



Florida Tech





ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



74 NCAA Division II National Titles in 10 different sports

Number 1 ranked conference in Division II Academic Success Rate

Only NCAA conference headquartered in the state of Florida

Membership is comprised of nine private colleges and universities located throughout the state of Florida with over 2,000 student-athletes, 70,000 students and an alumni base of almost 400,000

Former Sunshine State Conference student-athletes include Lou Piniella, Rocco Mediate, Tim Wakefield, Brett Tomko, Lee Janzen, Jeff Leonard, Tino Martinez and many others

Student-athletes at each of the member institutions engage in community partnerships within the nine Florida communities where Sunshine State Conference schools are located





**SAINT LEO
UNIVERSITY**

Saint Leo

Enrollment: 14,000
Student-Athletes: 285
Alumni: 60,000



**ROLLINS
COLLEGE**

Winter Park

Enrollment: 3,300
Student-Athletes: 345
Alumni: 36,507



**FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY**

Melbourne

Enrollment: 6,400
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Alumni: 34,673



**UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA**

Tampa

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**ECKERD
COLLEGE**

St. Petersburg

Enrollment: 1,840
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**LYNN
UNIVERSITY**

Boca Raton

Enrollment: 2,410
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Alumni: 11,500



**FLORIDA
SOUTHERN
COLLEGE**

Lakeland

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Alumni: 20,000



**NOVA
SOUTHEASTERN
UNIVERSITY**

Ft. Lauderdale

Enrollment: 28,000
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SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE

Founded 1975
Headquartered in Winter Park

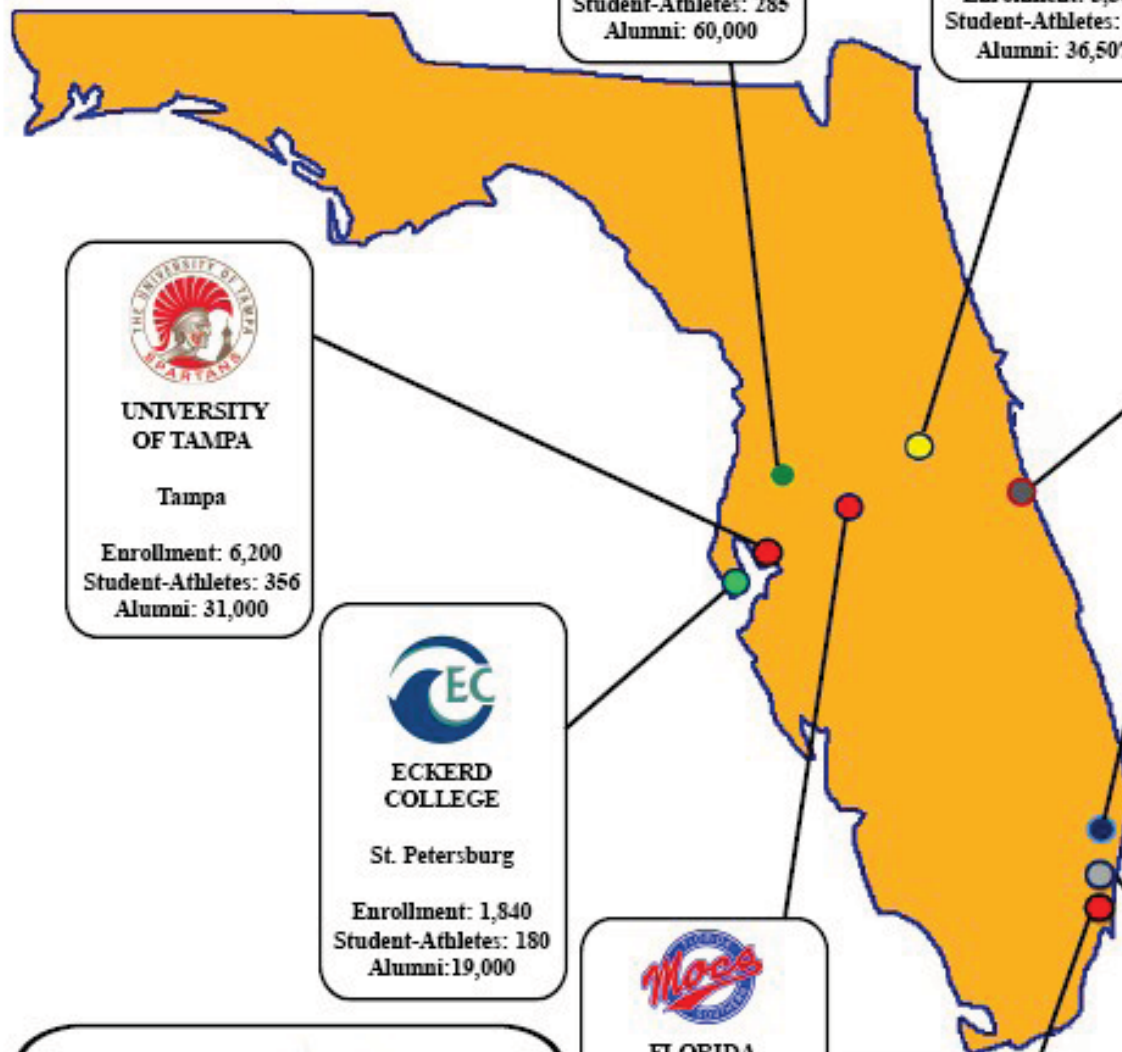
Total Student Enrollment: 70,000
Total # of Student-Athletes: 2,000
Total Alumni Population: 400,000



