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. Student success is our first priority. The proof: Our students enjoy one of the highest graduate employment rates among the state’s universities. Our campus and community serve as a living laboratory from which life-improving discoveries emanate. And our sports teams energize the entire region. Inspiring those who then inspire others—that’s the FGCU Effect. What effect will it have on you?

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 #1 in the state for alumni employed one year after graduation.
- There are now 14,500 students, with close to 5,000 living on campus.
- Tuition has remained at the same level for two years and is expected to remain at that level again for the coming year, illustrating the university’s commitment to affordability and cost containment.
- Applications last year were up 35% overall, and 65% from out of state. This led to an overall increase in SAT (now 1,529, up from 1,429) and GPA (3.68, up from 3.37) for incoming freshman.
- The average GPA of our student athletes is 3.28.
- In 10 measurements of performance (graduation rates, employment, average salaries, etc.) established by the State last year, FGCU ranked sixth last year and will likely move up to third this year.
- The beauty of our modern, state-of-the-art facilities and campus can only be matched by the beauty of the lush 800-acre campus, half of which is preserved in its natural state.
A PRODUCER OF NEW KNOWLEDGE WITH SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AS A LAB

- Our focus is Southwest Florida’s focus with emphasis on programs in Marine Sciences, Sustainability, and Adaptive Aging, to name a few.
- Our professors lead research projects throughout the region, using it as a living laboratory, offering students diverse opportunities to participate. Since 1997, they have conducted $184 million in research and sponsored programs.
- FGCU plays a critical role in stimulating the Southwest Florida economy - creating 3,723 jobs and infusing $422 million into the region annually.
- Since opening in 1997, Florida Gulf Coast University students have performed nearly 2 million service-learning hours in Southwest Florida.
- The 15-acre solar field at Florida Gulf Coast University generates the electricity needed to supply 85 percent of the energy required by three large academic buildings comprising 200,000 square feet, and also heats water used in residence halls, and provides energy to operate trash compactors on campus.
- This year FGCU is constructing the Emergent Technologies Institute (ETI), which will link academic programs and research in emerging technologies with job creation and diversification of the economy in Southwest Florida.

A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT RESOURCES 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.
- Our women’s basketball team is ranked #20 in the nation - our highest ever and will go 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 such win in seven years.
- The men’s basketball team in 2013 made an unprecedented Sweet Sixteen run in the NCAA Tournament while establishing “Dunk City” as a national favorite.