short drive away.

STUDENT LIFE: STU is committed to providing its students with a rewarding college experience while also promoting their personal and professional growth and development. STU provides a variety of involvement opportunities including student government, intramural sports, campus ministry and professional and social clubs.

ATHLETICS: There are 19 athletic teams at STU driven by integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership. In 2019, the dream of bringing football back to St. Thomas University became a reality with the kick-off of the first Bobcat football season.

VALUE PROPOSITION: The South Florida Business Journal ranks STU in the Top 3 South Florida Universities producing the highest-earning graduates. At St. Thomas we promise to deliver a quality education to develop knowledgeable, confident and ethical leaders not only for our community, but for the world. STU is a place of limitless opportunity and access, giving every student that walks through its doors the tools necessary to reach higher and accomplish more. No matter where you want to go in life, you can get there from STU.
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The Gus Machado College of Business at St. Thomas University coming June 2020.

From Accounting to Marketing, STU’s Gus Machado College of Business will be the training ground for our state’s future business leaders. Our nationally recognized programs include our Institutes of Sports Administration, Global Entrepreneurship, Trade & Logistics, and Ethical Leadership Studies.

Our new twenty-first century complex will reflect the modern workplace, have an open architecture, utilize multi-purpose spaces, and combine a robust technology infrastructure with the functionalities needed to learn real-life business practices.

When it comes to setting up our students to be successful and ethical leaders of tomorrow, we mean business.

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MISSION: Santa Fe College, a comprehensive public institution of higher education serving North Central Florida and beyond, adds value to the lives of our students and enriches our community through excellence in teaching and learning, innovative educational programs and student services, and community leadership and service.

ACADEMICS: Santa Fe College offers both associate and bachelor’s degree programs, as well as vocational certificates, continuing and community education, adult education and test preparation.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: Students graduating SF with an A.A. degree are guaranteed admission at UNF, USF, UWF and FAMU. Graduates from the Honors Program have an 88 percent transfer rate into nearby University of Florida. The SF2UF Bridge program offers a specialized transfer track for minority and underrepresented students pursuing degrees in biomedical or behavioral sciences. In addition, SF has an accredited teaching zoo on its main campus, open daily, free for students.

COST/AID: $106.77/credit hour (FL) ($1,281.24 for 12 credit hours, $1,601.55 for 15 credit hours), $382.90/credit hour (out of state) ($4,594.80 for 12 credit hours, $5,743.50 for 15 credit hours). Financial aid and scholarships are available based on need and/or merit.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: You won’t find graduate assistants teaching classes at SF, nor giant auditoriums with hundreds of seats. Our classrooms were intentionally built smaller, keeping our student to faculty ratio at about 30:1. SF professors are widely available for questions and feedback.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Safety is important when choosing a college. Safe Campus recognized SF as second in the nation for campus safety initiatives in 2020. Parking at the college is free, as is the city bus system. Did we mention the main campus has a zoo? (Currently home to baby otters!) It’s also home to the only planetarium in North Central Florida. In downtown Gainesville, the Blount Campus is undergoing a major renovation. Located six blocks from the University of Florida, it will soon house the business and IT departments of the college, as well as incubation space in the center of the city’s Innovation District.

STUDENT LIFE: Santa Fe College has over 90 different clubs and organizations, and students are always welcome to start something new. The college Ethics Bowl, Brain Bowl and Model UN teams have recently ranked in the top three at national competitions, but the Society of Nerds take the cake with their clever bake sales. If running for student government, joining educational and recreational clubs, taking study abroad trips, visiting campus art galleries or volunteering at civic engagement activities aren’t your things, there’s occasionally good old-fashioned free pizza in the Oak Grove, courtesy of Student Life.

