

DISTINCTIVELY

*Santa Fe*

COLLEGE



President Jackson Sasser, strolls through the Northwest Campus on the first day of school.

Santa Fe College is a dynamic, innovative learning community committed to **academic excellence**, academic freedom and intellectual pursuit; individual, social and **global responsibility**; honesty, integrity and **civility**; **cultural diversity** and **equity**; collaboration with our community; open access; **lifelong learning**; assessment, **accountability** and improvement; and the **sustainable use of environmental**, social and economic resources.

Santa Fe College knows how – and when – to celebrate. In 2015, SF won the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, making us #1 in the nation!



# THIS IS SANTA FE COLLEGE



CREATIVE

VIVACIOUS

INSPIRED

A group of people are tubing down a river. The river is surrounded by dense green trees and foliage. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. In the foreground, a young boy is sitting in a blue inflatable ring, looking towards the camera. Behind him, several other people are also in inflatable rings, some of which are blue and white. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

COMMUNITY

IMMERSIVE

OASIS

The Santa Fe River is 75 miles long and has the unusual distinction of disappearing underground for a three mile stretch. Several freshwater springs – like the Ichetucknee pictured here – are connected to the river and are popular destinations for students on the weekends.

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## You are here.

**Santa Fe College is situated in North Central Florida**, with its main campus in Gainesville – a thriving cultural hub centrally located between Jacksonville, Tampa and Orlando.

In addition to the Northwest Campus, SF has six centers positioned across Alachua and Bradford counties. The Perry Center is near Progress Park in Alachua, home to a growing number of biotech companies where SF students can intern while earning their degrees. The Watson Center in Keystone Heights has a state-of-the-art science lab and 40-acre preserve known as Watson Woods. The Andrews Center in Starke offers classes in the historic Bradford County Courthouse and is a major part of the downtown revitalization. Archer's Davis Center offers A.A. degrees, as well as dual-enrollment classes for students in southwestern Alachua County. After an \$8 million expansion, the Kirkpatrick Center – located near the Gainesville Regional Airport – now has a state-of-the-art scenario-based training environment for law enforcement, EMT and paramedic students. Home to SF's Center for Innovation and Economic Development, the Blount Center is located downtown in the heart of Gainesville's Innovation Hub.



RESOURCEFUL

DETERMINED

REWARDING

The University of Florida is the state's flagship university and admits more students from Santa Fe College than from any other Florida state college.

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## You can go anywhere.

**While you can get your bachelor's degree at Santa Fe College**, SF helps students transfer into and graduate from four-year schools at a rate more than double the national average.\* As a part of the SF2Universities program, SF graduates are guaranteed admission into the University of North Florida, Florida A&M University and the University of South Florida. The majority of SF students transfer to the University of Florida.

SF offers specialized transfer programs that prepare and propel SF students into the engineering and pharmacy tracks at UF. There is also a unique grant-funded partnership between the schools that offers research opportunities to underrepresented minority students in SF's biomedical and behavioral science-related disciplines. Dedicated UF advisors visit the Northwest Campus to help SF students navigate these programs, and anything else related to making a successful transfer into UF.

\*<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/2015-aspen-prize-community-college-excellence-2/>



LIVELY

ENERGETIC

ROBUST

Students often gather on the Oak Grove, a centralized location on the Northwest Campus where concerts, movies and recreational events are usually staged. Free pizza occasionally shows up here.

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## You are at the center of everything.

Santa Fe College enrolls **a diverse community of students from across the country and around the world**. According to SF's Institutional Research, approximately **22,000 students** enroll every year, with **17,000** enrolled full time. Another **12,000** students take non-credit classes offered as community education.

About half of the student population comes from local Alachua and Bradford counties and nearly **10 percent are international**, bringing the culture and traditions of over **one hundred countries** to life on the SF campus.

Beau and other therapy dogs keep regular office hours at the Counseling Center on the Northwest Campus. Students can stop by for high fives or big furry hugs.

