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USF St. Pete's Fall Forecast: Sunny Skies and More Students

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With fewer than two weeks until fall semester begins, USF St. Petersburg’s recruiting efforts continue to strategically shape our enrollment to one more reflective of our peer institutions.

Dean of Enrollment Services Frank Hohengarten, EdD, said there is evidence of our institutional success. “Numbers will continue to fluctuate until the drop and add period concludes, but we are seeing a great response to/from our partnerships, outreach and institutional collaborations.”

- Attendance at freshman summer orientations increased by nearly 50 percent YTD.
- Current enrollment of the institution's fall 2008 freshman class is 60 percent ahead YTD.
- Total student credit hours are 9 percent ahead of last year.

Learning Community at the Doorstep

Student demand to live in Residence Hall One is at an all-time high. With the institution’s third Fall Move-In Day Friday, August 22, USF St. Petersburg residential life staff report 60 percent more student housing contracts than at this time last year.

In fact, students submitted more contracts than available rooms. In tandem with peer universities throughout the state of Florida, overflow plans have been made on campus to accommodate as many students as possible to enjoy the vibrant, on-campus experience.

"The hall is becoming extremely popular to both new freshmen and transfer students," said Regional Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kent Kelso, PhD. He said that housing contracts are substantially higher because students and parents find the residence hall a convenient living learning community where students can be actively involved on campus and live within minutes of classes, the library, the waterfront and downtown entertainment and shopping.

Kelso said, "Parents are realizing that when students live on campus it can mean higher GPAs, a shorter time to graduation and the chance to make lifelong friendships. And then there are those water views."

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