ATHLETICS: Santa Fe College has NJCAA-level women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball, plus an assortment of intramural sports and a gym facility for students to stay active.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Santa Fe College has consistently been one of the nation’s top colleges, before and since bringing home the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence in 2015. Our best partner, the University of Florida, accepts more transfer students from SF than from any other college, including 88 percent of SF Honors Program students. High graduation and job placement rates place SF as a top school in the Florida College System. In 2020, SF was designated a Best for Vets college by Military Times.
What happens when you apply to a college that has the highest performance rating in the state and an open door admissions policy? Literally, anything. Santa Fe College has what you need to succeed whether your first step is finishing a G.E.D. or you’re heading straight for your Ph.D. Come take a tour!
MISSION: Seminole State College enhances the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Central Florida by providing exemplary learning opportunities to our diverse community.

ACADEMICS: Seminole State offers seven bachelor’s degrees in high-demand, high growth fields; two-year university transfer/Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees; specialized career certificates; continuing professional education; adult education; and global learning including study abroad. International partnerships offer opportunities for double degrees and an international MBA. Programs are in-person, hybrid or fully online.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Seminole State offers bachelor’s degrees in business and information management, construction, interior design, health sciences, RN-to-BSN (nursing), information systems technology (including programming, cybersecurity and simulation), and engineering technology (including mechatronics and robotics). DirectConnect™ to UCF offers guaranteed entry to UCF for A.A. university transfer degree graduates. We also partner with UF Online, the University of Florida’s fully online baccalaureate degree program giving our A.A. graduates easy transfer to bachelor’s degrees not offered at Seminole State.

COST/AID: Annual tuition and fees: $3,131 for associate level or $3,597 for bachelor’s level for Florida residents. Seminole State awards more than $1 million in institutional scholarships and approximately $50 million in financial aid annually.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Students learn from professors with master’s and doctoral degrees. While some of our faculty continue to research and publish in their discipline, their primary focus is teaching. Faculty are committed to individual student success by promoting discussion, in-depth study and one-on-one interaction, both inside and outside the classroom. In workforce programs, many faculty are licensed practitioners sharing real-world experience.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: All of Seminole State’s four campuses offer certificates, associate and bachelor’s degrees and university transfer (A.A.) programs. Academic specialties range from health care and nursing at Altamonte Springs, interior design and construction at Heathrow, and engineering technology at Oviedo. Our largest, 200-acre Sanford/Lake Mary Campus is home to adult education, the English Language Institute, the Honors Institute, the planetarium, the Center for Fine and Performing Arts, automotive training and public safety.

STUDENT LIFE: Students can participate in over 50 clubs and organizations, student government, leadership and career development, intramural and recreational sports, volunteer opportunities, and arts, music and theater events.

ATHLETICS: Seminole State is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Florida College System Activities Association’s (FCSAA) Mid-Florida Conference. Raiders compete in baseball, softball, women’s golf, men’s and women’s cross country. Our women’s golf team is No. 1 in the country with a national title in 2019 and hosting the NJCAA national championships in 2022. Our softball team is No. 5 in the state and No. 22 in the nation.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Seminole State is among the top colleges in the Florida College System for graduation rates, job placement and graduate starting salaries. We have one of the best nursing programs in the nation and 19 Jack Kent Cooke Scholars. Students choose Seminole State for its affordable tuition, small class settings (averaging 25 students), academic excellence, convenience, quality faculty, workforce training aligned with industry and access to four-year universities, but also for our culture and our expectation that they will thrive, succeed and Go Far.
At Seminole State, we help students turn their dreams into reality. Offering associate and bachelor’s degrees, career certificates, continuing professional education and adult education, Seminole State serves a diverse population of nearly 30,000 students at four campuses in Central Florida as well as online. With quality professors and affordable tuition, that’s about half the cost of a state university, Seminole State can help get you where you want to go.

WHY SEMINOLE STATE?