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## We're here for you.

No matter how old you are or what stage of life you are in, **transitioning to college life can be challenging.** And oftentimes, it's the stressors outside the classroom that cause students to struggle academically. SF's Counseling Center has a highly-trained and widely available staff who can listen to students, helping them navigate through challenges and connecting them with the best resources available.

Additional programs and resources at the college support specific groups of students by addressing their unique circumstances. Focus on the Future works with women who have stayed home and raised a family, helping them to develop skills to re-enter the workforce. My Brother's Keeper aims to increase retention rates among African-American men by providing increased mentoring and professional networking opportunities. The Disabilities Resource Center ensures that all students have equal opportunities on campus.



CARING

WELL-BEING

WARMTH

The front of every RTS bus is equipped with a bicycle rack, for passengers who plan to commute longer distances. The League of American Bicyclists has designated Gainesville as a Bicycle Friendly Community.



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## You've got a ticket to ride.

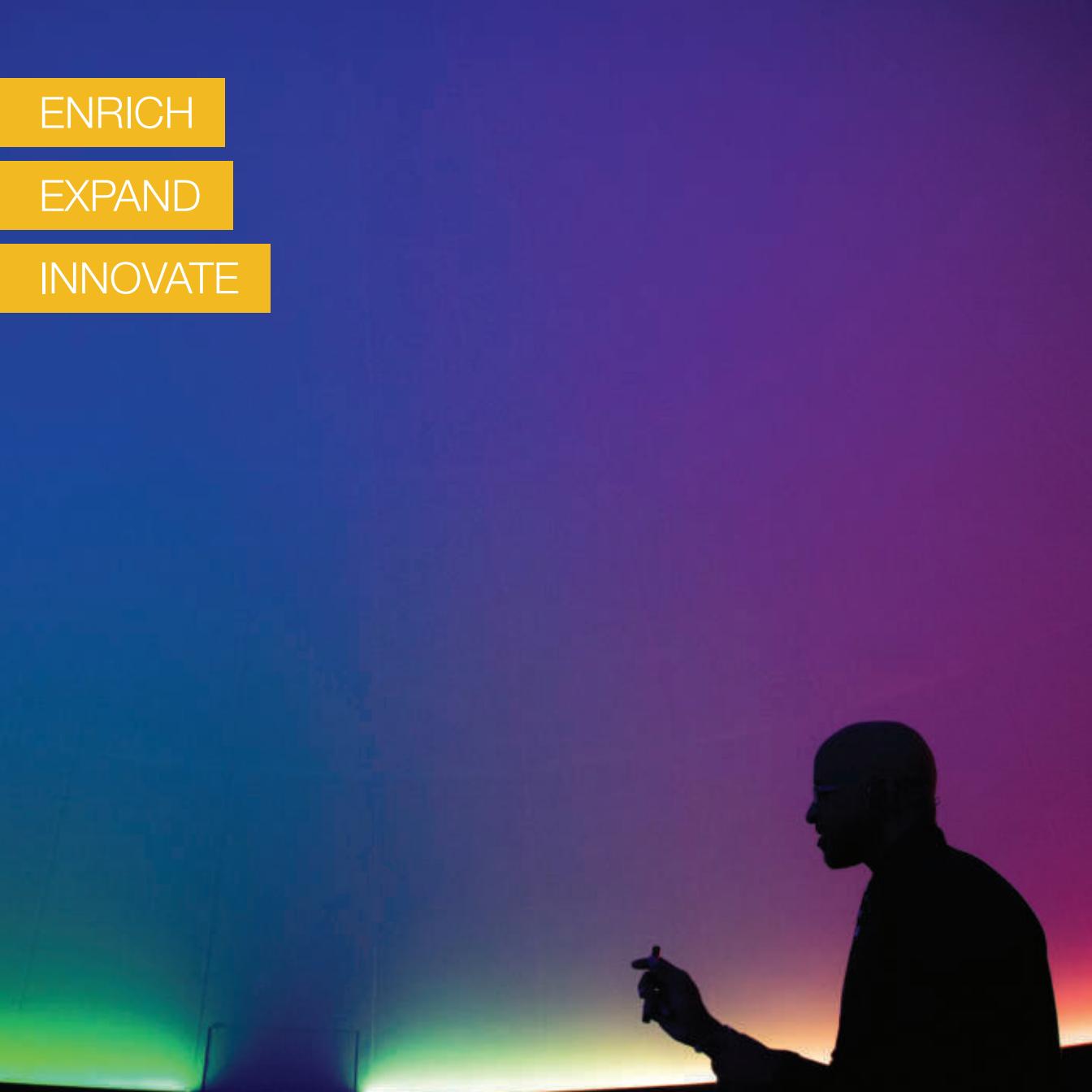
**Parking on campus is free, but so is the local bus system** when you have an SF ID card. Santa Fe College students, faculty and staff can ride the Regional Transit System, or RTS, buses within the greater Gainesville area at absolutely no charge. Six bus lines stop directly at the Santa Fe College campus and branch out to reach local shopping centers, theaters and cinemas, hospitals and medical facilities, countless housing communities, the historic downtown area, the Gainesville Regional Airport, and the University of Florida. SF students can fully experience living in one of the nation's great college towns without having to worry about the cost of owning, insuring or maintaining a car.



