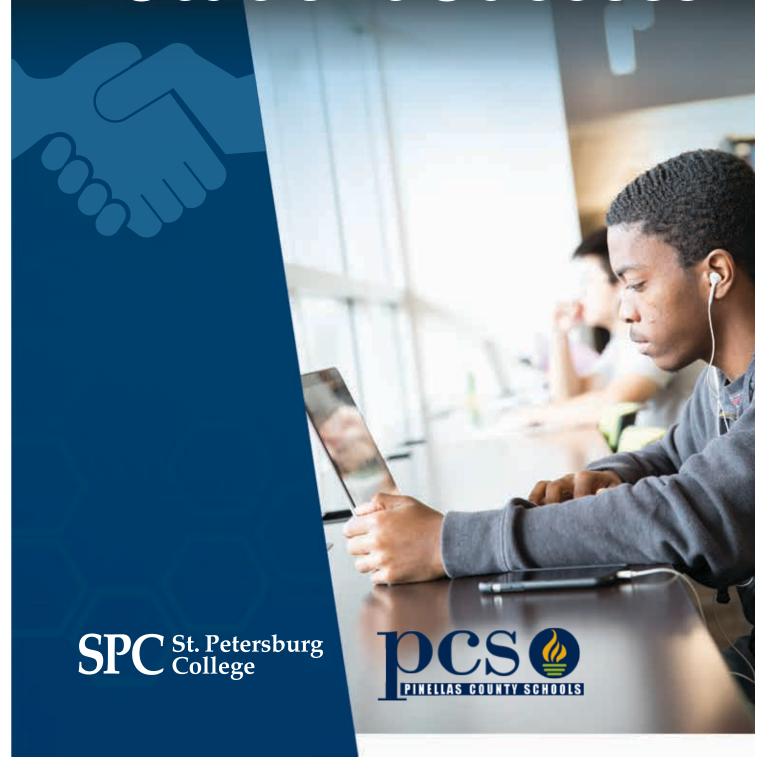
St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools

# Partnering for Student Success



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello!

At St. Petersburg College, we hold dear three "visionary commitments": Academic Excellence, Economic Mobility and Community Engagement. By providing a first-rate education, we give our students a chance for a better livelihood – and life. All of this is made possible through our strong partnerships and deep relationships in our community. By uniting for a common purpose, we ensure all students – K-20 – have an equal chance of success.



Still today, we are a leader in teacher education in the Tampa Bay area. Our College of Education offers multiple degrees and certifications with robust curriculum and practical, on-the-job experience to ensure our graduates are ready to meet the needs of today's classrooms. And year after year, finalists (and even winners) of Outstanding Educator of the Year are SPC graduates.

Our commitment to education is also shown through innovative initiatives like our involvement in "educational ecosystems," our STEM-focused programs, and our accelerated learning programs for local high school students.

At SPC, we are fortunate to have such strong partnerships with Pinellas County Schools, local nonprofits and businesses that support our efforts. We are especially thankful to work with our esteemed partners at Pinellas County Schools, including 2018 Florida Superintendent of the Year Michael Grego!

We look forward to continued accomplishments, achieved together, to support student success in our region.

Thank you,

Dr. Jonpia Williams

Tonjua Williams, PhD President, St. Petersburg College



## Snapshot of SPC students in Fall 2017

- Student enrollment 44.006
- Part-time students 74.1%
- Students 24 and under 52.9%
- Students who are female 60.2%
- Students seeking an associate degree – 53.5%
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree – 33.4%

## About St. Petersburg College

SPC provides the support students need to succeed in college and in the workplace. Here are some of the reasons Pinellas County graduates choose SPC:

- Free tutoring and career and academic advising
- The St. Petersburg College Foundation awarded \$1.7 million in scholarships to 2.410 students
- Tuition at half the cost of state universities
- Wide selection of over 100 industry-based degrees
- Eleven convenient locations throughout Pinellas County
- Fully accredited online and campus-based programs



#### A MESSAGE FROM DR. GREGO

Pinellas County Schools is dedicated to growing greatness in every student and preparing students for college, career and life. We provide students with more options than ever to reach their highest potential.