**BARRY
UNIVERSITY**

Miami Shores

Enrollment: 8,500
Student-Athletes: 192
Alumni: 48,000



Founded in 1975 and based in Winter Park, Florida, the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) has risen from a single-sport organization to the NCAA Division II “Conference of National Champions”. Since its inception, the conference has grown steadily in sports played, membership, and national prominence.



SSC CONFERENCE OFFICE



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The SSC conference office proudly provides the following services for its members:

- Administers 16 championship sports for collegiate men and women
- Conducts eight stand-alone conference championship events
- Recognizes and promotes academic achievement of its student-athletes
- Supports a positive and safe competitive environment for its teams and fans
- Assists programs in maintaining compliance with NCAA rules and regulations
- Promotes the league and its members through marketing and merchandising efforts



**Assistant
Commissioner**
Kelly
Harrison

**Assistant
Commissioner**
Maryanne
Simkulak





ON THE FIELDS & COURTS

The SSC is committed to creating and promoting sportsmanship and ensuring healthy environments for competition. The SSC upholds the values of character building and ethics in sports.

Administrators, coaches, and student-athletes conduct themselves in a manner that portrays positive role modeling, and also represent their institutions with the values of sportsmanship.

IN THE CLASSROOM

The SSC has led all 22 Division II conferences in the NCAA Academic Success Rate every year it has been measured.

Each year, over 800 student-athletes are named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll with GPA's over 3.20 on a 4.00 scale.

IN THE COMMUNITIES

Through a wide range of initiatives, the SSC, its member institutions and student-athletes are actively involved in the Florida community.



On a conference-wide basis, the SSC SAAC participates in an annual community service project at Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Florida in addition to fundraising efforts conducted annually for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



SSC Online

www.sunshinestateconference.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/sunshinestateconference

Twitter
www.twitter.com/D2SSC

SPORTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

The SSC administers the following 16 sports:

Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Women's Rowing, Men's and Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's and Women's Swimming, Men's and Women's Tennis, Women's Volleyball

The SSC conducts the following eight stand-alone championship events annually:

Men's and Women's Cross Country Championship, Men's Soccer Championship, Women's Soccer Championship, Men's and Women's Basketball Championship, Men's and Women's Swimming Championship, Women's Rowing Championship, Men's and Women's Golf Championship, Men's and Women's Tennis Championship

74 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BASEBALL (15)

Florida Southern - 1971, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1981, 1985, 1988, 1995, 2005
Tampa - 1992, 1993, 1998, 2006, 2007
Lynn - 2009

MEN'S BASKETBALL (1)

Florida Southern - 1981

MEN'S GOLF (17)

Barry - 2007
Florida Southern - 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2010
Rollins - 1970, 2002
Tampa - 1987, 1988

WOMEN'S GOLF (15)

Florida Southern - 2000, 2001, 2002, 2007
Lynn - 1997
Nova Southeastern - 2009, 2010
Rollins - 1991, 1992, 1994, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008