AFFORDABLE

ACCESSIBLE

CONVENIENT



ENRICH

EXPAND

INNOVATE



A legacy gift helped build the SF Kika Silva Pla Planetarium, where director James Albury offers educational and entertaining programs for students and the community. Albury is co-host of the PBS show Star Gazers.

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## The sky is the limit.

**With help from a community of visionary donors, the Santa Fe College Foundation has awarded more than \$13 million in scholarships** to students and helped transform the college campus since it opened. Each of the six Santa Fe College centers, built throughout Alachua and Bradford counties, came to life because generous individuals believed it was critical for students in outlying communities to have easier access to education. One family, so moved by the quality of an SF Fine Arts performance, left their legacy by donating enough funds to purchase a collection of pianos, transforming SF into an All-Steinway School. The SF Foundation is available to help students who are struggling to pay for school, as well as helping everyone on campus to have access to enriching programs and cultural events – like the annual SF Spring Arts Festival.



PRACTICAL

ECONOMICAL

INVESTMENT

◀ Santa Fe College has paid apprenticeship programs for plumbing, HVAC and a variety of other trades. And around campus, work-study programs are available for qualified students to offset the cost of college. At SF, you can earn while you learn.

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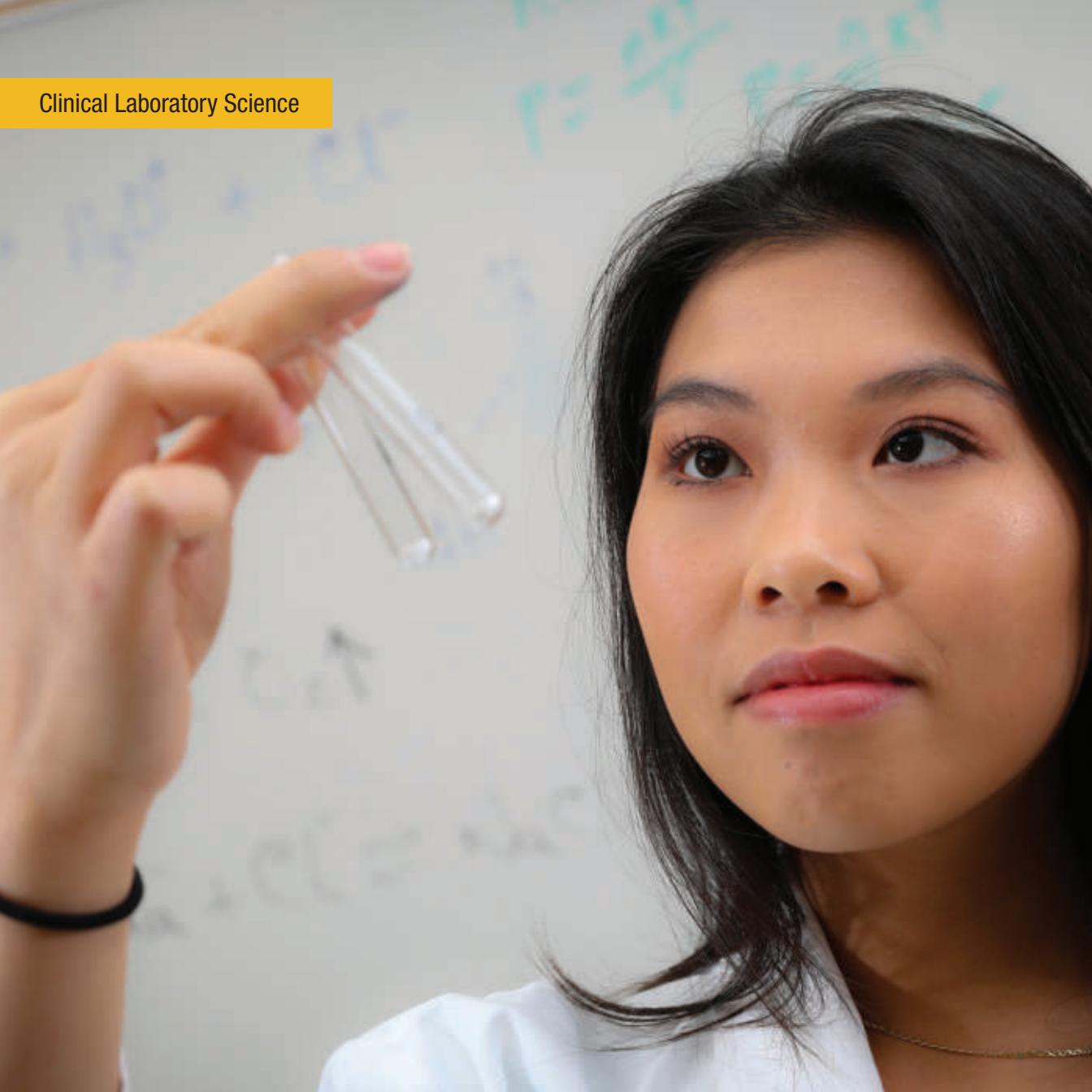
## The bottom line.

**Getting a college degree is an important milestone** in developing any successful career path, but there's no reason why it should put a student thousands of dollars in debt before they earn their first paycheck. Santa Fe College students can earn an associate degree at a fraction of what it would cost to complete their first two years at a state or private college. And the bachelor's degrees offered at SF are not only affordable – some cost less than \$10,000 – they prepare students to enter the workforce in high-demand fields.



