



Florida State University, a graduate research institution, stands among the nation's elite in both academics and athletics.

Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, the university is situated in the heart of the state's capital city. The university's main campus blends Jacobean Revival and modern styles of architecture with the oaks, pines, dogwoods and azaleas of North Florida.

As the university has progressed and grown — from its pre-Civil War beginnings as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, to the Florida State College for Women and, finally, returning to coeducational status as a university in 1947 — it has developed into an acclaimed research institution, a top-ranked competitor in intercollegiate athletics and a standard-setter in the basic sciences and the performing arts.

The university has entered the 21st century with excellence in all areas of its mission — teaching, research and public service, including many noteworthy milestones.

- Beginning in fall 2003, the College of Law will offer its first graduate level law degree program, an LL.M. program for foreign lawyers to gain a better understanding of the United States' legal system.
- In March 2003, the department of dance joined the Association for Dance and Performance Telematics (ADaPT), the nation's only interdisciplinary association that uses video and digital technology to expand the creative possibilities of dance performance into the virtual world.
- In February 2003, the School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts won the first, second and third place awards in the comedy category of the 24th annual Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation College Television Awards. The sweep was a first in the history of the annual student competition.
- In February 2003, FSU and the city of Pembroke Pines entered into a first of its kind agreement to establish a charter school to open in August 2003 that will serve 550 kindergarten through fifth grade students and 50 autistic students.
- In February 2003, English Professor Mark Winegardner was chosen by Random House Publishers over several authors from around the world to write the sequel to Mario Puzo's

"The Godfather." Winegardner hopes to have the book written by the end of 2004.

- In January 2003, the College of Medicine's Center for Health Equity announced the opening of its Gadsden County office, which will focus on racial and ethnic disparity in maternal and child health issues there.
- During the fall 2002 semester, the Office of Graduate Studies began the pilot phase of the university's Electronic Theses/Dissertations Project that will eventually store all such scholarly work digitally in both the FSU University Libraries and the UMI/ProQuest Dissertation Archive, an off-site Library of Congress repository.
- In October 2002, the College of Medicine became the first new allopathic medical school in the country since 1982 to receive the approval of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education — the nationally recognized accrediting authority for education programs leading to the M.D. degree — by being granted initial provisional accreditation.
- In September 2002, FSU installed the IBM eServer p690, nicknamed Eclipse, which is the second phase of a computing system that can now perform 2.5 teraflops (2.5 trillion calculations per second) and is ranked No. 34 among all government, industry and academic supercomputers in the world (ranked by the University of Tennessee and the University of Mannheim in Germany, [www.top500.org](http://www.top500.org)).
- During the fall of 2002, FSU had 204 National Merit Scholars, 74 National Achievement Scholars and 203 Hispanic Scholars enrolled.
- In April 2002, the National Weather Service opened its 121st Weather Forecast Office in a four-story addition to the James J. Love Building, home of the FSU department of meteorology. It is the 14th WFO to be collocated on a university campus and will give FSU meteorology students first-hand experience observing and working with professional meteorologists.
- In April 2002, WFSU-TV was among nine public television stations praised for their involvement with the PBS Ready To Learn service and early childhood literacy by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush during a White House ceremony.
- In February 2002, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced the creation of a \$2.5 million FSU center that will develop the best methods to teach reading, to be headed by Joseph K. Torgesen, the FSU Robert M. Gagne Professor of Psychology and Education who is the nation's leading expert on how children learn to read. The center, which will collaborate with the University of Central Florida, will train teachers in what works.
- In October 2001, FSU began its second capital campaign for private funds. The \$600 million FSU Connect campaign surpassed the halfway mark with \$306 million in May 2002. The university's first capital campaign, An Investment in Learning, closed in January 1998 with \$301 million, surpassing its original \$200 million goal.
- From October to November 2001, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler, an FSU Francis Eppes Professor who holds the Michael Shaara Chair in Creative Writing, was the first author ever to write a short story live on the Internet. Butler allowed the world to watch him write an original short story, keystone for keystone, two hours a day for 19 days.