MEN'S SOCCER (6)

Florida Tech - 1988, 1991
Lynn - 2003
Tampa - 1981, 1994, 2001

WOMEN'S SOCCER (5)

Barry - 1989, 1992, 1993
Lynn - 1998
Tampa - 2007

SOFTBALL (1)

Florida Southern - 1993

MEN'S TENNIS (6)

Barry - 2010
Lynn - 2007
Rollins - 1966, 1972, 1991, 2001

WOMEN'S TENNIS (4)

Lynn - 1997, 1998, 2001
North Florida - 1994 (*former conference member*)

VOLLEYBALL (4)

Barry - 1995, 2001, 2004
Tampa - 2006

SSC MILEAGE CHART

	BU	EC	FSC	FIT	LU	NSU	RC	SLU	UT
Barry		258	222	168	41	22	235	253	274
Eckerd	258		57	168	264	247	113	56	23
Florida Southern	222	57		117	196	211	62	32	36
Florida Tech	168	168	117		137	155	74	142	147
Lynn	41	264	196	137		23	203	230	226
Nova Southeastern	22	247	211	155	23		220	243	264
Rollins	235	113	62	74	203	220		86	91
Saint Leo	253	56	32	142	230	243	86		34
Tampa	274	23	36	147	226	264	91	34	

QUICK FACTS

Location: Miami Shores, FL

Founded: 1940

Nickname: Buccaneers

Colors: Red, Black, and Silver

Athletic Website:

GoBarryBucs.com

Men's Sports: 5 (Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 7 (Basketball, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- Six consecutive Women's Soccer SSC Championships from 1999-2004
- Leads the conference championship race in women's soccer with six titles
- 42 total SSC Championships
- Seven Mayor's Cup Championships (five women, two men)

Distinguished Alumni

Amy Diaz, Miss Rhode Island USA 2008 - Flo Rida, American rapper - Anna Hallbergson, NCAA Woman of the Year in 2000 - Janina Morusiewicz, NCAA Woman of the Year in 1998 - Marya Morusiewicz, NCAA Woman of the Year in 1996 - Henry Owens, Florida Marlins pitcher



Demographics

Enrollment: 8,500

Student-Athletes: 192

Total Alumni: 48,000

ECKERD COLLEGE



QUICK FACTS

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Founded: 1958

Nickname: Tritons

Colors: Teal, Navy, and Black

Athletic Website:

eckerdtritons.com

Men's Sports: 5 (Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 6 (Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- 1977 National Runners-Up in Baseball
- 2003 Men's Basketball South Region Champions
- Four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances for Volleyball from 2006-present
- Three consecutive Women's Cross Country SSC Championships from 1990-92

Distinguished Alumni

Steve Balboni, former NY Yankee and KC Royal - Bill Evers, bench coach of TB Rays - Dennis Lehane, author of Mystic River and Gone, Baby, Gone - Jim Mecir, former MLB relief pitcher - Brian Sabean, SF Giants Sr. VP and GM



Demographics

Enrollment: 1,840

Student-Athletes: 180

Total Alumni: 19,000

QUICK FACTS

Location: Melbourne, FL

Founded: 1958

Nickname: Panthers

Colors: Crimson and Gray

Athletic Website:

floridatechsports.com

Men's Sports: 7 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 8 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- Leads the conference championship race in Rowing with five titles
- Three consecutive Women's Cross Country SSC Championships from 1985-1987
- Won six out of eight Men's Cross Country SSC Championships from 1984-1991
- Six consecutive Men's Soccer SSC Championships from 1988-1993
- Won four out of five Rowing SSC Championships from 2001-2005
- Two consecutive Women's Basketball SSC Championships 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1995-96, 1996-97

Distinguished Alumni

General Ann Dunwoody, First Female Four-Star General - Jeanne Flanagan, Women's Rowing Gold Medalist - Tom Folliard, President and CEO of CarMax - Joan Higgenbotham, Third African-American woman in space - Max Mutchler, Hubble Telescope expert, helped discover two new moons of Pluto - Tim Wakefield, Boston Red Sox pitcher

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Demographics

Enrollment: 6,400

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Total Alumni: 34,673

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE



QUICK FACTS

Location: Lakeland, FL

Founded: 1883

Nickname: Moccasins

Colors: Scarlet and White

Athletic Website:

fscmocs.com

Men's Sports: 8 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 9 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball)