FRIENDSHIP  
EXPLORATION  
INSPIRATION





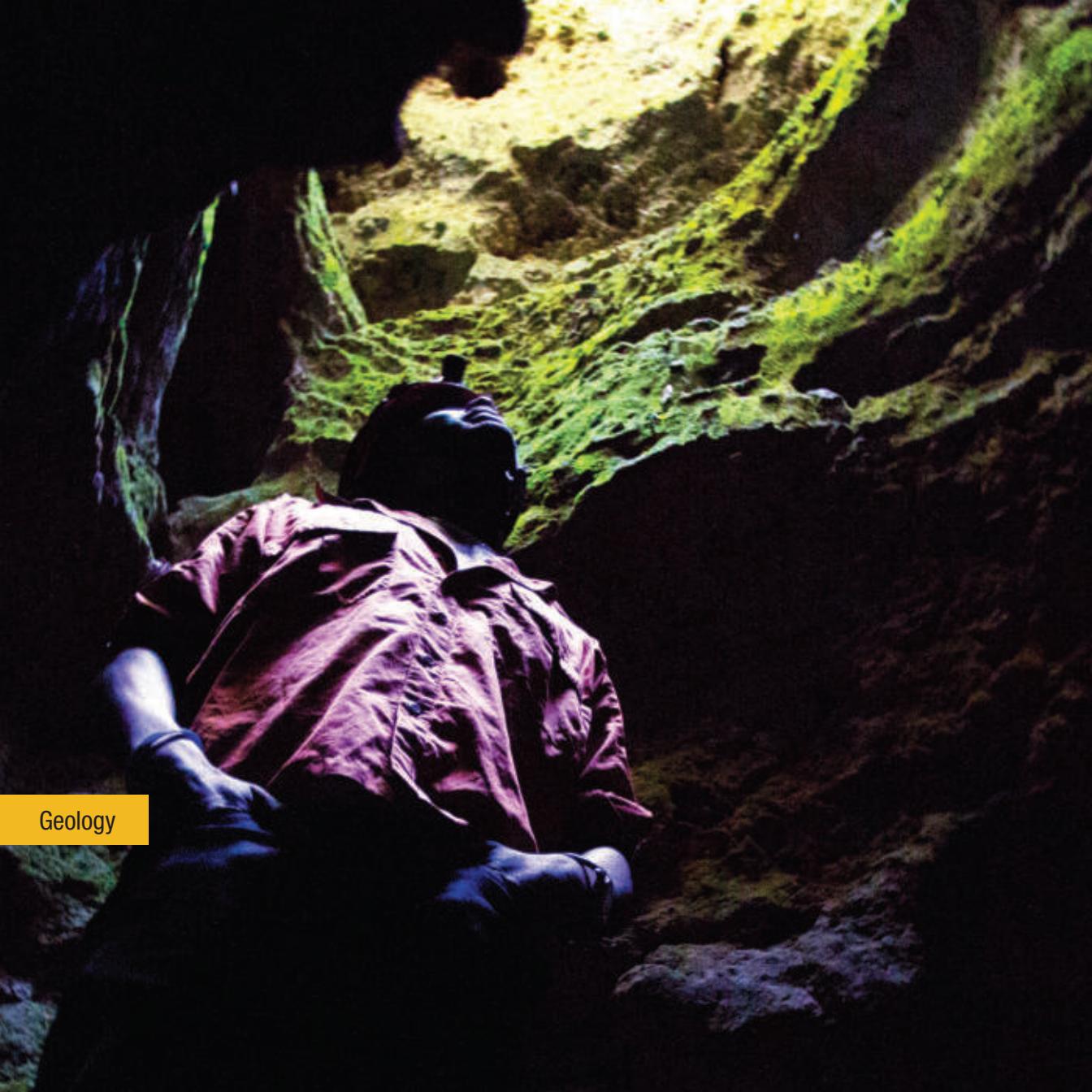
Alachua County is home to a growing number of biotech companies where SF students have the opportunity to intern and later apply to work full-time. SF offers several bachelor's degrees, starting at \$10K, to prepare students for 21st century jobs.

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## Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Applied Science – B.S. and B.A.S.

Four-year degrees for students building the foundation for a lifelong career.

Accounting  
Clinical Laboratory Science  
Early Childhood Education  
Health Services Administration  
Information Systems Technology  
Industrial Biotechnology  
Multimedia and Video Production Technology  
Nursing  
Organizational Management



Geology

The Harvey Sharron Geological Field Station, known as the Bat Cave, located in western Alachua County, is used as a research facility for students taking classes in the Natural Sciences department.

## Associate in Arts – A.A.

A two-year degree for students preparing to transfer into a bachelor's degree program.

