

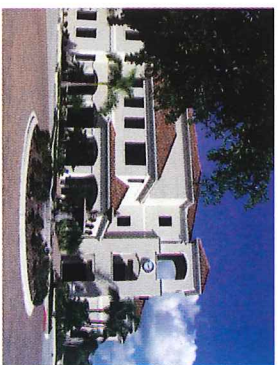
Small Enough to Care; Large Enough to Lead

For more than three decades, the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM) has achieved unparalleled growth. As the hometown comprehensive public university, USF Sarasota-Manatee offers the prestige of a nationally ranked research university and graduates successful leaders who empower Florida's suncoast to thrive locally, nationally and globally. With classes boasting a 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio, there is little wonder enrollment and academic achievement have soared.

USFSM is not just a one-in-a-million university, but it is one-of-a-kind. It is the premier institution for advancement and higher education. It serves the intellectual, educational and workforce needs of our community; is an engine for economic growth and development; and is a catalyst for human growth and leadership. USFSM is an icon that represents the best of who we are as a community and is a comprehensive place for learning, gathering, exploring, creating, solving and innovating.

USF Sarasota-Manatee is doing just that by employing world-class faculty, educating critical thinking students through extensive and diverse academic programs, and graduating alumni who are among the best and brightest of the companies for which they work. The university has over 4,700 students annually and more than 18,000 alumni live and work in the region. Not only does

USFSM make a significant intellectual impact on the community, but the regional economic impact is between \$80 – 90 million.



2010/2011 has been a banner year for USF Sarasota-Manatee. The university has become sep-

arately accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Separate accreditation allows the university to create programming based on the needs of the community and the emerging careers that will develop in the future. USF Sarasota-Manatee will

continue to be a strong part of the USF System, which has an economic impact of over \$3.7 billion.

In August 2010, the university opened a new Instructional Site in North Port and expanded its programs in south Sarasota County. New programs are progressing in areas such as Gerontology, Social Work and Communication Sciences & Disorders.

The university is on the eve of offering Freshmen and Sophomore classes and will be growing enrollments, classes and programs even further. This will not only provide access to a university experience but will keep those students in the community and avoid the brain drain of them not returning to the area.

Community involvement has been at the forefront of the university's priorities, and faculty, students, alumni and staff are dedicated to building partnerships to address community needs. The university continues its partnerships with the Lifelong Learning Academy, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the area Chambers of Commerce and EDCs, the City of North Port, and many more. Additionally, USF Sarasota-Manatee works with community partners to increase the geographic reach of USFSM as well as sharing resources to provide much needed programs. Current and future partnerships include Mote Marine Laboratories, IMG Academics, Manatee Technical Institute (MTI), Out of Door Academy, Hillsborough Community College, and many more.

USF Sarasota-Manatee's vision is to continue to grow enrollments in degree programs, enhance quality faculty while maintaining small class sizes, look for additional graduate opportunities and develop programs that fit community needs, while always having a strong impact on the community. The university will continue to build the momentum that is making USF Sarasota-Manatee an even greater "Unstoppable" force in our community. With so many accomplishments, it's exciting to think of how much the university will achieve in the next 30 years and beyond. This is a one-of-a-kind university for a one-of-a-kind community.

To learn more about USF Sarasota-Manatee visit www.sarasota.usf.edu.