



Inauguration

*The Sixth President
State College of Florida
Manatee-Sarasota*

Dr. Carol F. Probstfeld



“As a College,

we’ve grown up and evolved from humble beginnings to a stellar institution respected in our community, state and nation, and cherished by our 41,000 graduates. Let us never forget that we are here today because in 1957 wise and forward-looking citizens envisioned this College, and later visionaries made possible the opening in 1985 of our Venice campus and of Lakewood Ranch in 2003. Now, in 2013 we are entrusted with that same responsibility to envision a pathway that will lead those who come after us to a future College whose shape and structure we can only imagine but whose firm foundation we are required to ensure. This is our challenge, our opportunity, and our utmost duty.

“This is an exciting time at State College of Florida, and I am honored and humbled to serve.”

Carol F. Probstfeld, Ed.D.
President

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————— *Order of Ceremony* —————

Musical Prelude

Presentation of Flags *

William Graydon, Advisor, Veterans Benefits, U.S. Army Veteran
Evans Rimel, President of SCF Bradenton SGA, Fourth Generation Floridian

Inaugural Procession *

Led by the Mace Bearer, Gary Russell, Vice President of Academic Affairs
The Delegates from Colleges and Universities
The State College of Florida Faculty and Administrators
The Platform Party with the District Board of Trustees
The President

Pledge of Allegiance *

National Anthem *

"The Star-Spangled Banner" Chamber Choir of State College of Florida

Choral Invocation *

"Spirit of Life" Chamber Choir of State College of Florida

Call to Order

Greetings

Faculty Andrew Webster (MJC '82) Student Tessa Alyman (SCF '14)
Staff..... Karyn Washington (MCC '96) Student Davida Biggins (SCF '14)
Trustee & Alumnus M. "Rick" Hager (MJC '69)

* The audience is requested to stand.

— Order of Ceremony —

Introduction of the President

Dr. Michael Probstfeld, Brother of the President

Investiture of the President and Presentation of the Symbols of Office

Presided over by Dr. Craig A. Trigueiro, Chairman of the
District Board of Trustees, assisted by:

Members, the District Board of Trustees

Dr. Stephen Korcheck, President Emeritus

Dr. Sarah H. Pappas, President Emerita

Inaugural Address

Dr. Carol F. Probstfeld

Musical Greeting

"Because We Believe" Concert Choir of State College of Florida

Choral Benediction *

"Not One Sparrow is Forgotten" Concert Choir of State College of Florida

Closing of the Ceremony *

Recessional *

* The audience is requested to stand.

President Probstfeld

Dr. Carol F. Probstfeld already was a familiar presence and respected leader at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota when the District Board of Trustees in January 2013 named her the sixth president of the region's first and largest public college.

President Probstfeld served as SCF's interim president from late 2012 while continuing her role as vice president of business and administrative services, a position she held since 2003. Throughout her tenure, she earned the trust and admiration of trustees, business and community partners, and the College family for her straightforward presentation of complex matter and willingness to listen.

As vice president, she oversaw the \$50 million operating budget for SCF, a \$100 million enterprise and major economic driver in the region; was responsible for human resources, technology, facilities, finance, business services, and student financial aid; led the critical incident management team, facilitated the College's strategic plan and steered an expansion of online learning opportunities for students.

From Day One as president, Dr. Probstfeld reaffirmed her commitment to nurturing the College's relationships and enhancing the student experience. During her 17-year career in higher education, Dr. Probstfeld has achieved a proven track record of fostering strong relationships with the community through collaboration and partnerships. Her higher education experience -- as a student, an adjunct faculty member and an administrator -- ranges from small private institutions to large public colleges and allows her to benefit from many different perspectives.

Notable though her professional achievements are, it is her family's early influence that President Probstfeld credits most with inspiring her to pursue the path that led to her leadership position. While raising their children in Whittier, California, Dr. Probstfeld's parents, who were high school graduates, impressed upon her and her brother, Michael, the expectation that she and Michael would graduate from college. Today, their son is a surgeon and their daughter is our College president. Dr. Probstfeld's journey gives her a kinship with many SCF students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Before coming to SCF, Dr. Probstfeld served as vice president for finance and administration, chief financial officer and treasurer for Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, Calif., and Notre Dame College of Ohio in South Euclid, Ohio. She received an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Argosy University, a Master of Business Administration from John Carroll University, and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Marketing from California State Polytechnic University.

