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USFSP Earns Carnegie Community Engagement Classification

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (January 5, 2011) – USF St. Petersburg is among the 115 universities in the country selected in 2010 to earn the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The foundation released the 2010 list today.

USF St. Petersburg is among the 311 total institutions in the country to earn the designation from the Carnegie Foundation since the classification was instituted. The classification was achieved through the USF St. Petersburg’s “documented excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement,” according to the foundation, an independent research and policy center.

The classification represents USF St. Petersburg’s collaboration with the larger community for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. Colleges and universities with an institutional focus on community engagement were invited to apply for the classification, first offered in 2006 as part of an extensive restructuring of The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

“Our values as an institution include fostering partnerships that benefit the campus and the community,” said Margaret Sullivan, regional chancellor. “We have a responsibility toward civic well-being and this classification highlights our dedication toward such efforts.”

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