Our academic offerings include 70 magnet programs, which are complemented by a wide array of extracurricular programs that include nationally recognized art and music programs. Every student selects a pathway that helps ensure they take the courses they need to achieve their goals.

We are emerging as a national leader in career education, technology and teacher recruitment.

Much of our success as a district and the success of our students is due to strong partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits and individuals. One of our longest standing and most valuable partnerships is with St. Petersburg College. We've collaborated with SPC for more than nine decades and that relationship has blossomed to provide numerous opportunities for students and the community as a whole. A few of our many partnerships include:

- Dual enrollment programs that enable students to earn high school and college credit in academic and workforce programs.
- The Early College Program, which allows qualified 11th-graders to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree.
- Programs that help elementary, middle and high school students to succeed academically and prepare for college.
- Programs that train students to become highly qualified teachers with career opportunities in Pinellas County Schools.

Each year, Pinellas County Schools and St. Petersburg College explore ways to improve educational experiences for students. I am excited to collaborate with SPC President Dr. Tonjua Williams, who was recently recognized as one of the top women in higher education in the nation. We are committed to working together to serve Pinellas students and provide growing opportunities for their success.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Grego, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools

## Pinellas County Schools

- 101,000 students Pre-K to 12th grade
- 8th largest district in state
- 28th largest district in nation
- 16,000 employees
- Nationally accredited by AdvanceD

#### Pinellas County Schools graduates choose SPC

In 2017, 32% of Pinellas County high school graduates made SPC their college of choice.

2017 Pinellas County high school graduates at St. Petersburg College			
High Schools	2017 PCS Seniors	SPC Fall Enrollment	% of Graduates
Boca Ciega	329	85	25.8%
Clearwater	304	112	36.8%
Countryside	361	130	36.0%
Dixie Hollins	315	88	27.9%
Dunedin	306	116	37.9%
East Lake	497	138	27.8%
Gibbs	237	54	22.8%
Lakewood	218	43	19.7%
Largo	315	99	31.4%
Northeast	344	114	33.1%
Osceola	368	144	39.1%
Palm Harbor University	546	170	31.1%
Pinellas Park	386	139	36.0%
Seminole	441	167	37.9%
St. Petersburg	402	80	19.9%
Tarpon Springs	288	104	36.1%
Totals	5657	1783	31.5%

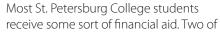
2017 PCS seniors with standard diplomas enrolled at SPC in 2017



### Using data to inform student success

St. Petersburg College's Pulse Business Intelligence system (Pulse BI) allows college employees to quickly access information required to make decisions to improve student success. It compiles data from across the college into a centralized repository so that the same standard information is available to end-users and key stakeholders across the college. Data can be analyzed through multiple views, from an overall institutional level down to the campus or program level. The new data analysis system will allow SPC to better serve its current students and plan for the needs of future students.

### Helping Pinellas County students fund their education





our most popular scholarships enabled 94 Pinellas County high school students to attend college. In addition to those programs, the St. Petersburg College Foundation awarded 1.7 million in scholarships to 2,410 students in FY 2017.

#### Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Scholars program

SPC offers Johnnie Ruth Clarke Scholarships to Pinellas County high school graduates with a weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. Awarded in honor of Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke, a community activist and the first African American to receive a doctorate from the University of Florida's College of Education, this scholarship covers tuition for up to 12 credit hours per term for two consecutive years immediately following high school graduation. During the 2016-17 year, SPC provided 50 students with first-year scholarships totaling \$94,764.00, with an average award of \$1,895.28 per student. **go.spcollege.edu/johnnieruthclarke** 

#### **Presidential Scholarships**

The St. Petersburg College Presidential Scholarship recognizes outstanding achievement among Pinellas County high school students. Students from public, private and parochial schools, as well as home schooled students who have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.5, are eligible to apply. The scholarship covers tuition for up to 60 credit hours. Presidential scholars are also automatically accepted into the SPC Honors Program. During the 2016-17 year, SPC provided 44 students with first-year scholarships totaling \$126,665, with an average award of \$2,878.76 per student. **go.spcollege.edu/scholars** 

#### Student awards

#### Dr. Mac J. Williams Senior Excellence Awards

More than 500 African-American students in Pinellas County Schools grades 10-12 are recognized for their academic excellence during the school year. Students are invited to an awards program at the college in February.

#### Dr. Vilma Fernandez-Zalupski Academic Excellence Awards

More than 500 Hispanic/Latino students in Pinellas County Schools grades 10-12 are recognized for their academic excellence during the school year. Students are invited to an awards program at the college in October.

## College of Education

#### **Preparing future teachers**

The College of Education at St. Petersburg College is committed to preparing qualified and caring teachers to fill open positions in our local schools.

www.spcollege.edu/education

## Elite Educator Program trains teachers to be the best

The Elite Educator Program, a collaboration between SPC and Pinellas County Schools, changes the way teachers learn to teach. Students in the program take courses in child and adolescent development, teaching students with exceptionalities, and curriculum integration. They also make more classroom visits, work with a mentor and attend monthly seminars. Graduates of the four-year program earn a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (K-6) with an endorsement in ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Reading. The first Elite Educator class graduated in spring 2018!

Graduates of the Elite Educator program receive:

- **Employment:** A job with Pinellas County Schools upon completion of a PCS internship
- **Paid internship:** Monetary incentives upon completion of a PCS internship

www.spcollege.edu/elite

#### **Online Elementary Education Degree**

SPC offers an Elementary Education Degree with reading and ESOL endorsements, with all coursework completed fully online. With administrative approval, students working in the education field (e.g., a paraprofessional) can complete their field experience hours where they work. For additional information, contact Pat Roper, roper.pat@spcollege.edu or Pam Wilkins, wilkins.pam@spcollege.edu.





### **Outstanding Alumni**

St. Petersburg College consistently produces award-winning, outstanding educators, like these:



Jenni Herman
Elementary Education
2018 Top 10 Finalist
Pinellas County Schools Outstanding
Educator of the Year



**Kristen Lintz**Elementary Education
2017 Nominee
National LifeChanger of the Year



**Katelyn Pilsbury**Florida Exceptional Student
Education
2013 Rookie Teacher of the Year



**Tracy Staley**Elementary Education
2011 Pinellas County Teacher of the Year

## Grad Spotlight:



#### **Deniann Grant**

Deniann Grant is taking the leadership skills she learned at SPC and impacting students and teachers in her role as Manager in Teacher Leadership Development with Teach for America.

A 2016 finalist for Teach for America's national Sue Lehmann Teaching and Learning Fellowship, Deniann was one of 25 teachers nationwide recognized for the impact they have made on the academic and personal growth of their students.

"I really believe in Teach for America's mission of giving all children a chance to have an excellent education," she said. "As a classroom community, we have been able to build a very strong sense of connection with our students. It is important for me to be someone in a child's life that they can look back on and see as impactful."

Grant credits the leadership training she received while a student at SPC to much of her success today.

"Because I had people believe in me at St. Petersburg College, I was always involved in leadership training. When I think about my identity and how I interact with people and other professionals, I realize that I learned the gist of that at SPC."

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## **College of Education**

#### Florida certification

#### Non-education majors

The Educator Preparation Institute is an alternative certification program for students with a non-education bachelor's degree or higher. Education curriculum, field experiences, and internships are combined in an accelerated, three-semester format that provides a rich, intensive learning experience. Students who complete the three-term cycle are eligible to obtain Florida's Professional Teaching Certificate.