Dr. Probstfeld and her husband, William A. Murphy, live in Bradenton with their "fur kids," Harpo, a smooth-coated red Brussels Griffon, and Nixie, a Portuguese Water Dog. The couple enjoys boating and scuba-diving when not attending College performances and athletic events.

History of State College of Florida

September 17, 1957, was a momentous day for the region when the State of Florida awarded a charter to Manatee Junior College with the primary mission of providing college training for young people and adults.

The first 502 students met in 1958 in borrowed space while buildings quickly were constructed on 100 acres in southwest Manatee County. The first classes on the Bradenton campus were held in 1959, with a full-fledged sophomore class and a large freshman class.

The new College quickly became one of the state's outstanding junior colleges and was recognized for producing high-achieving graduates who excelled in top universities and established esteemed careers.

As Manatee and Sarasota counties evolved, so did the College. Two key events in 1985 signaled the growth of the area and the College: The name was changed to Manatee Community College, and a full-service 100-acre campus opened in south Sarasota County in Venice.

Entering the 21st century, the College continued to keep pace with the community it served, opening a 5-acre site in fast-growing Lakewood Ranch in 2003 and expanding it to 10 acres in 2010.

Answering the state's and community's emerging needs and challenges, the College's mission expanded in March 2009 when the State Board of Education approved a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The name was changed to State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota in July 2009 to reflect the College's new status as an institution approved to deliver workforce baccalaureate degrees while remaining committed to the highly regarded two-year degree programs.

Known for creating innovative solutions to the challenges of contemporary education, in 2010 the College opened State College of Florida Collegiate School, a tuition-free public charter school providing students in grades 6-12 with the opportunity to graduate simultaneously with a high school diploma and SCF associate degree.

Today, State College of Florida has an annual count of some 27,000 credit students and another 14,000 in professional development and personal enrichment classes. More than 41,000 students have graduated from the College.

Through its first half century, leaders with vision and resolve have guided this College. The high standard endures with the Inauguration of the sixth president, Dr. Carol F. Probstfeld.

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Symbols of Office

The College Mace

The tradition of the mace dates to medieval times when a crude wooden club was wielded to deliver powerful blows. In The Renaissance that followed, the mace came to symbolize the power of thought and peaceful authority. Today the mace is used in ceremonial academic events to represent the enlightenment to be gained through the pursuit of learning and is carried by a distinguished member of the College as a symbol of the authority vested in the President by the faculty and Board. The State College of Florida ceremonial mace is handcrafted of cherry wood and was commissioned in 1997 for the inauguration of Dr. Sarah Pappas, the College's fourth president. It has been used at all subsequent College graduation and inauguration ceremonies.

The Presidential Medallion

The origins of the presidential medallion can be traced to medieval times when a medal was used to identify members of religious orders. In contemporary times, a medallion is given to a new president to represent a transfer of the responsibility of office and an obligation to promote and maintain the values represented by the institution. The medallion is worn with academic regalia by the President at official ceremonies. The State College of Florida presidential medallion incorporates the official College seal encircled by the engraved name of the President.

The College Seal

The official seal of State College of Florida is reserved for use by the President and in formal ceremonial events, including graduation. The seal was created to represent the College's commitment to its values and deep roots in the community.

The aqua, indigo and green colors used in the seal represent nature's bounty. Unity of purpose is represented by the circle. Within the outer circle the official name includes Manatee and Sarasota, the two counties in the district, and 1957 as the year of establishment.

In the inner circle, the College's coastal location is depicted by a sunburst, waves, the aqua and indigo colors of the water, and the green of the semi-tropical flora. Atop the waves, a conquistador ship sails valiantly toward the sun, representing the historical connection of 15th century explorers to the College's first campus in Bradenton. A sabal palm pays tribute to the state tree.

Prominently featured in the seal is a shield signifying higher education as protector and defender of truth, knowledge and freedom. Fashioned after a medieval coat of arms, the shield design includes a lamp of knowledge with "MMIX" representing 2009, the year the seal was created; a compass rose indicating education's limitless span; and the Latin inscription "Veritas Libertas."

Academic Regalia

The wearing of academic regalia is a custom that dates to the Middle Ages when students and teachers at early European and English universities, founded by the Church, were required to wear distinctive hoods and gowns as their daily attire.

