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USF St. Petersburg ranked among top 30 best public colleges in the South

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U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2013

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (Sept. 12, 2012) — USF St. Petersburg moved up six spots to reach the Top 30 best regional universities in the South in annual rankings by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The 2013 edition of the prestigious [*U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges*](#) was released today.

Being ranked 30th in the South is an extraordinary accomplishment for USF St. Petersburg after debuting at 36th only last year.

“USF St. Petersburg is really on the move,” said Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth. “This is just the latest example of the progress this university has made in recent years. I am proud of our faculty, students and staff for the hard work and dedication that made this happen.”

USF St. Petersburg is a separately accredited institution within the USF System, offering master’s level and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education in a student-centered environment.

New programs this fall include biology, which has attracted 400 students, and an online master’s in digital journalism and design.

Popular undergraduate degree programs include accounting, education, psychology, entrepreneurship and finance.

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

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings methodology considers myriad factors – peer assessment, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, alumni giving and retention. USF St. Petersburg is 67th overall among public and private colleges in the South.