#### ■ Temporary to full certification

This program is for employed teachers on a temporary certificate who need to complete education courses to obtain professional certification.

#### ■ Renewal and reinstatement

SPC offers coursework to former teachers who want to reinstate an expired certificate and to current certified teachers who need credit hours to renew their permanent certificate.

#### Autism courses leading to endorsement

SPC offers 12 credits that address the competencies and requirements for the Florida Autism Endorsement.

#### Career Pathway for Early Childhood Educators/Preschool Teachers

Our programs in Early Childhood Education follow a pathway to prepare students to work effectively with early learners (birth to age 4) and their families in both the public and private sectors. We offer an Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate and a Preschool Specialization Certificate, which are part of our A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. Both meet the education requirement for the National CDA. Students may choose to continue with our Bachelor of Science, Educational Studies & Community Leadership – Early Childhood Education subplan. This plan meets the requirement for lead teacher in a Head Start classroom, as well as private and nonprofit accredited programs.

#### Educational Interpreting track for Educational Studies & Community Leadership B.S.

The College of Education is now offering an exciting, newly-revised degree. The Educational Studies & Community Leadership degree provides students a unique undergraduate education experience designed to meet the needs of individuals who wish to function in an education, youth, family, health, or human services setting, such as business and industry, non-licensure education settings, religious, youth & family community settings, non-profits, human resources, and advocacy groups.

#### **Advisory Committees**

Through SPC's College of Education Advisory Committees, leaders in local school districts, early childhood agencies, and youth and community development organizations help the College of Education prepare graduates to meet workforce needs.

## SPC partnerships help students accelerate degree progress

Demand for dual enrollment courses at St. Petersburg College continues to increase among Pinellas County high school students. This popular program provides an invaluable service to students by reducing time to degree completion and saving money for both the students and the state. **www.spcollege.edu/PCSpartners** 

Among the programs that offer dual credit are:

#### **Dual Enrollment**

St. Petersburg College offers college classes to qualified public, private and home-educated middle and high school students in Pinellas County. These courses give students credits toward a high school diploma and a college degree. Courses are available on most SPC campuses, local high school campuses and online.

#### **Eligibility**

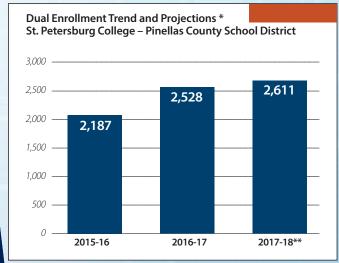
Students enrolled in grades 6-12 in Pinellas County Schools are eligible. To enroll, students must have:

- A 3.0 unweighted cumulative high school GPA for academic classes (or subject area to be studied at SPC)
- A 2.0 unweighted cumulative high school GPA for career classes (or subject area to be studied at SPC)
- Satisfactory scores on SPC's college placement test (PERT), SAT, or ACT



#### **Future Educators Program**

Pinellas County Schools is partnering with St. Petersburg College to prepare teachers for rewarding careers in the school district. In the Future Educators Program, Pinellas high school students complete education-related dualenrollment courses that give students credits toward a high school diploma and a college degree. Students interested in becoming elementary school teachers can enroll in SPC's Elite Educator Program. If they successfully complete the four-year program, they will have the opportunity to participate in a paid internship and receive a contract with the school district upon completion of the internship.



Source: State Reported Data - Student Database Submission files (OA-2)

- \* Excludes students in home and private schools.
- \*\* Projected annual enrollment based on current data.

## SPC partnerships help students accelerate degree progress

#### St. Petersburg Collegiate High School

St. Petersburg Collegiate High School (SPCHS) is a public charter school operated by St. Petersburg College at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus for students in grades 10-12. This accelerated program provides motivated students with the opportunity to simultaneously earn a high school diploma, an Associate in Arts degree, optional Career and Professional Education Act certification, and qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship. SPCHS provides a variety of clubs, school-sponsored extracurricular activities, and a leadership program so students enjoy a well-rounded high school experience. Applicants with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 and qualifying PERT scores are selected for admission through a random lottery.

