



## **SAVE USF SARASOTA-MANATEE - STOP THE SHUTDOWN**

***Protect Local Students • Preserve Taxpayer Investment • Keep Talent in Our Region***

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### **THE THREAT: WHAT WE LOSE WITH A CAMPUS SHUT DOWN**

#### ***THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL***

- Shut down USF Sarasota-Manatee by 7/1/26
- Transfer campus land, residence hall/student center and facilities to New College of Florida
- NO transfer of USF SM programs, students, faculty, or staff
- No new students admitted to USF SM after 7/1

#### ***PROVEN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE***

- Some 2,000 students are currently enrolled
- 40 accredited campus degree programs
- Access to an additional 200+ USF degree options
- Programs aligned with workforce needs:
  - NURSING PROGRAM: 200 nursing majors are prepared to meet critical workforce needs
  - STEM PROGRAM, TEACHER EDUCATION
  - TOURISM/HOSPITALITY & ACCOUNTING
  - RISK MANAGEMENT & INSURANCE
  - CYBERSECURITY & TECHNOLOGY
- Incoming freshmen average GPAs over 4.0
- Branch campus of a top-ranked AAU research university

#### ***50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT***

- Serving Sarasota-Manatee for half a century
- The campus & programs - built through decades of state, donor, and community investments
- USF SM supports a growing region nearing one million residents

#### ***LOCAL STUDENTS LOSE LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TAXPAYER VALUE IS AT RISK***

- USF SM is affordable: \$22,217 per student annually - 70%+ less than New College
- 2,000+ high school students benefit from dual enrollment

### **WHY PROTECT USF SARASOTA MANATEE**

#### ***THE REGION'S EMPLOYERS DEPEND ON USF SM FOR THEIR WORKFORCES***

- USF SM is the talent pipeline for healthcare, schools, businesses and nonprofits
- 95% of graduates stay and work locally
- 60% + of State College of Florida AA grads choose USF to complete bachelor's degrees, most at USF SM
- 150 faculty and staff working in the region

#### ***RESEARCH & INNOVATION***

- Access to \$738M in annual research funding
- Strong industry partnerships and community engagement

#### ***STUDENT LIFE - ESSENTIAL SERVICES***

- New Residence Hall & Student Center (2024)
- 600 veterans and families supported through campus programs
- Career Center connects local employers with student interns and qualified students/graduates

#### ***PROVEN REGIONAL COLLABORATION***

- Shared services with New College (police & security)
- Residence Hall space provided to support NCF housing needs
- History of regional higher-education partnerships

#### ***CONTACT STATE LEGISLATORS AND DEMAND PROTECTION FOR USF Sarasota Manatee:***

- For sample messages & links:  
**Visit: [saveusfsm.org](https://saveusfsm.org)**
- Speak up at public meetings and community forums & share with local businesses and families