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Rollins Focus

Rollins earns Changemaker designation

Rollins is one of only 16 colleges in the nation, the first liberal arts institution in the South, and the first college in Florida to be named a Changemaker Campus by Ashoka U. Recognizing leadership in social entrepreneurship, Ashoka U will award this designation to only 30 institutions of higher education internationally. [More...](#)

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Q&A: Asking You

In each *PLC Quarterly*, we will ask you a question of importance to Rollins' continued success.



The *New York Times* columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof spoke at Rollins' Changemaker Campus Day ceremony on September 6, 2012. Seated (l to r): Rollins Board of Trustees Chairman David Lord '69 '71MBA, President Lewis Duncan, SGA President Ben Varnum '13, Executive Director of Ashoka U Marina Kim.

Q: As we explore Rollins' online learning presence, what types of courses, seminars, or lectures might Rollins offer that would interest you?

A: We value your thoughts and suggestions.

[Respond here >>](#)

Board Digest

Highlights from reports to the Trustees

- Strategic planning priorities identified by the planning committees (Academic Excellence, Student Success, Areas of Distinction, and Sustainable Business Model) have been arranged into three thematic areas: Engaged Lifetime Learning, Improving Institutional Effectiveness, and Streamlined Pathways to Success. The strategic plan will be the main topic of the Board of Trustees annual retreat in October.
- The 2012 fiscal year concluded with a balanced operating budget and a small net surplus. As of May 31, 2012, the endowment was valued at \$333.4 million.
- Construction continues on schedule for The Alford Inn at Rollins (due for a July 2013 soft opening) and the Archibald Granville Bush Science Center (scheduled to reopen in August 2013). This [time-lapse video](#) captures the progress of construction on the Bush Science Center since beginning in March 2012.
- Olin Library renovations and Strong Hall (phase I) were completed for fall semester opening, and the Cahall-Sandspur Field Press Box ("Officials' Stand") was completed for the fall soccer season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Honorable
Melanne Vermeer**
*U.S. Ambassador-at-Large
for Global Women's Issues*

Public Presentation
Oct. 29, 2012
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Rollins College
Knowles Memorial Chapel

Next PLC meeting
Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2013

[Winter Park Institute](#)

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Enrollment Data

	Fall 2012	Fall 2011*
A&S and CPS		
Actual	1,893	1818
Projected	1,820	1,730
First-year students	521	555
New transfer students	61	79
Continuing students	1,321**	1,184
Discount rate	44%	43%
Crummer		
Actual	315	374
Projected	322	420
Holt		
Undergraduate: Actual	778	797
Undergraduate: Projected	785	765
Graduate: Actual	260	279
Graduate: Projected	288	288

**Official October headcount*

***Student success initiatives in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Professional Studies have had a significant impact on retention of first-year students, currently at a high of 84%, a 3% increase over the previous year. Rollins will launch new sophomore programming aimed at sustaining these positive results.*

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Giving to Rollins

Selected major gift milestones

- David Lord '69 '71MBA and his family continue to champion Rollins students' connection to the community with a \$1-million gift to create an endowed directorship for community engagement. [More...](#)
- The Charles Rice family challenged the Rollins community with a \$5-million lead gift for the redesign and expansion of the Archibald Granville Bush Science Center. Rollins also received a \$1-million gift from the Ackerman Family Fund, \$500,000 from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation, and, most recently, a \$1-million grant from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation in support of this ambitious project and what it will mean for the sciences and all students at Rollins. [More...](#)

- The Alford Inn at Rollins is currently under construction thanks to a \$12.5-million grant from the Harold Alford Foundation. [More...](#)

Total gifts (FY 2012) \$14.8M

The Rollins Fund (FY 2012) \$2.19M

The Face of Rollins

Alexa Hartman '13

When Alexa Hartman '13 presented her Rollins research on Parkinson's disease at the Sigma Xi conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, she never knew it would lead to a summer research opportunity at the McAllister Heart Institute at the University of North Carolina. [More...](#)



Alexa Hartman '13 credits Dr. Susan Walsh, assistant professor of biology, for inspiring her to conduct research.

Student & alumni accomplishments

- A record six Rollins Fulbright awardees are teaching English and fostering cross-cultural understanding through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in 2012-2013. [More...](#)
 - In 2011-2012, Raymond "Mitch" Verboncouer '14 received a Goldwater Honorable Mention and Emma Broming '12, Heather Smith '05, Laurie Stephey '09, and Donnelly West '07 received Honorable Mention recognition from the National Science Foundation.
 - Tied for fifth in the nation among Division II schools with an academic success rate of 95%, Rollins received the Division II Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence, which measures graduation rates for Division II student-athletes nationwide over a four-year period. [More...](#)
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College Kudos

U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report ranks Rollins number one among 128 regional universities in the South in the annual rankings of "Best Colleges." This is the eighth consecutive year that Rollins has been named to the top spot in this category. [More...](#)

The Princeton Review

The Princeton Review features Rollins in the 2013 edition of its annual guide *The Best 377 Colleges*. [More...](#)

The Princeton Review's *Guide to 322 Green Colleges*, 2012 edition, includes Rollins among the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S.A. and Canada. [More...](#)

The Chronicle

The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Rollins in its "2012 Great Colleges to Work For" Honor Roll. Out of medium-sized schools (categorized as having between 3,000 and 9,999 students), Rollins was one of 10 colleges listed as "best of the best." [More...](#)

Associated Colleges of the South

The ACS has awarded grants to Rollins faculty to support innovation. Rachel Simmons '97, associate professor of art, will partner with Southwestern University to connect classes through blended learning and field studies. Dr. David Richard, professor of psychology and dean of the Hamilton Holt School, and Dr. Scott Hewit, associate professor of education, received funding to train faculty in blended learning technologies. [More...](#)

More accolades

- Rollins is recognized on the Colleges of Distinction website for consistently providing a remarkable undergraduate experience and producing successful graduates. [More...](#)
 - Rollins ranks among the top 100 colleges in the nation for its social media, according to StudentAdvisor. Recently, Rollins' social media registered the best month of audience engagement to date, in some cases more than doubling previous records. [More...](#)
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PLC Initiatives Update

Linking students, alumni, and careers

Former PLC member Cat McConnell '07 '09MBA has been appointed director of the Alumni Career Network in the Office of Alumni Relations at Rollins. This position will strengthen Rollins' ability to link students and alumni for greater connections and increased career and internship opportunities.

PLC Contemporaries

The PLC Contemporaries initiative is underway. This group of young alumni and friends will extend Rollins' outreach and provide additional perspectives to conversations about the College's future. Membership, communications, and opportunities for interaction with groups such as the PLC are currently being developed.

SESi

Rollins' Social Entrepreneurship and Sustainability initiative (SESi) has gained momentum with Ashoka U's recent designation of Rollins as a Changemaker Campus. SESi continues to promote successful social entrepreneurship by offering Rollins students skills training and collaboration opportunities.

Enhancing spiritual life on campus

Following up on a previous PLC recommendation, Rollins has formed a spirituality task force to review and expand opportunities for spiritual life on campus. Dr. Patrick Powers, dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel and chaplain to the College, has engaged students, faculty, and staff with assistance from Rev. Bryan Fulwider, former pastor of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park.



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