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## USF St. Petersburg Goes Residential

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## Research Dollars Reach Record High

**For the fiscal year 2005-2006, externally-funded research dollars at USF reached \$310.2 million, an increase of \$22.9 million, or eight percent, over the totals for the previous fiscal year. Since fiscal year 2000-2001, externally-funded research dollar totals at USF have risen by 67 percent, or \$124 million.**

■ “We have excellent faculty who have been very aggressive in their quest for funding,” says USF President Judy Genshaft. “Through their efforts and successes, the university continues to rank second among Florida’s state universities for externally-funded awards. We clearly make a positive difference in the nation, state and region.”

As in past years, the College of Medicine led the funding efforts, this year bringing in almost \$147 million, up \$34 million over FY 2004-2005. The

Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute continued to excel as the second-highest funding recipient, with \$30.4 million. The College of Marine Science brought in almost \$20 million, up from \$15.2 million, a 25 percent increase over the previous year. The College of Engineering saw a \$4 million increase in external funding since the last fiscal year. The College of Arts and Sciences increased its funding by \$3 million.

The biggest increase in external funding was in the College of Nursing where research dollars shot from \$1.6 million to \$3.9 million.

“It is a challenge to maintain a consistently high level of funding when research dollars are becoming more and more competitive,” says Robert Chang, vice president for Research. “To break the \$300 million mark is truly a tremendous achievement and we applaud the hard work of our research faculty.”

—RANDOLPH FILLMORE

## USF St. Petersburg Goes Residential

**With sweeping views of Tampa Bay and downtown St. Petersburg, USF St. Petersburg’s first residence hall is now open to students.**

■ Student Government President Megan Willoughby, a marketing senior from Palm Harbor, opened the hall with Regional Chancellor Karen A. White, Campus Board Chair Debbie Sembler, President Judy Genshaft and USF Board of Trustees Chair Rhea Law.

Willoughby was one of the first to move in and says she chose to live on campus for many reasons.

“I’m on campus six days a week, so I didn’t want to commute. It’s also a chance to experience the traditional college lifestyle of living on campus,” Willoughby says.

“Living on campus is a great way to interact and become acquainted





RESIDENCE HALL ONE AT USF ST. PETERSBURG, PICTURED ABOVE AND BELOW LEFT, HOUSES 95 APARTMENTS WITHIN ITS SEVEN-STORY FOOTPRINT. ALL STUDENT ROOMS AND APARTMENTS ARE COMPLETELY FURNISHED AND INCLUDE LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE, HIGH SPEED INTERNET AND CABLE TV.

with the university. I think that with Residence Hall One, our campus will benefit from the emphasis on student involvement and leadership opportunities.”

Each apartment in Residence Hall One has a full kitchen with refrigerator, range, microwave and garbage disposal. Each floor has its own laundry room and study lounge with wi-fi access.

Add to this the energy of downtown St. Petersburg living, with cafes, galleries and clubs just blocks away. Students living on campus have the best of both worlds—a world-class education and a fulfilling social life.

Regional Chancellor Karen A. White says, “For years students told us they’ve wanted to live on campus, and this beautiful building satisfies all their needs. Students can live close to home without being at home, and everything they need is right downtown. There truly isn’t a

better perk for our students.”

Students began moving into the hall the week before fall classes started, piling carts high with boxes and bags. Parents, faculty and staff joined the students with arms full of computers, bedding and clothes as they waited for the elevators.

The Office of Residence Life welcomed students the first week with programs teaching students the basics of living on their own. A highlight included cooking classes by the Publix Apron School on how to cook 15-minute meals.

Residence hall staff led a variety of educational programs including safety, diversity and time management. Seminars were rounded out with socials. Activities along the waterfront included a soda shack, intramural sports sign-ups and sailing team tryouts.

Since its first classes in 1965, USF St. Petersburg has transformed to a residential campus. USF St.

Petersburg was USF’s first regional campus and is experiencing a building boom as the campus keeps pace with its \$100 million Campus Master Plan. This investment includes student housing, parking, classrooms and cultural spaces. The construction of the hall and 1,100-space parking center has changed the landscape of the waterfront campus. These two university projects total \$33 million in new construction for the City of St. Petersburg, with an economic impact of \$100 million.

As USF St. Petersburg concludes its 40th anniversary celebration, it has laid the groundwork for its next 40 years. Through the dedication of faculty and staff, the campus is transforming into the comprehensive university envisioned by its founders.

-JULIE BOOTH