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OPENING FALL CREDIT STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The purpose of this *Research Brief* is to describe the student population (headcount) enrolled in degree credit programs and attending classes at St. Petersburg Junior College at the end of the first week of classes (FTE date) during the Fall Session 1993. The table below describes the Fall 1993 credit student profile by home campus and compares this year's collegewide profile with the same timeframe in Fall 1992. Recall that students are asked to identify one of three locations as a home campus when they apply for admission--St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, Clearwater Campus, or Tarpon Springs Center.

TABLE 1
PROFILE OF CREDIT/AUDIT STUDENT HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT
FTE DATE SESSION I, 1993

	<u>CLEARWATER</u>		<u>ST. PETERSBURG</u>		<u>TARPON CENTER</u>		<u>COLLEGEWIDE</u>		Session I, 1992 FTE Date <u>COLLEGEWIDE</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
PROGRAM										
Adv. & Prof.	5,814	71.50%	7,069	71.75%	1,782	71.31%	14,665	71.60%	14,672	69.28%
Post. Voc.	1,363	16.76%	1,634	16.59%	480	19.21%	3,477	16.98%	3,395	16.03%
Other Pers. Obj.	954	11.73%	1,149	11.66%	237	9.48%	2,340	11.42%	3,110	14.69%
Total	8,131		9,852		2,499		20,482		21,177	
TYPE OF ATTENDANCE										
Full-time	2,293	28.20%	2,557	25.95%	660	26.41%	5,510	26.90%	6,256	29.54%
Part-time	5,838	71.80%	7,295	74.05%	1,839	73.59%	14,972	73.10%	14,921	70.46%
GENDER										
Male	3,386	41.64%	3,786	38.43%	895	35.81%	8,067	39.39%	8,334	39.35%
Female	4,745	58.36%	6,066	61.57%	1,604	64.19%	12,415	60.61%	12,843	60.65%
ETHNICITY										
White	7,330	90.15%	8,105	82.27%	2,349	94.00%	17,784	86.83%	18,576	87.72%
Black	293	3.60%	986	10.01%	19	0.76%	1,298	6.34%	1,229	5.80%
American Indian	54	0.66%	115	1.17%	14	0.56%	183	0.89%	184	0.87%
Asian	151	1.86%	331	3.36%	40	1.60%	522	2.55%	464	2.19%
Hispanic	301	3.70%	313	3.18%	77	3.08%	691	3.37%	585	2.76%
Non-Res. Aliens	2	0.02%	2	0.02%	0	0.00%	4	0.02%	139	0.66%
AGE										
15-19	1,858	22.85%	1,991	20.21%	638	25.53%	4,487	21.91%	4,911	23.19%
20-24	2,520	30.99%	2,821	28.63%	759	30.37%	6,100	29.78%	6,291	29.71%
25-29	1,295	15.93%	1,622	16.46%	331	13.25%	3,248	15.86%	3,247	15.33%
30-34	890	10.95%	1,304	13.24%	286	11.44%	2,480	12.11%	2,460	11.62%
35-39	626	7.70%	927	9.41%	216	8.64%	1,769	8.64%	1,710	8.07%
40-44	446	5.49%	585	5.94%	133	5.32%	1,164	5.68%	1,213	5.73%
45-49	274	3.37%	331	3.36%	77	3.08%	682	3.33%	723	3.41%
50-54	131	1.61%	152	1.54%	33	1.32%	316	1.54%	303	1.43%
55-59	60	0.74%	65	0.66%	15	0.60%	140	0.68%	126	0.59%
60 and over	29	0.36%	47	0.48%	7	0.28%	83	0.41%	177	0.84%
Not known	2	0.02%	7	0.07%	4	0.16%	13	0.06%	16	0.08%

Significant details:

1. Program

Overall credit headcount enrollment decreased slightly over the previous fall. There was an increase in the percentage of students enrolled in the college transfer A.A. degree program from Fall 1992 (69.3%) to Fall 1993 (71.6%) and for students enrolled in A.S. degree/Vocational Certificate programs (from 16% in Fall 1992 to 17% in Fall 1993). The percentage of students enrolled in credit courses, but not enrolled in degree programs, decreased from 14.7% in Fall 1992 to 11.4% in Fall 1993.

2. Type of Attendance

The distribution of students based on matriculated credit hours, with full-time enrollment equal to 12 or more hours, showed that the percentage of students enrolled full-time decreased from 29.5% (Fall 1992) to 26.9% (Fall 1993).

3. Gender

Collegewide there are more females (60.6%) than males (39.4%) in Fall 1993. This same pattern is followed on each of the campuses and is consistent with the Fall 1992 profile.

4. Age

One-half of our students collegewide (51.7%) continue to be between 15 and 24 years of age which is a slight decrease from the previous Fall semester (52.9%). While the percentage of enrolled students 25 to 39 years increased slightly (from 35% in Fall 1992 to 36.6% in Fall 1993) there was a slight decrease in the percentage of students over 40 years of age (from 12.1% in Fall 1992 to 11.7% in Fall 1993).

5. Ethnicity

On a collegewide basis, 86.8% of SPJC students are white; 6.3% are black; 3.4% are Hispanic; 2.6% are Asian; and 0.9% are American Indian. As has been the trend over the past few years, the number of ethnic minorities, especially African-Americans has continued to increase.

In summary, there have been some changes in the enrollment pattern (fewer non-degree seeking and more minority and older students), trends which we have been seeing increase over the past several years.

Knowledge of the number and profile of the student population served is important to college faculty and administration. Of equal importance, especially for college program planning, is the distribution of students across the various types of courses taught at SPJC. Table 2 shows the distribution of Fall 1993 FTE date enrollment by credit/audit students collegewide and by campus. Note that credit FTE's generated at the Health Education Center, Allstate, Carillon and other off-campus sites are listed as other sites. Collegewide 62.9% of generated FTE's are in Advanced and Professional courses, 27.4% are in Postsecondary Vocational courses, and 9.7% are in College Preparatory courses. The Fall 1992 enrollments and percentages are shown for comparison. Compared to the previous year at the end of the drop/add period, there is a slight increase in vocational degree course and college preparatory course enrollment.

TABLE 2
DISTRIBUTION OF FTE ENROLLMENT ACROSS COURSES TAKEN
BY CREDIT/AUDIT STUDENTS
FALL 1993 FTE DATE COURSE ENROLLMENT

	<u>Clearwater</u> FTE	<u>St. Petersburg</u> FTE	<u>Tarpon Center</u> FTE	<u>Other Sites</u> FTE	<u>Collegewide</u> FTE	<u>Collegewide</u> %	<u>Collegewide</u> 92 FTE	<u>Collegewide</u> %
Advanced & Professional	1,110.3	1,260.8	277.4	165.3	2,813.8	62.90%	2,783.6	64.65%
Postsecondary Vocational	346.6	363.4	83.8	433.6	1,227.4	27.44%	1,149.3	26.69%
College Preparatory	179.7	209.6	43.3	0.0	432.6	9.67%	372.7	8.66%
Total	1,636.6	1,833.8	404.5	598.9	4,473.8		4,305.6	
Percent of Total	36.58%	40.99%	9.04%	13.39%	100.0			