- In June 2001, NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw donated more than 5,000 collections of World War II memorabilia that had been sent to him as the result of his three-book series on "The Greatest Generation" to the FSU Institute on World War II and the Human Experience. FSU created the institute in 1998 to "save the memories of those who saved the world" by collecting letters, diaries, memoirs and photos from participants in the war effort, in order to preserve the materials for classroom teaching, scholarly research and public viewing.
- In May 2001, FSU welcomed the charter class of its College of Medicine.
- In March 2001, FSU opened the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights that trains undergraduate students from nine FSU colleges and schools to be human rights advocates so they can be placed with international human rights organizations.
- In the blackenterprise.com 2001 "Top Fifty Colleges for African Americans" rankings, FSU was rated 23rd in the nation, up from 26th in 1999.
- In the March-April 2001 issue of National Jurist that rated the nation's "most wired" law schools, the FSU College of Law was ranked 13th.
- At more than \$343.7 million, FSU's endowment has been ranked 127th in the nation by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the benchmark of higher education fundraising success, in 2001.
- In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation classified FSU as a "Research University I," placing it among the nation's top research universities. In 2000, the distinction was renamed "Doctoral/Research University-Extensive."

Under the leadership of FSU's 13th president, T.K. Wetherell, who took office in January 2003, and its 13-member Board of Trustees, the university continues to build on the foundation of its history of excellence in scholarship, research and service. The trustees are: Chairman John Thrasher of Orange Park; Harold Knowles, J. Stanley Marshall and Jim Smith, all of Tallahassee; Emily "June" Duda of Oveido; David Ford of Rosemont, Pa.; Dr. Jessie Furlow of Quincy; Manuel "Manny" Garcia III of Winter Springs; William "Andy" Haggard of Coral Gables; E. Ann McGee of Winter Springs; Derrick Brooks of Tampa; FSU Faculty Senate President Valliere Richard Auzenne and Student Government Association President Patrick Sullivan.

A senior member of the State University System, FSU was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act. It began in Tallahassee with its first class of male students in 1857 and added women in 1858.

FSU's operating budget is \$808 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$150 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research. Three direct-support organizations serve to bolster the university: the Seminole Boosters, the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Foundation.

The main campus is spread over 463.4 acres in Tallahassee; FSU, which has one of the smallest campuses in the SUS, has been actively acquiring land in the 1990s. FSU encompasses 1,423.2 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Gadsden and Sarasota counties.

Within the state, the university maintains facilities at its 25-acre campus in Panama City, its Marine Laboratory at Turkey Point on the Gulf of Mexico, the Appleton Museum in Ocala and the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. The Center for Professional Development and Public Service, housed in the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida Conference Center on the edge of the campus, provides extensive credit and non-credit continuing education programs statewide.

For years, FSU has reached far beyond Florida through international programs in Switzerland, France, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Russia, Vietnam, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Ireland, South Africa, Ghana and the Caribbean. FSU's student centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe.

Florida State offers 300 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its nine colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Education; Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University); Human Sciences; Law; Medicine; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin O'D Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) — and eight schools — Criminology and Criminal Justice; Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre; and Visual Arts and Dance.

With 2,043 members, the FSU faculty has included 10 National Academy of Sciences elected members, four American Academy of Arts and Sciences members and five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 5,262 administrative and support staff members.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.5 million book titles and 6.8 million microforms. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozier Library, is linked by computer to other state university and national research libraries. The Paul A.M. Dirac Science Library is located at the heart of the university's science research complex. FSU also maintains music, library science and law libraries, and the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library.

FSU's 6,605 graduate students pursue advanced degrees in fields as diverse as business administration and theoretical particle physics. A majority of research done at FSU is the direct result of student effort, culminating in numerous books, monographs and journal articles relating to the whole spectrum of intellectual interests and the practical needs of society.

Of FSU's 36,683-student population, 56 percent are female, 44 percent are male, 23.5 percent are minorities, and 4 percent are foreign students.

### **University Facts**

**BACKGROUND:** The Florida State University is one of eleven units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education... It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1851 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857... Its Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state... In 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College... In 1909, it was renamed Florida State College for Women... In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to The Florida State University... It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment

of 35,562 in the Fall Semester 2001.

**ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2002):** Total, 36,683...76.5% undergrad, 17.8% grad, 5.7% unclassified...74.7% in-state...93.2% from the United States... students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance...19 states contributed over 100 students each...12 foreign countries contributed over 50 students each...male, 44%...female, 56%...minority, 23%...international, 4%.

