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- USF St. Petersburg is one of only 115 new institutions in the country to earn the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The designation honors the university's alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.

- Research funding at USF St. Petersburg grew from $800,000 to $4.3 million in the last three years. Federal grants support fifty percent of current research funding.

- The College of Education achieved full accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. The College of Arts and Sciences Department of Journalism and Media Studies earned re-accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

- The College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) accredited USFSP's Academic Success Center for its tutoring program. The center is one of only three in the State University System to earn CRLA accreditation.

- The College of Business is accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in both business and accounting. Of the more than 12,000 business schools worldwide, only 607 are AACSB accredited and only 175 are accredited in both areas.

- The College of Business is ranked 36th among the global top 100 schools for integrating issues of social and environmental stewardship into the MBA program. USFSP is the only Florida institution on the list, which is compiled by the Aspen Institute’s Beyond Grey Pinstripes research survey.

- Out of more than 200 active college sailing teams in the country, the co-ed sailing team and the women's team are consistently ranked among the country’s top 20 programs. During the fall semester, USFSP hosted the ICSA National Singlehanded Championships.

- USFSP opened the Gold LEED-certified Science and Technology Building in January 2010. This is the first building in the USF System to earn certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

- USF St. Petersburg is home to the Florida Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The FHC is housed in the Peter Rudy Wallace Florida Center for Teachers, a building named in recognition of the Hon. Peter Rudy Wallace.

- Kira Barrera, an environmental science and policy student, earned a Hollings Scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and an honorable mention from the Udall Scholarship Program in 2010. Debate Team captain David Trigaux earned an All-American award from the Cross Examination Debate Association. Lois Ricciardi, a graduate student in the Florida Studies program, is the third USFSP student in four years to win the Leland M. Hawes Essay Prize from the Tampa Bay History Center.