

# 2001 "Best of Florida Schools" Winners

## STATE UNIVERSITIES

### Florida A&M University

Best Student Rally (p.19)—"Wake Up Wednesday" voter drive

### Florida Atlantic University

Best Honors Program (p.19)—The Honors College in Jupiter  
Best Take Cover Campus (p.19)—Boca Raton campus used to be an Air Force base  
Best Tabloid Junkies (p.33)—Internships at *Enquirer*, *Star*, and *Globe*

### Florida Gulf Coast University

Best Environmental Initiative (p.21)—School policies limit impact on environment  
Safest Campus (p.43)—"Safe Passage at Night" & self-defense classes  
Best Tenure Alternative (see [www.floridaleader.com](http://www.floridaleader.com))—Professors get continuing contracts

### Florida International University

Best Campus Newspaper (p.17)—Honorable Mention, *The Beacon*  
Best Summer Fun (p.27)—RAs sponsor "The Block is Hot" party

### Florida State University

Best Student Rally (p.19)—"Wake Up Wednesday" voter drive  
Best Surround Sound (p.29)—New Student Life Building has awesome theater

### University of Central Florida

Best Student Government (p.11)—Honorable Mention  
Best Surprise Victory (p.29)—Football Knights stomp the Alabama Crimson Tide  
Best Cooperative Greeks (p.37)—Kappa Delta sorority unites Greeks

### University of Florida

Best Campus Newspaper (p.17)—Runner-up, *The Alligator*  
It's Absolute Muddness! (p.33)—IRHA sponsors annual "Mudfest"  
Best Freshmen Experience (p.37)—Honors Ambassadors Program makes school more fun for freshmen

### University of North Florida

Best Student Government (p.9)—Winner  
Best Residence Life Group (p.14)—The Resident Student Association grew by 1,000 percent

### University of South Florida

Best Student Government (p.11)—Runner-up  
Best Campus Newspaper (p.17)—Winner, *The Oracle*  
Best "Beauty" Pageant (p.13)—The Black Student Union's "Miss Uhuru"  
Best Honors Program (p.19)—New College in Sarasota  
Best Off-Campus Greeks (p.24)—Greeks served in 300 projects

### University of West Florida

Best Team Effort (p.14)—Engineering students build award-winning robot submarine  
Best Cover Story (p.32)—Honors Program leaders donate blankets  
Best-Looking Campus (p.37)

## PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale

Best Toy Story (p.29)—Students make toys for needy tots

### Barry University

Best Recycling (p.19)—The "recycling nun" saved 63 tons of trash  
Best Alumni Babies (p.24)—"Rosebuds for Barry Babies" announces little Bucs  
Best Web Idea (p.33)—Championship soccer matches broadcast live

### Beacon College

Best Specialty School (p.13)—Students with learning disabilities  
Best Club Diversity (p.45)—Clubs come and go every six weeks

### Bethune-Cookman College

Best In-Demand Band (p.24)—The Marching Wildcats jetted to the Bahamas for a gig  
Best Donors (p.33)—Nursing students sign up bone marrow donors

### Edward Waters College

Best Beauty Contest (p.21)—The annual "Campus Queen" competition

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Best TV Replay (p.13)—ERRSA's "MTV Night"

### Flagler College

Most Novel Idea (p.18)—Students write and illustrate children's books

### Florida Christian College

Best Women's Event (p.14)—Annual "Ladies Day" event draws women statewide for speakers and bonding

### Florida Institute of Technology

Best Campus Newspaper (p.31)—Honorable Mention, *The Crimson*

### Florida College

Most Spirited Students (p.33)—Most students and faculty are Christians

### Florida Memorial College

Best Band (p.19)—The Steel Band wins the "World Steel Band Festival"

### Florida Southern College

Best Campus Newspaper (p.31)—Honorable Mention, *The Southern*  
Best Intra-"mural" Sport (p.18)—Graffiti artists pick up cash in "Moc Mural Contest"  
Best Adjustment Agent (p.24)—"First year Experience" helps frosh  
Best Call for Help (p.33)—"Security Escort" beepers keep freshmen safe  
Best Charitable Act (p.37)—Lambda Chi Alpha brothers collect 80,000 pounds of food  
Best New Student Group (p.38)—Non-Traditional Student Association

### Jacksonville University

Best College Newspaper (p.31)—Honorable Mention, *The Navigator*  
Best Campus Outreach (p.43)—President starts e-mail suggestion box

### Johnson & Wales University

Best Community Outreach (p.18)—CETARY teaches troubled teens about hospitality jobs

### Keiser College

Best Paddling for Proceeds (p.43)—"Paddlefest" helps sick kids

### Lynn University

Best Helping Hands (p.29)—Students produced TV telethon show to help friend in need  
Best Homecoming Parade (p.38)—Festivities featured golf carts  
Best Fundraiser (p.43)—"Up 'til Dawn" raises \$25,000  
Best Resume Padder (p.32)—Telecommunications students interviewed Bush and Gore

### Nova Southeastern University

Best Student Government (p.35)—Up-and-Comers  
Best Campus Newspaper (p.31)—Honorable Mention, *The Knight*  
Best Service Program (p.13)—Students serve through SCORE  
Best RA Reader (p.24)—Guidebook teaches RAs nationwide  
Best Service Project (p.32)—"Doctor's Bag" teaches kids about medicine  
Best Partnership (p.37)—NSU partners with local government to build high-tech library

Best Pub Theme (p.43)—Rosenthal Student Center's "Flight Deck" features WWII memorabilia  
Best Orientation Theme (see [www.floridaleader.com](http://www.floridaleader.com))—"Got Wood?" program for incoming students