**ACREAGE:** Main Campus: 463.4 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,423.2 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties...Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

**COLLEGES/PROGRAMS:** FSU has 17 major academic divisions: the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Law, Medicine, and Social Science; and the Schools of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Film (Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts), Information Studies, Music, Nursing, Social Work, Theatre, and Visual Arts and Dance.

**OPERATING BUDGET (2002-03):**  
\$808,667,563

**DEGREE PROGRAMS:** As of November 2001, the university offers: 96 degree programs at the Bachelor's degree level; 100 degree programs at the Master's degree level; 30 degree programs at the Advanced Master's/Specialist level; 72 degree programs at the Doctoral degree level; 2 degree programs at the Professional level.

**DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2001-02:**  
Bachelor, 5,912...Masters, 1,553...Doctorate, 248...Specialist, 94...Judge Doctorate, 227, Total, 8,034

**ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2001):** The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.5-4.1; SAT score 1110-1290, ACT score 23-28.

**RETENTION RATE:** First year, 100%...second year, 83.5%...third year, 72.9%...fourth year, 69.6%.

**FACULTY/STAFF:** Full time ...Part time ...Total 2,043...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs...FSU's faculty has included five dynamic Nobel Laureates: 10 members elected to National Academy of Sciences...four members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES:** Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences...The balance of programs is based on FSU's long tradition as a leading liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues...FSU is the most wired campus in Florida, and

has been recently ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life...In 1998, IBM hired 29 FSU graduates and not just business graduates but also English majors for help in web development and design...Revlon, which recruits primarily at five schools nationwide, expanded in 1998 to include FSU as its sixth school.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD:** FSU is the recognized leader in international education within the State University System of Florida...FSU gives students the opportunity to see the world, while still attaining their college education...FSU's International programs allow students to travel overseas to participate in formal programs in places like Europe, South America, and Asia.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** FSU has nearly 300 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

**FINANCIAL AID:** FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need-based and merit-based...Over \$160 million is given away for financial assistance each year.

**STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO:** 23-1...Many of the general education classes are large lecture classes, however, over 80 percent of major classes have less than 40 students.

**RESEARCH:** Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research institution in both the sciences and the humanities...Private foundations, industries, and government agencies all provide funding to support research at FSU...In 1994, Florida State was accorded the status of Research I University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an elite distinction that recognizes the university's strengths in doctoral programs and federal funding.

**SPONSORED RESEARCH (2001-02):**  
\$149,133,787

**LIBRARY HOLDINGS:** The Libraries of Florida State are: Strozier Library, Dirac Science Library, Warren D. Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Teaching Laboratory Library, Pepper

Library, and the FSU Law Library...The Number of Volumes, 2,522,954; Current Serials, 19,309 Microforms Held, 6,872,780; Government Documents, 962,265; Computer Files, 14,837; Manuscripts and Archives (linear feet), 4,352.

## FAMOUS ALUMNI

**RITA COOLIDGE** Rita Coolidge is a two-time Grammy Award winner. She has worked with Joe Cocker (backup singer and soloist) on his "Mad Dog and Englishman" tour. She has also toured and recorded with the likes of Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Leon Russell and Stephen Stills. Coolidge co-wrote "Superstar" which was a huge hit for the Carpenters.

**LEE CORSO** Lee Corso, College football Analyst for ESPN. Corso joined ESPN in 1987 after 28 years of football coaching experience at the college and professional levels – including 17 seasons as a head coach – serves as a game analyst for the Thursday night telecasts and as a studio analyst for College GameDay and the half-time and scoreboard shows. He is a

### 10 Leading States of Origin (Enrollment)

Florida	27,933
Georgia	977
Virginia	410
Texas	401
New York	313
Pennsylvania	383
North Carolina	263
Illinois	244
Alabama	241
California	203

member of the FSU Hall of Fame, received four varsity letters in both football and baseball at FSU.

**PAUL GLEASON** A teammate of Burt Reynolds, is a very successful actor who has played a number of memorable roles including that of Clarence Beaks, the maligned courier of crop reports in "Trading Places" and the assistant principal in "The Breakfast Club."

**BARBARA HARRIS** Barbara Harris is currently the Editor-In-Chief of SHAPE Magazine, the largest national monthly health and fitness publication for women in the United States. SHAPE has a current circulation of 808,634 and over 2.2 million readers. Harris, who lettered in volleyball at FSU from 1974-77, frequently appears on national and local television, radio talk shows, and is interviewed regularly by the newspaper media, sharing her experience in the areas of exercise, health, wellness, and women's issues.

