



# Cross College Alliance

Rethinking education. Together.

## 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 at NCF and across the colleges.

New faculty events have helped make connections for grant development and discipline collaborations. An Alliance searchable database will be developed as part of our website to make it easier for faculty to connect. Cross college grants are being explored and developed with the chief academic officers.

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## 2. Rethinking the region as a higher education destination

We are building awareness of the region as a higher education destination. Students and faculty from Ringling School of Art and Design worked with the member communication and marketing officers to create our branding and visual identity components. The new brand was launched in summer, 2017 — the initial webpage is [crosscollegealliance.org](http://crosscollegealliance.org).

A bi-monthly newsletter provides updates.

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## 3. Rethinking connecting students to careers

We are all facing increased interest and demands to improve career placements of our graduates. All of our colleges have or are in process of changing career services models and increasing investments; we are leveraging our work together. This includes planning effective student-employer events as well as developing a talent connector tool accessible on the Alliance website. Key partners include the Gulf Coast CEO Forum and BIG, the Bradenton EDC, the Sarasota County EDC, area Chambers and others.

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4. Rethinking creating a vibrant, diverse student Life: Student surveys informed co-branding and several project areas. 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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