



INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Institutional Advancement Department

IRSC RANKED THIRD MOST AFFORDABLE COLLEGE IN US BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION *Indian River State College to hold line on tuition for school year*

(August 15, 2015) Indian River State College has been rated as the 3RD most affordable college in the country and most affordable of Florida colleges according to the U.S. Department of Education's College Affordability and Transparency Report, moving up from the 4th place held by Indian River for the past two years. In addition, IRSC recently reinforced its long-standing commitment to affordability with no increase in tuition and fees for the 2015-2016 school year, maintaining the College's low tuition rate for the fourth school year in a row. Due to careful financial planning throughout the College, the IRSC District Board of Trustees has held the line on a tuition increase for the past three years.

"IRSC is committed to maintaining quality at reasonable cost, while helping students avoid student loan debt. Affordable higher education is the gateway to good career prospects and a skilled workforce for our community," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President.

Average net price for full-time freshmen at IRSC was \$1,846 in the U.S. Department of Education report. The net price is based on the cost of attendance after financial aid, grants and scholarships are subtracted. Associate level tuition at IRSC will remain \$103.83 per credit and \$117.10 for Baccalaureate level credit, 40% less than Florida state universities and about 88% less than private career universities serving the Treasure Coast.

At IRSC, students are assured of quality as well as affordability. IRSC's emphasis on teaching and student success has resulted in national recognition as a Top Ten National Finalist for the Aspen Prize, ranking as the 9th top public regional college in the South by *U.S. News and World Report* and selection as one of the nation's Achieving the Dream colleges. IRSC's combination of quality and affordability results in increasingly larger graduating classes, with 3,048 Associate and Bachelor's Degrees awarded in 2014-2015.

The IRSC Financial Aid Department works closely with students to help them obtain all types of financial aid, including grants and scholarships which do not require repayment. About 72% of IRSC freshmen typically receive financial aid or scholarships, and over \$40 million in financial aid was awarded to IRSC students last year.

Established in 1960, IRSC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and received a flawless reaccreditation in 2014, ensuring transferability of credits to universities for continued undergraduate and graduate level studies.

IRSC offers over 150 programs including, Bachelor's Degrees, Associate in Arts Degrees for the first two years of college, Associate in Science Degree programs for career training and Quick Job Training. Campuses are located in Fort Pierce, Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach and Okeechobee and the IRSC Virtual Campus offers online degree programs and hundreds of courses. For more information call toll-free 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

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