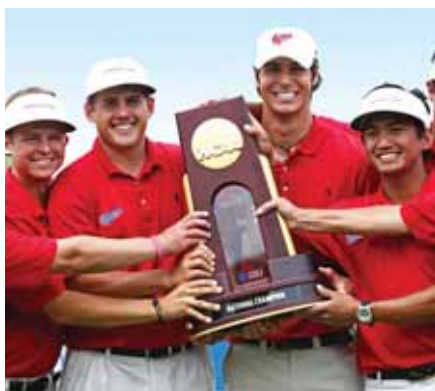


Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- An SSC best, 17 SSC Athletes of the Year have been Moccasins (11 male, six female)
- Five consecutive Women's Cross Country SSC Championships from 1997-2001
- 14 consecutive Men's Cross Country SSC Championships from 1997-present
- Four consecutive Women's Basketball SSC Championships from 1985-1988
- Six consecutive Men's Basketball SSC Championships from 1978-1983; three consecutive Men's Basketball SSC Championships (at three different times).

Distinguished Alumni

Barney Barnett, Vice Chairman of Publix Super Markets, Inc. - Megan Brown, Pitcher for the Rockford Thunder of NPF - Jim France, Chairman of International Speedway Corp. - Lee Janzen, PGA Golfer - Matt Joyce, Pitcher of the Tampa Bay Rays - Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court Justice - Rocco Mediate, PGA Golfer - Brett Tomko, Pitcher for the NY Yankees



Demographics

Enrollment: 1,935

Student-Athletes: 284

Total Alumni: 20,000

QUICK FACTS

Location: Boca Raton, FL

Founded: 1962

Nickname: Fighting Knights

Colors: Blue and White

Athletic Website:

lynn.edu/athletics

Men's Sports: 5 (Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 6 (Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- Have won nine out of the last 11 Women's Tennis SSC Championships
- Lead the conference championship race in Women's tennis with nine
- Only school in conference history to win back-to-back titles in both men's and women's tennis at the same time (2006-07)
- Won 59 straight regular season women's tennis matches from the opening match in 2003 to six games into the 2010 season

Distinguished Alumni

Joe Abruzzo, Florida State Representative for District 85 in Palm Beach County - Katy Adams, Investigative producer for FOX News Washington, D.C. - Joanna James, Inventor of "Love Handles" exercising baby stroller - Gregg McBride, Author of "Just Stop Eating So Much"



Demographics

Enrollment: 2,410

Student-Athletes: 164

Total Alumni: 11,500

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



QUICK FACTS

Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Founded: 1964

Nickname: Sharks

Colors: Navy Blue and Gray

Athletic Website:

nsuathletics.nova.edu

Men's Sports: 7 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Track)

Women's Sports: 10 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- Have won three out of the last five Men's Golf SSC Championships
- Three consecutive Rowing SSC Championships from 2007-2009
- Back-to-back SSC & National Champions in Women's Golf in 2009 & 2010

Distinguished Alumni

Diego Aguiar, NBA player - Seth Gabel, actor in Nip/Tuck, Dirty Sexy Money, and DaVinci Code - Dr. Will Kirby, celebrity dermatologist, winner of Big Brother and star of Dr. 90210 - Diane Michel, founder Global Medical Research.Org - Anastagia Pierre, Miss Florida USA 2009



Demographics

Enrollment: 28,000

Student-Athletes: 259

Total Alumni: 112,848

ROLLINS COLLEGE



QUICK FACTS

Location: Winter Park, FL

Founded: 1885

Nickname: Tars

Colors: Blue and Gold

Athletic Website:

rollinssports.com

Men's Sports: 8 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 10 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- 15 consecutive Men's Tennis SSC Championships from 1980-1994
- 2005-06 Women's Basketball team was the first team in conference history to go undefeated in the regular season (26-0) and go 16-0 in SSC play
- All but three Rollins sports (Men's Cross Country, Women's Tennis, and Volleyball) have won at least one SSC Championship
- Seven Tars have been named SSC Female Athlete of the Year, the most in the SSC

