If it weren't for Jennifer Baker, students wouldn't be able to register for their classes online. Scheduling through USF St. Petersburg OASIS is probably one of the more important parts of Jennifer's position as Coordinator for Academic Affairs. But that's not all she does. In fact, if it weren't for Jennifer, a lot of things wouldn't be done. As Coordinator of Academic Affairs, Jennifer works closely with administrators, faculty, and students. She acts as a liaison for the AVP of Academic Affairs, conferring with our Deans and faculty on issues regarding class scheduling, space usage, administrative events, budgets, registration and OASIS, university policies and guidelines—essentially all the areas that fall under Academic Affairs. People on campus know that if they have a problem, more than likely Jennifer has the answer.

Between solving problems, Jennifer keeps the accounting records for Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, SACS, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, and International Affairs. Currently, she is working with Mark Gaulter on developing the Study Abroad programs and the international faculty by helping them with their VISAs and paper work.

After her 9 years of service to USF, Jennifer knows the campus well from an administrative perspective; before joining Academic Affairs, she worked as Office Manager for the Police Department. And she has seen USF from the students' perspective, too; in 2002, Jennifer earned a BS in Business, and she is thinking about pursuing her MBA at our new Bayboro Station business center. She envisions the goal of 10,000+ students by 2008 as a reality and understands that USF St. Petersburg will imprint the community and the whole west coast of Florida in the years to come.

Mission

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive graduate and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a close-knit, student-centered learning community that welcomes individuals from the region, state, nation and world. We conduct wide-ranging, collaborative research to meet society's needs and engage in service projects and partnerships to enhance the university and community’s social, economic and intellectual life. As an integral and complementary part of a multi-campus university, USF St. Petersburg retains a separate identity and mission while contributing to and benefiting from the associations, cooperation and shared resources of a premier national research university.