IT STARTED WITH LAND AND A GRAND PLAN.

Almost 20 years ago, Florida Gulf Coast University opened on 760 acres of donated land and we’ve been giving back to Southwest Florida ever since. Our students have performed 2 million service-learning hours. The university creates more than 3,700 jobs, infuses almost half a billion dollars into the economy annually and serves as the region’s cultural and educational hub.

That’s THE FGCU EFFECT
What effect will it have on you?
THE FGCU EFFECT: FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

In less than 20 years, FGCU has made an indelible impact on Southwest Florida. We are a catalyst for the area’s economy and a cultural hub for the community. Our students enjoy one of the highest graduate employment rates among the state’s universities. Our campus and region serve as a living laboratory from which life-improving discoveries emanate. And our sports teams energize the entire region. Inspiring those who inspire others — that’s The FGCU Effect.

A PLACE WHERE STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

› Teaching is our primary mission, with 80% of classes taught by full-time faculty.
› FGCU ranks among the top Florida universities for alumni employed or continuing their education one year after graduation.
› Tuition has remained stable for three years with no plans for an increase this coming year.
› The average GPA of our student-athletes is 3.33.
› The average high school GPA of entering freshmen is 3.78, with an SAT score of 1583 and an ACT score of 23.9.
› The beauty of our modern, state-of-the-art facilities can only be matched by that of the lush campus, half of which is in its natural state.

A PRODUCER OF KNOWLEDGE WITH SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AS A LAB

› Our focus is Southwest Florida’s focus with emphasis on programs in Marine Sciences, Sustainability and Environmental Engineering.
› Our professors lead research projects throughout the region, offering students diverse opportunities to participate. Since 1997, they have conducted $194.8 million in research and sponsored programs.
› FGCU’s 15-acre solar field generates sufficient electricity to supply 85 percent of the energy required by three large academic buildings comprising 200,000 square feet.
› FGCU recently completed the Emergent Technologies Institute, designed to link academic programs and research in emerging technologies with job creation and diversification of the region’s economy.

A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT RESOURCE FOR THE REGION

› FGCU has become the cultural hub for Southwest Florida with hundreds of community members visiting campus every day to take classes, see plays, enjoy musical performances, visit the art gallery or attend an athletic event or lecture.
› With more than 23,000 graduates since 1997, FGCU alums are making a significant impact in Southwest Florida and beyond.
› The men’s basketball team heads to the NCAA Tournament for the second time. In 2013, the team made an unprecedented Sweet Sixteen run in the tournament while establishing “Dunk City” as a national favorite.
› In 2014-15, our women’s basketball team ranked #20 in the nation – our highest ranking ever – and went to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years.
› The women’s swimming and diving team won the 2015 Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championship, its sixth title in seven years.
› FGCU’s Advancement team is well on its way to surpassing its $100 million campaign launched in 2014 with approximately $91 million raised to date.