Accounting	English	Marine Science
Agriculture	Environmental Science	Mathematics
Animal Sciences	Exercise and Sport Science	Music
Anthropology	Exploring Arts and Humanities	Musical Theater
Architecture	Exploring Health and Technology	Nursing
Art Education	Exploring Science	Nutritional Sciences
Art History	Exploring Social Science	Pharmacy
Art Studio	Family Youth and Community	Philosophy
Astronomy	Fashion Merchandising	Photography
Biological Sciences	Film Studies	Physical Education
Botany	Food and Resource Economics	Physics
Building Construction	Forestry	Political Science
Business Administration	French	Psychology
Chemistry	General Studies	Recreation
Clinical Lab Science/ Medical Technology	Geology	Religion
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Graphic Design	Social Work
Computer Science	Health Sciences	Sociology
Criminal Justice	Health Services Administration	Spanish
Dance	History	Special Education
Economics	Hospitality Management	Sports Management
Elementary Education	Interior Design	Theatre
Engineering	International Business	Wildlife Ecology
	Journalism	Zoology
	Linguistics	and more ...



The Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting tracks at Santa Fe College were created over 40 years ago and have been fully accredited by the American Dental Association since their inception.

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## Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science – A.S. and A.A.S.

Two-year degrees for students training to enter the workforce with a competitive skillset.

Automotive Service Management Technology  
Biomedical Equipment Technician  
Biotechnology Lab Technology  
Building Construction Management Technology  
Business Administration  
Business Entrepreneurship  
Cardiovascular Technology  
Chemical Technology  
Computer Information Technology  
Criminal Justice Technology  
Dental Hygiene  
Dental Hygiene Bridge  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
Digital Media Technology  
Early Childhood Education  
Emergency Medical Services  
Graphic Design Technology

Health Information Technology  
Health Services Management  
Business Administration –  
Insurance and Risk Management  
Legal Assistant  
Marketing Management  
Networking Systems Technology  
Nuclear Medicine Technology  
Nursing Bridge LPN to RN  
Nursing (RN)  
Office Administration  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Programming and Analysis  
Radiography  
Respiratory Care  
Zoo Animal Technology

## Carpentry Apprenticeship



Santa Fe College donates a house each year to Habitat for Humanity. The home is built by SF students in the Charles R. Perry Construction Institute on the Northwest Campus, then moved to a permanent location.

## Vocational Certificates and Apprenticeships

Certificate programs are often paired with apprenticeships – allowing students to earn while they learn.

Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology  
Applied Welding Technology  
Automotive Service Technology  
Business Administration - Human Resources Administrator  
Business Management  
Business Operations Management  
Carpentry Apprenticeship  
Central Sterile Processing Technology  
Chemical Laboratory Specialist  
Child Development Early Intervention  
Computed Tomography (CT)  
Computed Tomography Certificate (ATC)  
Computer Programmer  
Computer Programming Specialist  
Corrections Officer  
Crossover Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement  
Crossover Law Enforcement Officer to Correctional  
Dental Assisting  
Educator Preparation Institute  
Electrical Construction Apprenticeship  
Emergency Medical Technology

Graphic Design Production  
Graphic Design Support  
Health Information Technology Privacy Security  
Healthcare Informatics Specialist  
Heating and Air Conditioning Installer/Service  
Law Enforcement  
Medical Coder/Biller  
Network Infrastructure  
Network Security  
Network Server Administration  
Nursing Assistant  
Office Management  
Office Specialist  
Office Support  
Paramedic  
Phlebotomy  
Plumbing Apprenticeship  
Plumbing Technology  
Polysomnography  
Practical Nursing  
Surgical Technology

Santa Fe College offers a certificate in International Studies to provide a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the history, politics, economics and languages of cultures beyond the borders of the United States.



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## A global focus.

**Santa Fe College is committed to preparing globally competent and competitive students** who will excel in the midst of rapid globalization, adapt to an ever-changing world, and effect positive change. One in 10 students on campus are from another country, including Fulbright scholars. SF offers foreign language instruction, dozens of courses with international content, and a rich set of extracurricular activities with a global focus.