#### 2016-17 Highlights

- Named 2017 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School
- One of "America's Top High Schools 2016," ranking by Newsweek -#2 in Florida
- Designated as a 2017 School of Excellence by the state of Florida
- Designated an "A" school since opening in 2005 and a High Performing Charter School since 2011 by state of Florida
- 2017 high school graduation rate was 100%; the AA degree rate was 98%
- 79 seniors were awarded over \$3.2 million dollars in scholarships
- Recognized by Junior Achievement with their Outstanding Achievement Award
- 12,900 hours of service performed by SPCHS seniors

In Fall 2019, SPC will open doors to a new collegiate high school in north county at the Tarpon Springs Campus. Student admission requirements, services and activities will mirror that of the collegiate high school at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.



The Early Admission Program is a partnership program between St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools. Qualified high school seniors take courses that fulfill graduation requirements and earn 30+ college credits toward an associate degree, with an option to earn CAPE Industry Certification.

#### **Eligibility**

- Completed three years of high school with a minimum of 18 credits
- Satisfactory scores on SPC's college placement test (PERT), SAT or ACT
- A 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA for all high school work attempted
- Completed the high school physical education (HOPE), geometry, and world history requirements
- Have met all standardized state assessment requirements





#### **Early College**

The Early College Program is a partnership between St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools that provides qualified public, private and home-educated students entering 11th grade with the opportunity to attend SPC full-time to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an A.A. degree, along with an option for CAPE Industry Certification.

#### **Eligibility**

- Must have a 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA
- Must have satisfactory scores on SPC's college placement test (PERT), SAT or ACT
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours each term, leading to simultaneous completion of the high school diploma and the Associate in Arts degree



#### **Partnerships with Pinellas Technical College**

Pinellas County Schools operates Pinellas Technical College, which has campuses in Clearwater and St. Petersburg that offer 65 career preparation programs. Each campus is individually accredited by the Council on Occupational Education, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and AdvanceED. There are 11 articulation agreements that give PTC students opportunities to earn free college credits for Associate in Science degrees at SPC. Options range from automotive technology, cabinet making and drafting, to dental assisting, medical coding and licensed practical nursing. PTC has a network of more than 250 business and industry partners that guide programs to ensure that PTC is preparing students for the 21st Century workforce. PTC and SPC continue to collaborate to offer career and degree programs that meet the needs of the Pinellas economy. The latest collaboration is a new mechatronics and electromechanical

#### **Articulated Credit**

technician training program.

Pinellas County students can receive free college credits for high school and technical programs through a partnership between St.

Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools. Some eligible high school career and technical education (CTE) programs include Business Administration, Applied Cybersecurity, Digital Design, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technology, Physical Therapy Assistant and Veterinary Technology. Starting in Fall 2018, the free credits may be applied to any program at SPC. For a complete list of eligible high school CTE programs, visit www.spcollege.edu/connect.

#### **Auto-Transcript College Credit**

Academy College Credit supplements traditional dual enrollment and streamlines the process of articulating credits, creating avenues for greater success. SPC broadened the program's scope to include auto-articulations for additional Career Academy programs, supporting widespread access to college and high-wage careers. This initiative's success has driven the program's next steps, in which Pinellas County Schools and SPC are working to auto-transcript college credit for multiple high-volume programs in four key Career Academies — Health, Engineering, Manufacturing and Building Arts, Education, and Technology. Transcript credits may transfer to any institution in the state of Florida, widening the path of choices for students in Pinellas County.

www.spcollege.edu/connect

## Arts partnerships

#### **Digital Media**

St. Petersburg College's Digital Media program sponsors tours and information sessions at the SPC Seminole campus, where students learn about the program's five sub-plans and tour classrooms and studios. Digital Media faculty and Career Services professionals also work with fifth-grade classes during Career Week and discuss possible careers in Digital Media. The Pinellas County High Schools participate each April through August in a showcased gallery exhibit called The State of the Digital Arts Show (SODA), featured in the Artway Gallery on the Seminole campus. Each spring, Pinellas County High School students submit digital entries to the Semmy Awards Show.

