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USFSP College of Business earns prestigious AACSB reaccreditation

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The College of Business leadership (left to right): John Jewell, Program of Accountancy director; Dean Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D.; Alison Watkins, Ph.D., associate dean for graduate and certificate programs; and Robert Thompson, assistant dean for undergraduate programs.

The College of Business at USF St. Petersburg has been reaccredited by AACSB International for business and accounting, a double honor held by 1 percent of business schools around the world.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business is the longest serving and most prestigious global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate and master's degrees in business and accounting.

“The reaccreditation is the culmination of five years of dedicated work by our faculty and staff to assure the high level of quality that exists in our program and in everything we do in the College of Business at USFSP,” said said Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D, dean of the College of Business. “I am extremely proud of the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students in reaching this goal.”

Norine Noonan, Ph.D., vice chancellor for academic affairs, congratulated Dean Ebrahimpour for this rare distinction.

“The reaccreditation reflects the quality of teaching, scholarship and community engagement at the College of Business,” Dr. Noonan said. “All of us at USF St. Petersburg are proud of this achievement.”

AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education. “It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn AACSB Accreditation,” said Robert D. Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Business

schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty, and professional staff must make a commitment to ongoing continuous improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students.”

The College of Business at USF St. Petersburg provides a diverse range of courses incorporating social responsibility, entrepreneurship, e-commerce, financial investments, taxation, cross-cultural management, forensic accounting, and business strategy. The college takes an interdisciplinary approach that develops communication, technology, decision-making and teamwork skills. Minors are available for business students in each of those disciplines and also in health care administration, international business, and legal studies. Students majoring outside of Business may include a minor in entrepreneurship, general business, health care administration or legal studies.

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