



# CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023 UPDATE

## Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

As we continue through the spring semester and the 2023 Legislative Session begins, it is critical that we work together to highlight the State University System's enormous impact on the state of Florida's current and future economic success. Last month, staff and I had the opportunity to speak to legislators about the System's excellent nursing education programs and how our students are graduating with high quality skills that address the current workforce needs of the state. I look forward to many more conversations about the continued excellence of our System as we move through the next few months. Thank you for all you do to advocate for your university.

Ray Rodrigues

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## SUS institutions make **TOP 10** in Best Online Bachelors Programs rankings



- #1** Online Bachelor's Program
- #1** Online Program for Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

- #7** Online Bachelor's Program

To view full list of rankings, visit [U.S. News & World Report](#)

## Chancellor and Staff Presentations in the Legislature



During the third committee week of the 2023 Legislative Session, Chancellor Rodrigues presented in the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee regarding performance-based funding and nursing education programs in the System.

Our staff also presented in the Senate Education Postsecondary committee regarding State University System research. Here are some highlights:



## Save the Date

### February 22

Florida Board of Governors Meeting- Conference Call

### March 7

Regular Legislative Session  
Tallahassee, FL

### March 28-29

Florida Board of Governors Meeting  
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University  
Tallahassee, FL

### May 10

Florida Board of Governors Meeting- Conference Call

## Discussion with Florida Business Leaders

During our January Board meeting, Florida business leaders joined the Task Force on Academic and Workforce Alignment to discuss and identify ways the State University System can contribute to Florida's workforce to meet the needs of the state's critical industries. Additionally, the Task Force discussed economic changes that impact workforce development in the future.

**Keith Koenig**, Chief Executive Officer and Owner, [CITY Furniture](#)

**Liz Miller**, Regional President, East, [CareBridge Health](#)

**Mario Murgado**, President and CEO, [Murgado Automotive Group, Inc.](#)

**Watch discussion [HERE](#)**

# SUS Nursing Education Programs continue to produce **high-quality** graduates

Over the past ten years, university nursing programs have accommodated more students who would like to enter the nursing field. These programs have expanded their capacity to serve prospective nursing students, increasing available slots by 37% and thereby admitting a greater number of qualified applicants. In addition, the legislature contributed \$46 million to this effort by creating two new funding programs, PIPELINE and LINE, designed to expand nursing education in Florida in 2022-23.

## Key Highlights

### SYSTEM NURSING PROGRAMS



A variety of undergraduate & graduate nursing programs available



The System increased program capacity by 37% in the last 10 years

### BSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Awards high-quality bachelor's nursing degrees



Pre-licensure nursing grads increased by 33% over the past 10 years



Licensure passage rates above national average

### EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES



High percentage of graduates employed in all nursing fields



Above average graduate earnings

## BACHELOR'S NURSING GRADUATES



Consistent High Performance

The System offers high-quality bachelor's nursing programs, resulting in high graduation rates & NCLEX exam passage rates

## MOST NURSING EDUCATION STUDENTS GRADUATE OR REMAIN IN THEIR PROGRAMS



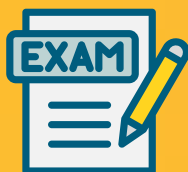
63% Graduated



30% Retained

**93%** of BSN students graduated or were retained in 2021-22

## GRADUATES FROM NURSING PROGRAMS HAVE HIGH LICENSURE PASSAGE RATES



**89%** of System nursing graduates passed the NCLEX exam in 2021  
Florida grads exceed the national average passage rate of 86%



Meeting Workforce Needs

System nursing graduates have high employment rates & starting salaries; many pursue advanced nursing degrees

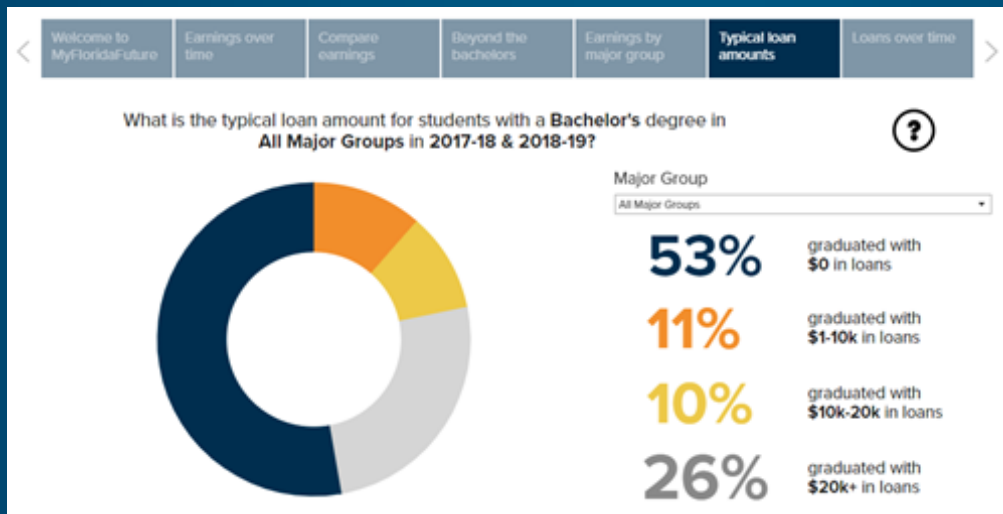
## THE SYSTEM COLLECTIVELY AWARDS 40% OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES



# Start planning early!

## MYFLORIDAFUTURE

[MyFloridaFuture](#) is a free, online college and career planning tool that provides students, parents, and policymakers with a wealth of information to make better-informed decisions about educational options and future employment opportunities. Here's an example:



**Among Florida residents who earn a bachelor's degree, 64% finish with less than \$10,000 in student loans!**

### Benefits to Students:

- Students can research and compare salary expectations for each institution and academic program
- Students can weigh the expected benefits of pursuing additional education
- Students can explore and better understand the future impact of student loans

### Benefits to Florida:

- Informed consumers make better decisions
- Data is readily available to parents, students, policy makers and the public
- Efforts to educate about student debt may result in more disposable income

[VIEW MYFLORIDAFUTURE TOOL HERE](#)