Students can expand their educational horizons with immersive international experiences through study abroad. These programs allow you to earn college credits while traveling to places like Brazil, the British Isles, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Spain and Portugal, South Africa and Sweden. Study abroad students travel with a faculty member and trips are planned during spring break or shortly after the spring term ends.



ADVENTURE

GLOBAL

EXPANSIVE

Class sizes at Santa Fe College are limited to 30 students or less. It is not uncommon to see classes – like this Introduction to Philosophy lecture – taught outside when the weather is especially inspiring.

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## Going above and beyond.

**With personalized advising and distinctive classroom experiences**, the SF Honors Program engages students to be partners in their learning process – developing critical thinking skills, promoting civic engagement, and traveling farther down a path of lifelong learning. Many students receive scholarships at SF and after transferring to other institutions. Honors class sizes are among the smallest at the college; students are encouraged to challenge each other and to take a turn at teaching.

SF also has Emerging Leaders and Engaged Leaders programs that allow students to network with leaders on campus and within the community, developing their own leadership skills and expanding their personal and professional development.

COMPELLING

DYNAMIC

INFORMED



SF's award-winning online degree audit system makes it easy for students to track their progress. It also notices if a student is struggling. Low grades, absences and incomplete assignments raise a red flag in the system, and in some cases, alert an advisor to reach out.

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## Academic advising and assessment.

Santa Fe College employs **a full-time team of advisors, committed to helping you start and stay on track** with your education and career goals. They assist students in meeting the key academic requirements for students' scholarships, G.I. benefits and international visas. Advisors specialize in specific academic tracks and are generally assigned to students based on their selected area of study – but they can also help if you decide to change your major, need to leave school for a semester, or want to study abroad.



SENSIBLE

WELL-VERSED

SUPPORTIVE

Witnessing a spirited hootenanny at the gibbon exhibit is a distinctive initiation for new SF students. The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo – one of only two accredited teaching zoos in the nation – is free for students and is a favorite study spot.

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## Ready to take the leap?

**When you are ready to enroll at SF, visit [sfcollege.edu/apply](https://sfcollege.edu/apply).** We have students from all over the world, so you'll need to select whether you are a U.S. citizen, resident or if you are applying from abroad. Based on your unique background and your education goals, the system will guide you step-by-step through the checklist of transcripts, test scores, financial aid forms and/or any other documentation you need to submit so that you can register and pay for classes. All new students take an online orientation, schedule to meet an advisor face-to-face, and complete a training session on sexual violence awareness and prevention. New international students have an additional orientation and are encouraged to check in online and in-person with International Student Services at [sfcollege.edu/iss](https://sfcollege.edu/iss). A convocation ceremony at the SF Fine Arts Hall welcomes all new students at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.



LAUNCH

APPLY

SOAR

### **Commitment to Equal Access and Equal Opportunity**

Santa Fe College (SF) is committed to maintaining a work and educational environment that embraces diversity and where no member of the college community is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subject to discrimination in any college program or activity based on: their race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, age, disability, sex, pregnancy status, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status. This commitment applies to employees, volunteers, students, and, to the extent possible, to third parties, applicants for admission, applicants for employment, and the general public.

Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies or concerns about discrimination or harassment, including concerns about sexual harassment or sexual violence under Title IX, should be directed to:

Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator  
3000 NW 83rd Street  
R-Annex, Room 113  
Gainesville, Florida 32606  
352-395-5950  
equity.officer@sfcollge.edu