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• Affordable tuition, scholarships and financial aid
• Four convenient campus locations
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• Small class sizes and one-on-one attention from instructors

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MISSION: Stetson University provides an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet, and fosters in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

ACADEMICS: Every day, across more than 106 areas of study, Stetson faculty help students go beyond the classroom, discover their passions and translate learning into real-world knowledge. Each student at Stetson experiences high-impact learning in a challenging and supportive environment that builds confidence.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Programs in finance, investments, sales and entrepreneurship put Stetson on the cutting edge of financial education, including a Roland George Investment Program that manages a real $4 million investment fund. Stetson’s popular health sciences, biology and environmental science/studies are getting state-of-the-art facilities with the new Cici and Hyatt Brown Hall for Health and Innovation and a recently opened aquatic center for the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience. The School of Music’s undergraduate-only emphasis offers talented students a rigorous and rewarding experience through demanding academic and performance requirements.

COST/AID: On average, Stetson families received $42,028 in undergraduate financial aid packages from all sources, including scholarships, grants, loans and work-study. Nearly 95% of the incoming class receives a merit scholarship based on high school GPA, standardized test scores, recommendation letters and community service.

FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH: With 20 academic institutes, centers, programs and initiatives, faculty and student research at Stetson is dynamic and diverse. Current research includes in part cardiac cells and heart development, anticancer properties of plant extracts, and sea level rise. Stetson was named a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars, and the College of Arts and Sciences hosts a “Showcase” for senior research projects each spring. See stetson.edu/research.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Stetson University’s DeLand campus is home to the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration and School of Music. Stetson College of Law is in Gulfport with its Tampa Law Center nearby. Stetson is well-known for environmentally friendly, award-winning construction and its eight buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The DeLand campus was named by Country Living as one of the “25 Most Beautiful College Campuses in the South.”

STUDENT LIFE: Living on campus is an integral part of the overall Stetson experience for first-time-in-college students. The DeLand campus hosts more than 100 student clubs and organizations, more than a dozen club sports from surfing to equestrian, and was named a top 10 pet-friendly university by College Magazine.


VALUE PROPOSITION: The Stetson Promise is a commitment to students to graduate in four years or less — or receive up to one full semester tuition free; participate in internships or other “classroom-to-practice” activities; and engage with great faculty in distinctive academic programs. These are some of the reasons U.S. News & World Report ranks Stetson University No. 5 on its 2020 list of Best Regional Universities (South), and why Stetson is recognized in The Princeton Review’s “Best 385 Colleges 2020.”
Colleges make a lot of promises. At Stetson University we back them up, standing behind our word and your education with The Stetson Promise.

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MISSION: The University of Florida aspires to be a premier public research institution that the state, the nation and the world turn to for leadership.

ACADEMICS: As one of the most comprehensive universities in the nation, UF offers 120 undergraduate degree programs and 250 graduate programs. UF’s Center for Undergraduate Research allows first-year students to learn from world-renowned faculty members by doing research right alongside them. The Honors Program provides intellectually stimulating experiences designed to create graduates who have disciplinary depth and who also have the ability to fully engage in meaningful dialogue across disciplines.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Innovation Academy, which allows students to attend class in spring and summer and use fall for study-abroad and internships. UF Online, a fully online bachelor’s degree program.

COST/AID: $6,380 (in-state), $28,658 (out-of-state). UF distributes more than $600 million in financial aid annually. More than 66% of UF students graduate with no student loan debt.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UF has more than 6,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 37 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Awards include a Fields Medal, two Pulitzer Prizes, a Grammy Award, NASA’s top award for research, and Smithsonian Institution’s conservation award. Research spending at UF rose more than 7% to a record $928.6 million in FY 2019.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our 2,000-acre campus is home to more than 1,000 buildings. UF is one of only six universities in the country with colleges of medicine, engineering, veterinary medicine, agriculture and law all on one campus.