#### **Calyx Schenecker Art Infinitum**

Each year, SPC hosts the Calyx Schenecker Art Infinitum, which is a Pinellas County Schools High School Juried Art Exhibit and Reception at the Clearwater Campus Crossroads Gallery. SPC faculty judge the entries.

#### **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**

SPC faculty annually judge the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for Pinellas County teens in grades 7-12. Students apply for their chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published for a national audience.

#### **Music and MIRA Partnerships**

The SPC Music and MIRA programs have partnered with the Florida Music Education Association to host the popular Crossover Music Festival, as well as the Pinellas All-County Guitar Festival. Additionally, the St Petersburg/Gibbs campus has hosted the Tampa Bay Area Chapter of the Orff Society, an organization dedicated to continuing education for music teachers in K-12 public school settings. The St. Petersburg/Gibbs campus and the SPC Music and MIRA programs have also partnered with the City of St. Petersburg and Lakewood High School to produce a fundraiser CD for the Lakewood Jazz Band to travel to perform at Lincoln Center and the Apollo Theater in NYC.

#### **Thespian Festival at Clearwater Campus**

More than 750 students from all Pinellas County high schools and four private high schools participate annually in the Florida Thespians District 4 Festival each December at the Clearwater campus. The one-act play festival features productions every 40 minutes from each thespian troupe. SPC Theater faculty serve as judges for this event.



#### **Faculty serve as advisors**

Several SPC Fine Arts faculty serve as advisors or as members of advisory committees in various career programs in Pinellas County Schools, including the Graphic Arts academies at Dixie Hollins and Osceola Fundamental high schools, the FAME Academy of Fine Arts & Media Education at Clearwater High School and the Performing Arts Academy at East Lake High School.

## Community outreach

St. Petersburg College is committed to helping local students succeed. Focused on elementary, middle and high school students, SPC community outreach programs:

- Motivate students to pursue a college degree
- Prepare students for academic success
- Help more students graduate from high school and college



#### **College Reach-Out Program (CROP)**

The College Reach-Out Program motivates and prepares Pinellas County middle and high school students to succeed in college. CROP students face academic and economic challenges that make it difficult for them to apply to college without special support. The program provides much-needed services and benefits:

- An academic needs assessment
- Workshops on study skills and test-taking strategies
- Instruction in math and reading comprehension
- Academic, personal, and career counseling
- Training in cultural diversity and opportunities to attend cultural activities
- Referrals to appropriate school services for enhancing academic skills

#### www.spcollege.edu/crop

#### **Center of Excellence**

The SPC Center of Excellence works with Pinellas County elementary, middle and high school students to help them succeed in school and have healthy self-esteem. Students in this program benefit from:

- Development workshops
- Educational and cultural field trips
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Career exploration seminars
- Educational resources
- College tours

Center of Excellence students can participate in:

- National Achiever Society (NAS) program
- Brain Bowl Competitions: Black History & Cultural Brain Bowl, Mathematics, Word Wizard and Oratorical
- Academic Enrichment Centers with community-based programs for after-school tutoring and cultural activities
- Parent Association involvement

www.spcollege.edu/centerofexcellence

#### **FAFSA Events**

SPC's Financial Assistance Services partners with Pinellas County Schools to host and assist with events that focus on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These outreach events typically run from November through March and help provide a much-needed service in our community for families in need of financial assistance. By filing early, students get faster results and have a better chance to qualify for limited funding that is granted on a first-come, firstserved basis.

