



The Sarasota Manatee region is filled with a richness of resources and innovative potential and education plays a crucial role in preparing our community for today and envisioning tomorrow. The Cross College Alliance has formed to unleash this potential by using the unique and complementary capabilities of each of the five collaborating higher education institutions — New College of Florida, Ringling College of Art and Design, State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota, The Ringling/FSU and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee — to create a “multiuniversity.” In doing so, the presidents of the Alliance institutions will rethink education together and use their complementary resources and combined ingenuity to engage faculty, students, businesses, and community organizations in establishing the Sarasota-Manatee region as a destination for academic excellence.

Current Initiatives:

1. Rethinking faculty collaborations for curriculum and grants

Faculty collaborations:

New College of Florida leads the Mellon Foundation funded five-year project in the arts and humanities. Faculty collaborations are funded and NCF and across the colleges. New faculty events have helped make connections for grant development and discipline collaborations. Cross college grants are being explored and developed with the Academic Vice Presidents and Provosts.

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2. Rethinking the region as a higher education destination

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3. Rethinking connecting students to careers

Handshake is the fast growing career management system that enables employers to recruit students from New College of Florida, State College of Florida, USF Sarasota-Manatee, USF St. Petersburg, and USF Tampa as well as other top universities in the nation.

The Cross College Alliance institutions are pleased to offer you this service at no cost! Handshake provides ONE employer account with many 'contacts' / 'recruiters' for that employer.

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4. Rethinking creating a vibrant, diverse student Life:

Students identified 'shared events' as important to improving their college town experience. The chief student life officers are coordinating joint events each semester. The Ringling promotes their monthly Underground events to Alliance students; the museum and these events are free to our students with valid identification.

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5. Rethinking leveraging resources and efficiencies:

The Chief Business Officers have worked on emergency management issues and training. Several are developing a business continuation plan. They have identified shared training areas in finance, information technology and human resources.

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