STUDENT LIFE: More than 1,100 student organizations offer students a wide variety of activities and engagement. From Florida Quidditch and the Ukulele Club to Engineers Without Borders and the Gator Gardening Club, students are sure to find the right fit. UF also has a vibrant sorority and fraternity scene with an estimated 20% of UF students belonging to a Greek organization.

ATHLETICS: The Gators compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and are consistently ranked among the top college sports programs in the United States. Florida is the only school in NCAA Division I history to hold the men’s basketball and football championships during the same school year. We also are a school that brings home the gold, as in Olympic Gold. Since 1972, 180 Gators have represented 37 countries in Olympic Games. Former and current Gator athletes have laid claim to 126 medals, including 60 golds.

VALUE PROPOSITION: UF is a top-10 school, ranked No. 7 by U.S. News & World Report’s list of the best public universities, the only school in Florida in the top 10. UF also is the only Florida university to belong to the Association of American Universities, the top 63 research institutions in North America.
WE’RE RISING SO WE CAN DO EVEN MORE
AT ONE OF AMERICA’S LEADING PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

The University of Florida is already ranked No. 7 in the U.S. News & World Report list of Best Public Schools, but we’re not resting on our laurels. We’re on a mission to reach top-five stature.

We’re challenging convention and discovering new opportunities for Florida, for the nation and for the world. Top-five public universities produce an even more educated workforce. Top-five public universities generate even more game-changing research that solves the world’s most vexing challenges.

They create even more valuable economic impact — UF last year contributed more than $16 billion to Florida’s economy. And they attract even more companies from all over the world in search of highly qualified graduates and innovative new technologies.

With a nearly unmatched breadth and depth of highly ranked disciplines, UF represents the best of one of America’s real national treasures: the land-grant institution. From cancer treatment and data security to agriculture and climate change, our researchers are tackling a host of issues and producing relevant, real-world results.

At UF, our goal is simple: to be a top-ranked public university that the state, the nation and the world look to for leadership.

*Florida deserves nothing less.*
MISSION: The mission of UF Online is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural and societal benefit by delivering a comprehensive offering of high-quality, fully online bachelor’s degree programs at an affordable cost.

ACADEMICS: UF Online is the No. 4 ranked online bachelor’s program from the No. 7 ranked public University. UF Online provides an unparalleled education to determined individuals — wherever life takes them. We remove barriers, so our students can break through. And those who have what it takes to complete one of our fully online bachelor’s programs earn the same University of Florida degree as their counterparts on campus. Students choose from 25 majors across renowned colleges, including the Warrington College of Business and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students receive personalized guidance from dedicated advisors throughout their program.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Students can choose from majors such as Advertising: Persuasive Messaging, one of the few online advertising majors in the country, to Microbiology or Chemistry, which feature hybrid lab boot camps. All courses are taught by the same preeminent faculty who teach on campus.

COST/AID: UF Online In state, $129.18 Total per credit hour (tuition + fees) Tuition: $111.92, Required Fees: $17.26 Optional Fees: $46.21 Out of State, $ 212.71 Total per credit hour (tuition + fees) Tuition: $149.24 Required Fees: $63.47 UF Online is ranked the No. 1 most affordable online college (2019) by AffordableColleges.Com.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Students learn from 230 full-time faculty with doctorates, and 131 tenured or tenure-track faculty. The University of Florida attracts over $700 million in research each year, and our faculty foster a uniquely collaborative environment that transforms potential into actual results.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students can study from anywhere they have a connection. Online students also have access to campus facilities like libraries and the student union. With the optional fee package, students can also use recreation centers, busses, student athletic tickets, and more.

STUDENT LIFE: Students connect through UF Online’s Plaza. Within the Plaza, students are able to receive the latest news about UF, join groups of students based on their location, major or specific classes, and even interest area. Students have the ability to start their own group based on potential connection points to other students. Students can even customize their news feed to receive the information that is most important to them. The Plaza is your place to connect, collaborate, and be part of the UF Online Community!

