The Impact of Private Support

FSU Panama City has grown nearly 70 percent since 2008, from 985 students to 1,600 students, and is projected to reach an enrollment of 2,000 students by fall 2016.

As the Panama City campus continues to expand, especially now that FSU Panama City is open to freshmen and sophomores, private support is critically important to provide necessary resources for students that are not often covered by student tuition.

FSU Panama City produces graduates who meet the workforce needs of northwest Florida and the state.

- 60 percent of FSU Panama City alumni live in Bay County
- 75 percent of FSU Panama City alumni live in northwest Florida
- 74 percent of electrical engineering graduates work in Bay County
- 94 percent of civil engineering graduates work in northwest Florida

Recent contributions have allowed FSU Panama City to purchase equipment and instructional supplies for biology and chemistry labs; to supplement funding for engineering senior design projects; to support open houses for recruiting students; to provide funding for “welcome back” student activities at the beginning of each semester; and to bring in a social media expert to speak to students and alumni.

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communication and corporate and public communication. Two certificate programs are also available: a graduate certificate in event management and a certificate in underwater crime scene investigation.

Nearly 20 percent of students enrolled at FSU Panama City are pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math fields. With hundreds of defense contractors, and unique government and business entities within 50 miles of the campus, graduates are in high demand, particularly in the fields of computer science, electrical engineering, computer engineering and civil engineering.

FSU Panama City admitted its first freshman class in fall 2013, resulting in significant benefits to the local community. As students spend their college years in Bay County, they have multiple opportunities to learn more about the area and are exposed to local businesses and industries.

The freshman profile is impressive with an average GPA of 4.07 and ACT score of 26.2.

Pending accreditation, students in the new Master of Science in nurse anesthesia will begin taking classes fall 2015.

If approved, the Master of Science in nurse anesthesia will be the fourth degree program established within the College of Applied Studies. Other programs offered in the College of Applied Studies include a B.S. in public safety and security, a B.S. in recreation and leisure services administration, and a combined B.S./M.S. in professional outreach program based at FSU Panama City.

The underwater crime scene investigation certificate program is one of only a small number in the nation that provides a training opportunity. In addition to training specialized law enforcement teams from across the nation, UCSI’s Alpha Team participates in a number of high profile investigations. Examples of past cases include the Natalie Holloway case in Aruba, NASA’s Challenger recovery operations and the collapse of the I-10 Bridge across Escambia Bay during Hurricane Ivan.

Since the Early Childhood Autism Program began, hundreds of children and their families have benefited from therapy, parent training and consultation services. ECAP is a non-profit, early intervention and community