#### **Northwood University**

Best Tuition Perk (p.38)—All students get free *Wall Street Journal*

#### **Palm Beach Atlantic College**

Best Student Recruits (p.14)—Telecounselors help college recruit  
Best Students (p.29)—"Best Program" helps freshmen acclimate

#### **Ringling School of Art and Design**

Most Dedicated Drawers (p.14)—F.E.W.S.'s members practice sketching and animation  
Best Art Subject (p.27)—Illustration students practice on corpses  
Best Food for Thought (p.32)—RAs and staff serve post-exam "Midnight Pancake Breakfast" to weary students

#### **Rollins College**

Best Student Government (p. 35)— Winner  
Best Campus Firsts (p.27)—"Class Cam" offers web courses  
Best TV Series Spin-Off (p.33)—"Fall Break Survivor 2000"  
Best-Looking Campus (p.37)  
Best Reason to Cry "Fox" (p.45)—the "Fox Day" tradition

#### **St. Leo University**

Best Party (p.18)—Sigma Lambda Beta sponsored "Pajama Jam" and donated canned food to charity  
Best Alcohol-Ed Program (p.21)—"Dead Day" shocks students about drunk driving  
Best Selfless Servers (p.24)—"Community Service Day"

#### **St. Thomas University**

Most Unique Majors (p.29)—The "Pastorial Ministries for the Deaf"

#### **Stetson University**

Best Student Government (p.35)—Up-and-Comers  
Best Campus Newspaper (p.31)—Winner, *The Reporter*  
Best Block Party with a Cause (p.13)—"Rock Against Cancer"  
Best Dream Come True (p.14)—*The Distorter*, campus paper parody

#### **University of Miami**

Best Campus Newspaper (p.31)—Runner-up, *The Hurricane*  
Best Mock Mardi Gras (p.19)—"Carni Gras" kicks off Spring Break  
Best Religious Mixer (p.21)—"Religious Diversity Week" teaches students about faiths  
Best Orientation Program (p.27)—"Great Starts"  
Best Apathy Buster (p.32)—"Category 5" blows away commuter apathy  
Best Rap Session (p.33)—"Greek 101" talk-show-style forum  
Best Premed Procedure (p.38)—The Big Sib/Little Sib mentor program

#### **University of Tampa**

Best Student Government (p.35)—Runner-up  
Most Mobile Audience (p.43)—"Student Dance Happening"

#### **Webber College**

Best Student Freebees (p.14)—College holds free wild beach party

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

#### **Brevard Community College**

Best Disability Awareness (p.13)—"Experience a Disability Day"  
Best Wild Event (p.21)—"Tropical Excursion"

#### **Broward Community College**

Best History Lesson (p.43)—"Battle of BCC" Civil War re-enactment

#### **Central Florida Community College**

Best College Newspaper Runner-Up (p.41)—*The Patriot Press*  
Best Scholarship Program (p.13)—"Mr. and Ms. CFCC"  
Best Brainstorming (p.29)—Students give faculty and staff an earful during "Bagel Break"

#### **Edison Community College**

Best Grad Goodbye (p.45)—"Student Appreciation Day"

#### **Gulf Coast Community College**

Best Reason to Stay Home (p.32)—Half of local high school grads stay home to attend GCCC

#### **Hillsborough Community College**

Luckiest Night Students (p.45)—Plant City campus' "Nights Out On Us"

#### **Indian River Community College**

Best Student Government (p.23)— Winner  
Best International Relations (p.18)—ESL class helps Spanish-speaking locals learn American customs

#### **Lake City Community College**

Best Campus Firsts (p.27)—*how!!* is first web-based literary magazine  
Best Creative Recycling (p.37)—SIFE donates recycled metal which is made into musical instruments for local kids

#### **Manatee Community College**

Best Community Aid (p.19)—PTK, SG, and athletic teams donate vegetables  
Best Adoption (p.45)—The Family Heritage House resource center for African-American achievement

#### **Miami-Dade Community College**

Best Student Government (p.23)—Honorable Mention, Wolfson's SGA  
Best Weather Report (p.13)—The Wolfson campus' "Winter Wonderland"

#### **North Florida Community College**

Best Hearing-Aid (p.27)—Interpreter-training program  
Best Activism (p.33)—STRIKE makes students quit smoking

#### **Ocala-Walton Community College**

Best Dribblers (p.24)—"Dribble-A-Thon" boosts support for sports  
Best Speedy Degree (p.38)—Collegiate High School is state's first dual-enrollment charter high school

#### **Pasco-Hernando Community College**

Best Holiday Helpers (p.24)—Students help out with Head Start kids

#### **Pensacola Junior College**

Best Body Building (p.24)—L.I.F.E. Center gets students buff and bulks up their minds

#### **Polk Community College**

Most Fun for All Ages (p.21)—"Fallfest" offers something for everyone

#### **Santa Fe Community College**

Best School for Service (p.27)—"Community Service Expo" units volunteer programs with students  
Spookiest Seminar (p.38)—Paranormal expert visits campus

#### **Seminole Community College**

Best College Newspaper (p.41)—Runner-up, *The Scribe*  
Best New Campus (p.27)—The Oviedo campus opens with a Latin "boom"

#### **St. Petersburg Junior College**

Best Coffee Break (p.21)—Hard Drive Café' on Clearwater Campus

#### **Tallahassee Community College**

Best Student Rally (p.19)—"Wake Up Wednesday" voter registration drive

#### **Valencia Community College**

Best Student Government (p.23)—Runner-up, West Campus SGA  
Best Campus Newspaper (p.41)—Winner, *The Source*

#### **Miscellaneous**

Best College Town (p.45)—Gainesville