ATHLETICS: University of Florida is a D1 school with a long and proud history of championship-winning programs.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Investments by the State of Florida have created the most affordable pathway for qualified students to enter the No. 7 public university via the No. 4 online bachelor’s program. This commitment to the value of education has made UF Online the most affordable online university program in the nation, and one of the most respected. Nearly two-thirds of UF graduates leave with no student loan debt. For the remaining third, average indebtedness is roughly $18,000 compared with the national average of more than $29,000.
BREAKING BOUNDARIES WITH A UF DEGREE.

Earn a reputable degree from anywhere. UF Online students earn the same UF degree and learn from the same faculty as students on campus. As a member of the Gator Nation, UF Online students can choose from 25 degree programs, and complete their degree from wherever life takes them.

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MISSION: Our student-centered mission is to create the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and problem solvers with the knowledge and experience to uniquely change the world.

ACADEMICS: The University of North Florida offers more than 100 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in five academic colleges: Brooks College of Health, Coggin College of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and College of Education and Human Services. Small class sizes and individualized attention allow professors to work closely with students to ensure success.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: UNF’s location in Jacksonville provides students with unique opportunities to engage with key industries while going to school. Approximately 90% of seniors have engaged in real-world experiences before they graduate. Students are involved in internships and projects with top businesses in UNF’s areas of distinction — health care, logistics, water and technology. The focus matches student competencies to existing needs and UNF students to jobs.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Located in Jacksonville between downtown and the beach, UNF’s beautiful 1,381-acre campus includes a nature preserve and award-winning buildings. Eleven structures on campus are LEED-certified green buildings, reflecting UNF’s commitment to sustainability. Another 1,050 acres of wetlands along the Intracoastal Waterway are used by students and faculty for research and exploration. UNF’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, both located in downtown Jacksonville, offer additional opportunities for experiential learning.

STUDENT LIFE: Students from diverse backgrounds bring a richness to campus life at UNF, and there are countless opportunities for Ospreys to engage together. There are over 200 clubs and organizations, fraternities and sororities, and intramural sports. Students enjoy the bustling weekly Market Days in the Student Union Plaza and spending time in the award-winning Student Wellness Complex. Community involvement is a key part of student life at UNF, which received the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation.

ATHLETICS: UNF’s 19 athletic teams compete in Division I of the NCAA. A member of the ASUN conference, the North Florida Ospreys have captured 44 NCAA Division I conference championships and participated in 39 NCAA postseason competitions. In 2015, the Ospreys made their first appearance in the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Student success is at the heart of everything at UNF. In fact, UNF tops all schools in the State University System in the percentage of graduates employed in Florida. Students are engaged with community and corporate partners tackling real-world challenges every day, prepared to make a difference in Florida and around the globe.
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At the University of North Florida, strong faculty engagement, individualized attention and real-world experiences prepare students for success here in Florida and around the globe.
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MISSION: Led by outstanding faculty and professional staff, the University of South Florida conducts innovative scholarship, creative activity, and basic and translational research, and delivers a world-class educational experience promoting the success of our talented and diverse undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

ACADEMICS: Across campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, students choose from more than 200 majors and concentrations, from biomedical engineering to global business, from health professions to marine biology, from architecture to dance, and much more.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: USF offers undergraduates a myriad of programs designed to help them pursue their passions. Programs include a cybersecurity major, where students learn how to ensure online security and protect digital assets, and they also take courses in business, ethics and policy. In the hospitality management major, a Culinary Innovation Lab and a teaching hotel partnership help students prepare for careers in the global hospitality and tourism industry.