## **Summer programs**

St. Petersburg College and community partners host affordable summer camps and programs for elementary, middle and high school students. www.spcollege.edu/summerprograms

#### **Career Connections Training**

Each summer, St. Petersburg College
has the pleasure of facilitating a four-day
training for Pinellas County public, private,
and charter high schools teams. Participants
visit each SPC campus and learn from SPC
teams about career and technical education
programs, baccalaureate programs, articulation
agreements, educational ecosystems, student
services, and much more. Upon completion of the training,
participants earn a Regional Champion for Student Success at SPC
certificate of completion.





## **Cecil B. Keene Summer Enrichment program**

The Cecil B. Keene Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at SPC Midtown is designed to support the academic achievement of middle and high school students during the summer months in an effort to reinforce academic skills and provide a smooth transition into the next grade level of study. Interested students must apply and be accepted into the Cecil B. Keene (SEP) program.

Students have the opportunity to:

- Tour colleges and universities
- Learn study and test-taking strategies
- Explore careers
- Earn college credit (11th-grade students only)
- Strengthen skills essential to success in college
- Develop creative and critical thinking skills
- Learn life and time management techniques
- Develop effective interpersonal communication skills

## Junior Achievement Professional Opportunities program

This partnership program with Junior Achievement, the Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas County Schools and now Career Source Pinellas provides a summer academic academy for incoming 10th- and 11th-graders at Gibbs and Boca Ciega high schools. The goal is to prepare them to take the College Placement Test.



#### **Operation Graduate**

Operation Graduate provides at-risk middle and high school students with a path to higher education and equips youth with the skills to help them develop a foundation for success. In addition, high school juniors accepted in the program can apply for Dual Enrollment classes at SPC.

Operation Graduate is a partnership between the United Way Suncoast, the Clearwater Police Department, Pinellas County Schools and SPC.





#### **Summer of Success**

The Summer of Success (SOS) Program is a six-week "introduction to college" program for graduating seniors from Pinellas County high schools. This program is offered through the Social & Behavioral Sciences on the Clearwater, Seminole, St. Petersburg/Gibbs, and Tarpon Springs campuses. Through this program, students can:

- Attend SPC on a scholarship
- Earn three college credits
- Improve English, reading and math readiness skills
- Explore various career opportunities
- Become familiar with their SPC campus and resources
- Visit different businesses and industries
- Meet new friends

Included in the program is a scholarship that covers the college application fee, tuition for three credit hours, lab fees and textbooks.

### Other opportunities

#### Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

St. Petersburg College's Bay Pines STEM Center is now open! The learning complex is a versatile waterfront eco-space adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway and situated on the Hurricane Hole ecosystem. The facility supports STEM learning for SPC students as well as students from local public and private middle, high schools and other higher education institutions. The STEM Center includes the equipment and technology to study and explore the surrounding habitats while also providing an innovative, inclusive hub for a variety of STEM opportunities in the community.



#### **School counselor resources**

SPC maintains a web page for Pinellas County school counselors to pull together all the resources counselors need to help their students prepare for and transition to college.

www.spcollege.edu/schoolcounselor



#### **Study Abroad**

Since 2009, SPC's Center for International Programs has organized a Study Abroad program for local high school students who are in SPC's Collegiate High School, Dual Enrollment and Early College programs. These programs not only offer high school students international immersion experiences, but also include service learning opportunities that count toward high school Bright Futures requirements.

www.spcollege.edu/studyabroad

#### **Collaborative Labs**

Collaborative Labs specializes in the design, facilitation and documentation of highly interactive and dynamic meetings, and has facilitated more than 2,000 strategic planning engagements for private sector, government,

education and nonprofit organizations. In addition, Collaborative Labs has become a trusted and respected "go-to partner" to plan for and resolve critical, high-impact issues facing our state, region and county. The process enables maximum participation to identify areas of consensus on a shared strategic vision and priorities.

