USF College Of Education Makes Its Mark

The U.S. News and World Report rankings don’t always treat the University of South Florida kindly, but this time USF has good reason to celebrate its College of Education rocketing up the list of America’s Best Graduate Schools.

The college is listed 48th in the nation, up from last year’s 60th place. The University of Florida held steady at 44th.

USF Provost Renu Khator rightly puts the responsibility for this fast rise with faculty members who continue to push the college forward with creative research and excellent teaching. Building a high quality College of Education is particularly important considering that is where the teachers of tomorrow are trained and current teachers work on refining their abilities.

The rankings are based on statistics such as the number of doctorates granted, research funding, scores from the Graduate Record Examinations – the all-important test to get into graduate school – and the faculty-student ratio. A higher ranking on this much-anticipated list helps colleges and universities recruit even better students in the future.

The USF College of Education is also one of the leaders on campus in reaching out to the community through a myriad of programs that range from the on-campus preschool to outreach programs for migrant and homeless children.

This new ranking puts USF’s College of Education in a higher league and generates momentum for the university’s drive to become one of the nation’s best.