Points of Pride
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- Currently the third largest Catholic university nationally, with an enrollment of nearly 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students from all 50 states and more than 80 nations. Students enroll at University Campus, at more than 40 teaching locations in seven states, or online from other locations.

- Noted as the oldest Catholic educational institution in Florida, founded in 1889.

- Cited by Education Week as an example of a college that successfully equips future teachers to employ technology skillfully and effectively in public school classrooms.

- Named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, a designation jointly sponsored and approved by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

- Recently created a Master of Arts in creative writing low-residency program in the School of Arts & Sciences, offering a track of interest to veterans, which is distinctive in the nation.

- Consistently ranked among the top 100 degree-granting institutions for minority students by Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine. The November 2015 issue ranked the university No. 27 among Top 100 Degree Producers for African American Master’s Degrees, across all disciplines.

- Provides quality online programs that make undergraduate and graduate education accessible to committed learners everywhere, and that are ranked among the top in the nation in publications including U.S. News & World Report’s “2016 Best Online Programs” edition.

- Ranked as one of the leading providers of higher education to the military, as well as military spouses, as noted in G.I. Jobs, Military Advanced Education, and other publications. Named Business Partner of the Year at the 18th annual Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Banquet (2016).


- Named among 2013, 2014, and 2015 “Great Colleges to Work For®” by the Chronicle of Higher Education, earning Honor Roll status all three years.

- Is home to the Saint Leo University Polling Institute, established in 2013, a respected source of nonpartisan data on political opinions and cultural attitudes. Survey results can be viewed at http://polls.saintleo.edu/.

- Boasts an athletics program that earned 2nd place in the 2015-2016 Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings (the highest in program history). Also in 2015-2016, the men’s program won the Sunshine State Conference Mayors’ Cup, and the men’s golf team won the NCAA Division II National Championship. More than 355 student-athletes at University Campus participate in 19 NCAA Division II sports.

- Counts nearly 80,000 alumni in all 50 states, Washington, DC, five U.S. territories, and 72 countries.