COST/ AID: Undergraduate tuition for Florida residents is $6,410; non-resident tuition is $17,324. Along with generous financial aid and scholarships, many student employment opportunities are available.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: USF is a Preeminent State Research University, placing it in the most elite category of Florida institutions, and one of only 56 public research universities nationwide classified as both a Doctoral University with “Highest Research Activity” and as a “Community Engaged” institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF ranks first in Florida, seventh in the nation among public universities and 16th worldwide in generating new United States utility patents — a key measure of innovation.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students take advantage of a wide variety of opportunities to make the most of their time at USF, including attending concerts and basketball games in the 10,000-seat Yuengling Center on the Tampa campus. The 81,000-square-foot University Student Center on the St. Petersburg campus features a dining facility, café, meeting rooms, outdoor verandas and a 1,000-gallon aquarium that is home to 12 varieties of marine life. Students on the Sarasota-Manatee campus can work out in the fitness center, play volleyball or basketball, or take advantage of yoga classes.

STUDENT LIFE: USF offers more than 700 official student organizations across its three campuses, ranging from social to academic, political to religious. The arts thrive, with more than 300 yearly concerts, performances, exhibitions, lectures, symposiums and festivals, many free of charge. The Contemporary Art Museum on the Tampa campus presents significant exhibitions of contemporary art from around the world. Students on the St. Petersburg campus can check out paddleboards, kayaks and canoes for free at the boathouse, while students on the Sarasota-Manatee campus enjoy vibrant local communities with thriving arts and cultural scenes, and benefit from student-run clubs and organizations that sponsor a variety of events and activities, most of them free of charge.

ATHLETICS: USF participates in NCAA Division I athletics with nine women’s and eight men’s varsity sports. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

VALUE PROPOSITION: USF is a university where excellence and opportunity converge. Over the past 10 years, no other public university in the country has risen faster in U.S. News and World Report’s national university rankings than the University of South Florida. And in its 2020 rankings, U.S. News and World Report recognized USF as the No. 1 university in Florida and No. 9 in the nation for the social mobility of our students. USF has earned widespread national recognition for its success graduating under-represented minority and limited-income students at rates equal to or higher than white and higher income students.
With campuses located in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee, the University of South Florida is dedicated to empowering students to maximize their potential for lifelong success.

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**TOP 5 IN STUDENT SUCCESS**
among 1,100 public research and doctoral universities
*2018 Eduventures Student Success Ratings*

**USF is AMERICA’S FASTEST-RISING UNIVERSITY,** now ranked #44 among Public Universities which is 14 spots higher than last year
*U.S. News and World Report*

**TOP PRODUCER OF FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS,** with 11 faculty scholars for the 2019-2020 academic year
*The Chronicle of Higher Education*

**USF is one of 56 public research universities nationwide classified as both a DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY with “HIGHEST RESEARCH ACTIVITY” and as a “COMMUNITY ENGAGED” institution**
*Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*

**USF Morsani College of Medicine achieved the HIGHEST MCAT SCORE in Florida**
*Association of American Medical Colleges-2019*

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MISSION: Our collective mission is to provide excellence in public health education, leadership, advocacy, research and service; to nurture and motivate our students; and, to deliver enhanced health and well-being to all humankind through collaborative partnerships with researchers, educators, health professionals and administrators.

ACADEMICS: “Our practice is our passion” is more than our tagline. Every day our students work tirelessly to improve the health of populations in Tampa and around the world. The college is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as No. 1 in Florida, No. 2 public institution in the southeast, and No.16 nationally among Council on Education for Public Health accredited schools and colleges. Students choose from seven degree programs in on-campus, online, or blended formats — Bachelors of Science in Health Science (BSHS) or Public Health (BSPH); Masters of Public Health (MPH) or Health Administration (MHA), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Public Health (DrPH). With 20+ concentrations, day and evening courses, and almost 100 online courses, student success is priority No. 1!

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: USF is home to the first accredited undergraduate public health degree in Florida. With established study abroad programs to London, Japan, Panama and Cuba, plus formal research opportunities with faculty, it’s no wonder why students say the #USFCOPHRocks!

