

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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MARK B. ROSENBERG, CHANCELLOR**



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**Kiplinger's Best Values ranking includes  
two State University System institutions in Top 10**

TALLAHASSEE – *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* today named the University of Florida and New College of Florida among the Top 10 public institutions for providing the best value in higher education.

*Kiplinger's* ranked the University of Florida No. 2 among the 100 Best Values in public colleges for 2009. It ranked New College of Florida as No. 8.

Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg said the State University System is proud of its ability to produce high-quality education and world-class research while charging the lowest tuition and fees in the nation. "The editors at *Kiplinger's* recognize the good work being done here in Florida by our institutions and our faculty," Rosenberg said. "Florida's public universities are setting the benchmarks in both efficiency and quality."

The University of Florida is a *Kiplinger's* regular – this is the fourth year UF has been ranked second among the 100 Best Values.

"No doubt the quality of our students, faculty and staff rivals that of the top institutions in the country," said J. Bernard Machen, president of the University of Florida. "And we're a best value because the amount in-state students pay to attend UF is about half the national average tuition of other public universities."

Mike Michalson, president of New College of Florida, said this was his institution's sixth consecutive Top 10 ranking on the *Kiplinger's* Best Values list. "It's very gratifying to have the special qualities of a New College education recognized by *Kiplinger's* over such a long period of time," Michalson said. "Among other things, the ranking is an excellent way for students looking for a college with small classes and full-time faculty to learn about New College as a good option."

Rosenberg noted that *Kiplinger's* ranked Florida State University as No. 17 on the Best Values ranking, the University of Central Florida as No. 42 and the University of South Florida as No. 75.

*Kiplinger's* says it examined more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, and ranked the schools by academic quality, cost and financial aid.

The full *Kiplinger's* Best Values ranking is available at [www.kiplinger.com/money/collegevalues](http://www.kiplinger.com/money/collegevalues). It will be published in the December 2008 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine.

*The Board of Governors is the constitutional body created by voters in 2002 to guide the State University System of Florida.*

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