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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (September 23, 2011) – Among public regional universities in the South, USF St. Petersburg ranks at #36 – an impressive placement for the university’s debut ranking in U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges. The 2012 edition of the rankings were released Sept. 13.

“This recognition reflects the significant transformation of USF St. Petersburg since the university earned independent accreditation in 2006,” said Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan. “This institution provides students a unique and special experience within a great University of South Florida System.”

USF St. Petersburg offers master’s level and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a student-centered environment. Recently added programs include undergraduate degrees in health sciences, biology and entrepreneurship and a graduate program in digital journalism and design. Popular undergraduate degree programs include accounting, education, psychology, and finance.

The first regional institution in the USF System with independent accreditation, USFSP distinguishes itself by its urban waterfront location in downtown St. Petersburg and its focus on undergraduate research, civic engagement and small classes.

“Our inclusion in these rankings will help inform prospective students about the opportunities at USF St. Petersburg,” said Norine Noonan, regional vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Our stellar academic programs, outstanding library, and small-campus feel provide the college experience many students seek.”

The U.S. News and World Report rankings methodology considers a variety of factors – peer assessment, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, alumni giving and retention.

For the ranking categories, regional public universities are described as institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate majors and master’s programs, but offer few, if any, doctoral programs.

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