



SEMINOLE SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FORUM



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WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

The Florida's Community Colleges and Statewide System



- Keep the doors open to students

924, 000+ students ... 1 out of every 22 Floridians

Half of the State University System's upper division students begin in The Florida College System

10% more students this year

- Key to economic recovery in Florida

67% (4,200) of nursing degrees

73% of first responders (police, fire, EMTs, and paramedics)

62% of SUS College of Education graduates

Training employees for jobs in the New Economy

Seminole State College

- County's 6th largest employer with over 1,400 workers
- Annual budget exceeds \$65 million circulated back into the local economy via property taxes, consumer goods and services
- 28th largest provider of AA degrees in the nation
- 160-200 nursing degrees awarded annually
- 465 First Responders trained annually



Priority #1 – Maintain Access

Fund Growth before any budget cuts

- 9th largest and fastest growing
- 21% enrollment increase this year... 53% in 3 years
- 7.3% in State funding cuts since recession began

Gateway for Seminole County residents

- 35% of recent high school grads in Seminole County choose Seminole State to continue their education
- 50% of students represent minority populations



Priority #2 – Codify Name



Seminole Community College ...

... becomes Seminole State College of Florida

- Senate Bill 436 and House Bill 245

Priority #3 – Allow New Programs

Allow new baccalaureate programs

- 100 applicants for new B.A.S. in Interior Design beginning in January 2010
- Approve Bachelor's degrees dropped by UCF
 - Business: Management Information Systems
 - Construction: Construction Management
 - Engineering Design: Geomatics
 - Engineering Technology: Information Systems Technology





Thank You

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