**TRAYLOR HOWARD** Traylor Howard, an actress best known for her role as "Sharon" in the hit TV Series "Two Guys and a Girl" (ABC). Howard appeared in more than 30 national commercials before winning the role of Joy on the comedy series "Boston Commons." Her feature film credits include "Me, Myself & Irene," with Jim Carey (2000), "Dirty Work," and "Confessions of a Sexist Pig."

**GABRIELLE REECE** Gabrielle Reece is best known for her career in volleyball and as a model. Reece began modeling in 1989 and has appeared on the covers of Women's Sports & Fitness, Outside, SHAPE, Elle, Life and others. She is internationally recognized as a top fashion model and spokesperson for several companies, including Nike. Reece has co-wrote a book with Karen Karbo (July 1997) about her life as a pro volleyball player "Big Girl in the Middle" and writes a column for Women's Sports & Fitness.

**BURT REYNOLDS** Academy award nominee and Golden Globe winner, Burt Reynolds has enjoyed enormous success as an actor and director in feature films, television and stage productions. Some of Burt's most prominent films include: "Mystery Alaska", "Striptease", "Citizen Ruth", "Deliverance", "Stroker Ace", "Smokey and the Bandit" and many more. Reynolds also starred in the hit television series "Evening Shade".

**Dr. TONEA STEWART** Dr. Tonea Stewart is a professional actress, tenured Professor and Director of Theatre Arts at Alabama State University. As an actor, Dr. Stewart is best known for her recurring role in "In the Heat of the Night" as Aunt Etta Kibbe. Dr. Stewart also had roles in John Grisham's film "A Time To Kill" portraying Samuel L. Jackson's wife. She won an NAACP Image Award nomination as best supporting actress in 1997. Dr. Stewart was the first African American female to receive a doctorate from the FSU School of Theatre and the first McKnight Doctoral Fellow in Theatre Arts.

**NORM THAGARD** Former NASA Astronaut, Norm Thagard was a mission specialist on STS-7 in 1983 on Orbiter Challenger, the flight engineer on STS-51B in 1985, also aboard Challenger and STS-30 in 1989, on Orbiter Atlantis. He also served as the payload commander on STS-42 in 1992, aboard the Shuttle Discovery and was the cosmonaut researcher on the Russian Mir 18 mission in 1995, which required he live and train at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center at Star City, Russia for more than one year prior to the mission. He logged over 140 days in space during five space flights.

**DELANE MATTHEWS** DeLane Matthews is an actress best known for her role as Beth Barry on "Dave's World" a television sitcom that aired on CBS 1993-1997. She has worked in regional theatre, on the New York Stage, in film and in television. DeLane has also appeared in the daytime soaps, "Guiding Light" and "Ryan's Hope" for five years. Some of her other roles have included: "The Fugitive" (2001), "Evasive Action" (1998), "From the Earth to the Moon" (1998), "Every Woman's Dream" (1996).

#### *Other Distinguished Alumni:*

**Paul Azinger**, professional golfer

**Alan Ball**, award-winning writer, received the 1999 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for "American Beauty"

**John W. Bradley**, actor, "The New Adventures of Robin Hood"

**Clifton Campbell**, playwright

**Davis Gaines**, performer, "The Phantom of the Opera"

**Jane Geddes**, professional golfer

**Parris Glendening**, Governor of Kentucky

**Hubert Green**, professional golfer

**Tara Dawn Holland Christensen**, Miss America 1997

**Linda Keever**, Editor in Chief Florida Trend Magazine

**Tony LaRussa**, Manager, St. Louis Cardinals

**John Marks**, Tallahassee Mayor

**Michael Piontek**, actor

**Henry Polic**, actor

**Charles G. Rex**, New York Philharmonic

**Victor Rivers**, actor and spokesperson for The National Network To End Domestic Violence

**Stephen J. Rothman**, theatre director

**Winston Scott**, former NASA astronaut

**Steven Sears**, writer and producer

**Randy Ser**, theatrical director

**Sonny Shroyer**, actor, "The Dukes of Hazard"

**Dr. Valint Vazsonyi**, international concert pianist

**Claudia Waite**, award-winning soprano

**Ellen Taaffe Zwilich**, award-winning composer

**Linda Zoghby**, opera singer