### **SACSCOC**

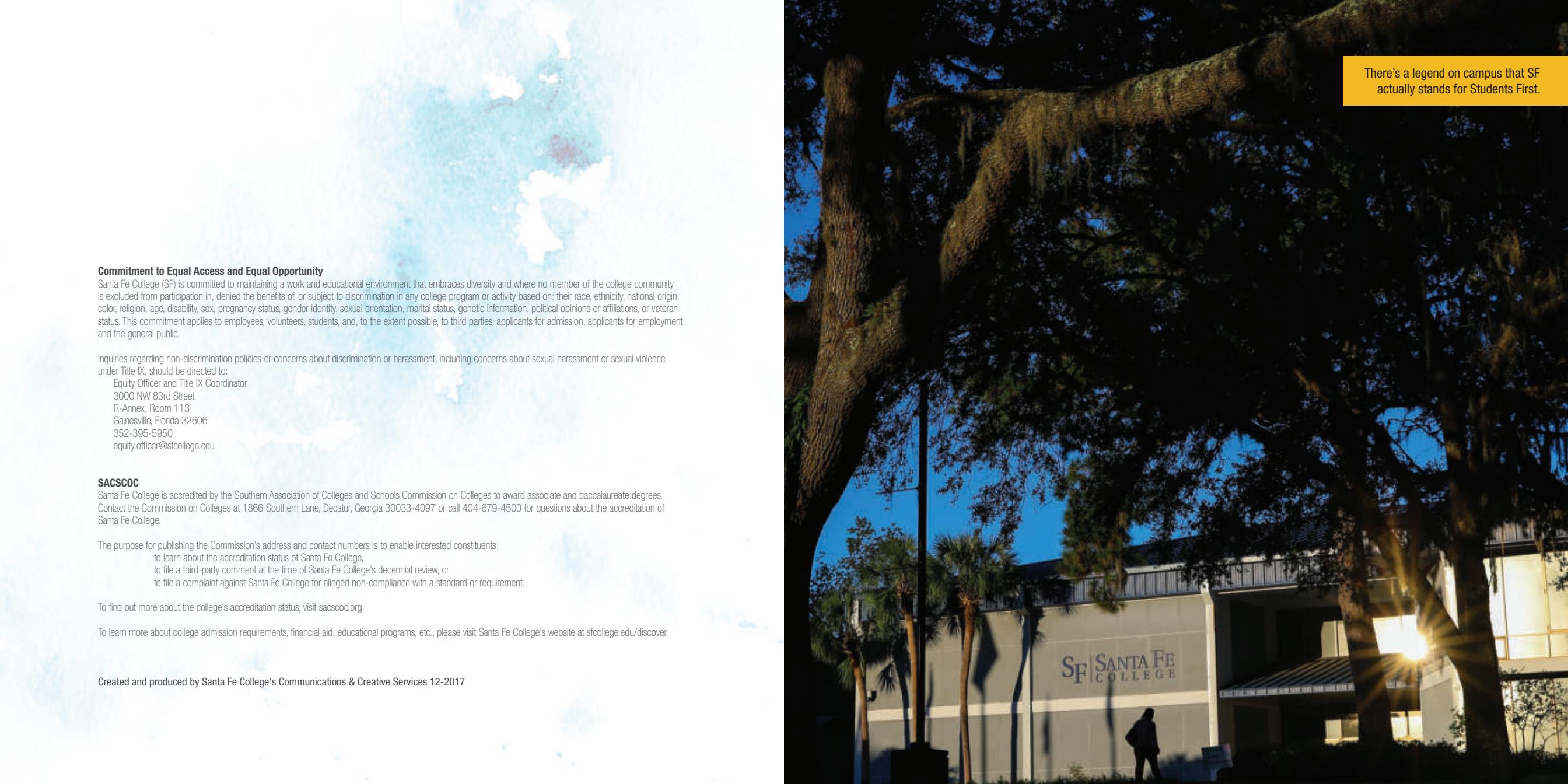
Santa Fe College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Santa Fe College.

The purpose for publishing the Commission's address and contact numbers is to enable interested constituents:  
to learn about the accreditation status of Santa Fe College,  
to file a third-party comment at the time of Santa Fe College's decennial review, or  
to file a complaint against Santa Fe College for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement.

To find out more about the college's accreditation status, visit [sacscoc.org](http://sacscoc.org).

To learn more about college admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., please visit Santa Fe College's website at [sfcollge.edu/discover](http://sfcollge.edu/discover).

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There's a legend on campus that SF  
actually stands for Students First.

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