COST/ AID: The college makes a variety of funding vehicles available to degree-seeking students, including a reduced-rate program for out-of-state online students and the Academic Common Market tuition-savings program. More at health.usf.edu/publichealth/academicaffairs/finaid.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: The college has 222 faculty members with regular, adjunct, and affiliate appointments, including six who earned the designation of Distinguished University Professor or Distinguished University Health Professor. In fiscal year 2018–2019, the college’s faculty generated $20.2 million in external grants and contracts.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students who make public health their academic home thrive in our two renovated computer labs, high-tech active learning classrooms, and refurbished common areas. Within the primary building there are 24 labs that support research and training. Located across campus, our Center for Global Health Infectious Disease has approximately 26,000 square feet of BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories. The college is home to 12 internationally recognized centers and institutes addressing areas of public health importance. Plus, we join the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy to form USF Health, whose mission is to envision and implement the future of health.

STUDENT LIFE: Our students are catalysts for health! They are the driving force behind 12 public health-related campus organizations. They continually present their award-winning research and practice at local, state, national, and international professional meetings, and are published in numerous peer-reviewed journals. They annually dedicate 2,400+ volunteer and 38k internship hours to making life better at home and around the world. Plus, our students really are going places! More than 100 students annually travel abroad to 20+ countries, including India, Belize, Uganda, and Ecuador. Returned Peace Corps volunteers can also consider becoming a Paul D. Coverdell Fellow.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Ranked the No. 2 public institution in the southeast for public health, our curriculum ranks ahead of many established, private universities. In fact, the USF College of Public Health is one of the first public health programs in the nation to transform the core curriculum to meet 21st century public health needs and to meet changing Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) competency requirements.
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MISSION: UWF’s mission is to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education; conduct teaching and research that services the body of knowledge; and contribute to the needs of professions and society.

ACADEMICS: Home to five renowned academic colleges, UWF offers more than 55 undergraduate degree programs, 32 master’s degree programs and three doctoral degrees. With nearly 13,000 students and an average class size of less than 40, UWF is committed to providing a close-knit academic experience.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Cybersecurity, Supply Chain Logistics, Marine Biology, Maritime Studies and Anthropology

COST/AID: Estimated costs for students annually is $16,020 (FL resident) and $28,920 (non-FL resident) which includes tuition, housing and meal plans. Last year, UWF awarded more than $101 million in financial aid to UWF students.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UWF students are taught by ranked faculty, who are among the most talented in the nation and are consistently awarded funding for doctoral level research. UWF’s robust, institutional research agenda focuses on identifying, supporting and promoting scholarly activities — and bringing an excitement about research into the classroom. As authors, speakers, practitioners, creators and thought leaders, UWF faculty members make up a community of scholars, committed to a transformative education for our students and to the next big idea for the greater good.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The UWF Pensacola campus spans 1,600 acres and is located minutes away from historic Pensacola and some of the world’s most beautiful beaches. UWF features state-of-the-art facilities, comfortable residence halls and a beautiful landscape that offers more than 20 miles of outdoor trails. UWF also hosts its Emerald Coast location in Fort Walton Beach. Managed by UWF Historic Trust, the University owns and operates 32 historic properties in Northwest Florida.

STUDENT LIFE: At UWF, there are no limits for how our students can make an impact. With more than 165 registered student organizations, 15 athletic teams and a wide variety of recreational activities, UWF’s campus is filled with ways to create an unforgettable college experience.

ATHLETICS: UWF Athletics holds more than 100 athletic conference championships, including ten national championships and features 15 sports. The Argonauts compete in NCAA Division II.

VALUE PROPOSITION: UWF offers the resources of a big campus, but our small class sizes ensure personalized, focused attention from some of the nation’s most engaging professors. Undergraduate students at UWF conduct research reserved only for graduate students at other universities and are taught by ranked faculty. The institution is also consistently named a top military-friendly institution and ranked as a top 15 in U.S. News & World Report’s Top Public Schools — Regional South Rankings.
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