Distinguished Alumni

Donald Cram, Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry - Chris Kirkpatrick, member of NSYNC - Dan O'Dowd, GM Colorado Rockies - Fred Rogers, Creator of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood - Chris Russo, Mad Dog of Mike and the Mad Dog on WFAN - Allen Weiss, President Worldwide Operations for Walt Disney Company Parks & Resorts



Demographics

Enrollment: 3,300

Student-Athletes: 345

Total Alumni: 36,507

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY



QUICK FACTS

Location: Saint Leo, FL

Founded: 1889

Nickname: Lions

Colors: Green and Gold

Athletic Website:

saintleolions.com

Men's Sports: 8 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis)

Women's Sports: 9 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball)



Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- SSC Men's Soccer Regular Season Champions in 2005
- SSC Women's Soccer Tournament Champions in 2008
- SSC Volleyball Co-Champions in 2010
- Saint Leo produced five All-Americans in 2008-09

Distinguished Alumni

Desi Arnaz, actor - Anastasio Somoza Debayle, former President of Nicaragua - Russ Hockin, Senior VP of cross channel operations for The Kellogg Company - Sheila McDevitt, chair of the Board of Governors for the State University System of Florida - Dennis Mullen, President and CEO of Empire State Development Corporation and commissioner of NY State's Department of Economic Development - JP Ricciardi, former GM Toronto BlueJays and Baseball Correspondent for ESPN, Baseball Today - Bob Tewksbury, Sports Psychologist for the Boston RedSox



Demographics

Enrollment: 14,000

Student-Athletes: 285

Total Alumni: 60,000

UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA



QUICK FACTS

Location: Tampa, FL

Founded: 1931

Nickname: Spartans

Colors: Scarlet, Black, and Gold

Athletic Website:

tampaspartans.com

Men's Sports: 6 (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming)

Women's Sports: 9 (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball)

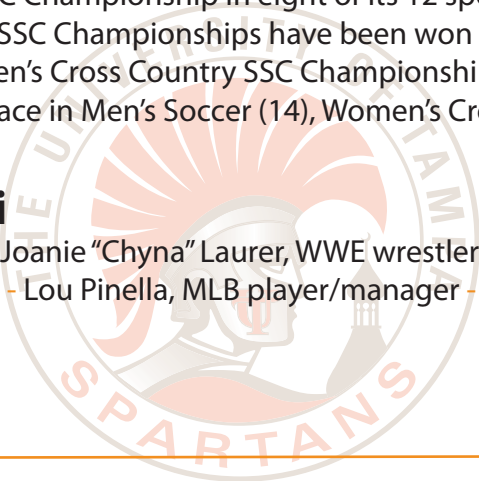


Notable Sunshine State Conference Achievements

- Tampa has won at least one SSC Championship in eight of its 12 sports
- 14 out of the last 15 Volleyball SSC Championships have been won by Tampa
- Eight out of the last nine Women's Cross Country SSC Championships have been won by Tampa
- Leads the SSC Championship race in Men's Soccer (14), Women's Cross Country (9), and Volleyball (20)

Distinguished Alumni

Dick Greco, former Tampa mayor - Joanie "Chyna" Laurer, WWE wrestler - Bob Martinez, former governor - Tino Martinez, former MLB player - Lou Pinella, MLB player/manager - Freddie Solomon, former NFL player



Demographics

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Key benefits of the DII experience

Student-Athletes / Parents

- Participation in high-level athletic competition without an overemphasis of sports in student life
- Availability of faculty and sports staff in a personal setting
- With the broad, versatile range of experiences, student-athletes are more likely to find interest and value in school and therefore stay to graduate
- Upon graduation, the student-athlete will leave with broader experiences, skills and knowledge as resources for the future
- With personal setting and multiple areas of learning, student-athletes can have an impact with peers, community and school

General Public

- High-level, passionate athletic competition for local communities and region in an intimate, family-friendly environment
- Opportunities to interface face-to-face with student-athletes in different venues
- Positive impact in local communities and region through Division II national program
- Show support for educational mission of student-athletes and development of youth

Key Stakeholders

- Invest in the educational mission of student-athletes and development of youth into productive citizens
- Promote high-level athletic competition in local communities and region
- Impact local community / develop key local relationships through support of Division II national community-engagement program



I chose
Division II

Life in the Balance. Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletic competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning opportunity provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

The Sunshine State Conference is a proud member of NCAA Division II