www.collaborativelabs.com



#### **International Students**

SPC hosts international students from around the world, including those who have graduated from local Pinellas County high schools. SPC offers comprehensive services and many opportunities for international students to become immersed in campus and community life.

www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/international-students



#### **Global Classrooms Model United Nations**

SPC's Social and Behavioral Sciences Department partners with the Foundation for Leadership and Pinellas County Schools to host a Model United Nations Conference for Pinellas County middle and high school students. SPC Model United Nations students facilitate conference committee meetings while middle school students are assigned a country and debate global issues and draft solutions to problems. Award-winning Model UN team members lead the committees and the conference for a wonderful collaborative experience.



St. Petersburg College has teamed up with Pinellas County educators, and business, community and faith-based leaders to create "Educational Ecosystems" for K-12 students to prepare them for success in school and life. SPC is currently involved in educational ecosystems spanning from south St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs.

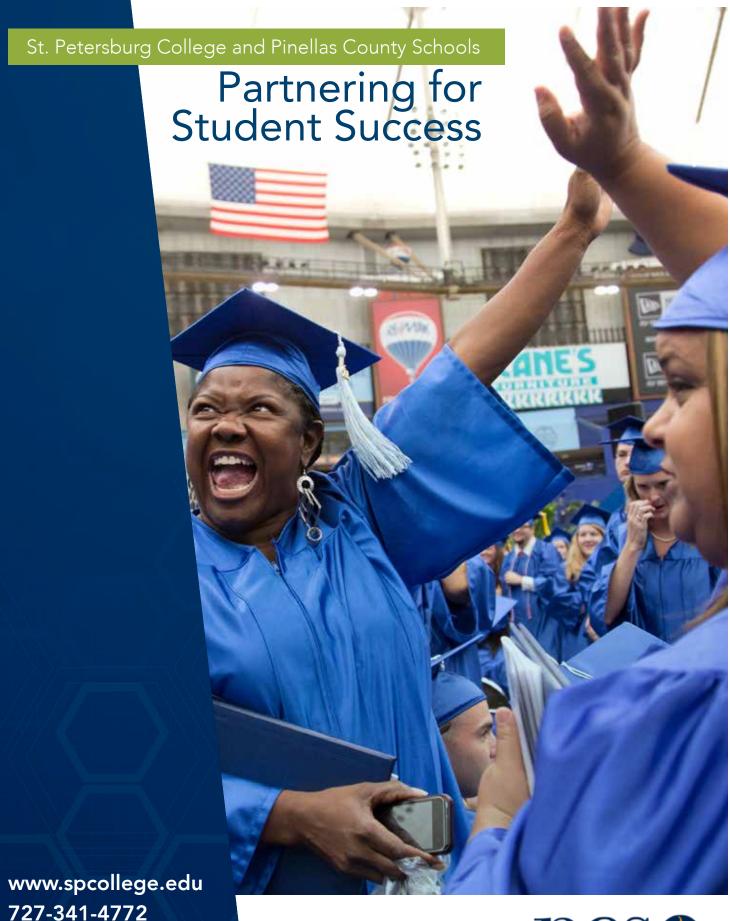
Through these ecosystems:

- Educational, business and community partners meet regularly to refine efforts to support student success
- Students visit SPC campuses to learn early about college life and the importance of education
- Participants provide guidance and support to students and parents
- Elementary, middle and high school teachers collaborate to help students and parents transition between grade levels

#### **High School Ethics Bowl**

SPC's Applied Ethics Department partners with Pinellas County Schools to host the annual Pinellas County High School Ethics Bowl each February at SPC's Seminole Campus. Students from 12 local high schools compete in teams debating current ethical issues by articulating and presenting logically constructed and ethically significant arguments. Students learn essential critical thinking skills, teamwork and sophisticated moral concepts, in addition to raising their global and community awareness.





St. Petersburg College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment.

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