Although American colleges and universities have followed the custom since Colonial days, the wearing of gowns and hoods was codified and standardized through the American Council on Education in the 19th century. Today the custom generally is reserved for professors at formal occasions such as commencement and inauguration.

The style and colors of academic regalia indicate disciplines, levels of degrees and institutions represented.

Examples of colors representing fields of learning:

- Arts, Letters, Humanities - White
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business - Drab
- Education - Light Blue
- Engineering - Orange
- Law - Purple
- Medicine - Green
- Nursing - Apricot
- Philosophy - Dark Blue
- Science - Golden Yellow
- Theology - Scarlet

The gown for a baccalaureate degree has pointed sleeves. For a master's degree, sleeves are oblong and open at the wrist. The gown for a doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves.

Gowns for a baccalaureate or master's degree are untrimmed. For a doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves.

The hood indicates the level of degree attained with length varying from three feet for a baccalaureate degree to four feet for a doctoral degree.

Caps often are the mortarboard shape, except for the doctoral degree cap that may be a soft material.

The College Community

The student body, faculty and staff of State College of Florida, the area's first, largest and most accessible public institution of higher education, comprise a microcosm of our greater community's rich diversity. The student body ranges from the dual-enrolled high-schooler with a Bright Futures Scholarship, to the 30-year-old decorated veteran transitioning to civilian life, to the AARP member completing a long-delayed college degree. Central figures in this kaleidoscope are highly qualified professors, including many who have declined research and private sector offers because of their passion for teaching, and student advisors who zealously encourage and guide. The result is that State College of Florida students and graduates enjoy a broad array of perspectives and outperform their peers on many levels.

International Flags

Cultural diversity is embraced and celebrated at State College of Florida. The flags presented at the Inauguration represent the foreign countries from which current students have come to study and learn at the College. The 45 countries represented are:

Albania	France	Romania
Argentina	Great Britain	Russia
Austria	Greece	Serbia
Bolivia	Haiti	Singapore
Brazil	Honduras	Slovakia
Canada	Italy	South Africa
Chile	Jamaica	Spain
China	Japan	Suriname
Colombia	Lithuania	Switzerland
Cuba	Macedonia	Taiwan, China
Czech Republic	Mali	Thailand
Denmark	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Dominica	Nigeria	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Peru	Venezuela
El Salvador	Philippines	Vietnam

Musical Selections

PRELUDE

"Etude" *Heitor Villa-Lobos*

"Gymnopedie No. 1" *Érik Satie*

Transcribed by Liona Boyd

James Kisacky, Classical Guitar

"My Life's Delight" *Roger Quilter*

"Fair House of Joy" *Roger Quilter*

Esther Dickmann, Soprano

"Sous le dome epais" from *Lakmé* *Léo Delibes*

Esther Dickmann with Alicia Howington, Soprano

Lurray Myers, Accompanist

"The Moment Musical in D-flat major, Op. 16 no. 5" *Sergei Rachmaninoff*

"Piano Improvisation" *Dillon Duggan*

Dillon Duggan, Piano

PROCESSIONAL

"The Lord God Reigneth" *Johann Pachelbel*

Brass Choir and Organ Todd Craven, Conductor

Dwight Thomas, Organist

"Variations on a Shaker Melody" *Aaron Copland*

Symphony Orchestra Robyn L. Bell, Director of Instrumental Studies

"Summon the Heroes" *John Williams*

Symphony Orchestra

PROGRAM

"The Star-Spangled Banner" *Francis Scott Key, arr. Richard Huggins*

Chamber Choir Melodie Dickerson, Director of Choral/Vocal Studies

"Spirit of Life" *Carolyn McDade*

Chamber Choir

"Because We Believe" *Andrea Bocelli, David Foster and Amy Foster-Gillies,*

arr. Mac Huff

Concert Choir Melodie Dickerson, Director

Lurray Myers, Accompanist

"Not One Sparrow is Forgotten" *Shaker Hymn, arr. William Hawley*

Concert Choir

RECESSIONAL

"The Sinfonians" *Clifton Williams*

Symphony Orchestra

"Noel Grand Jue et Duo" *Louis-Claude Daquin*

Brass Choir and Organ

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The College Mission

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, guided by measurable standards of institutional excellence, provides engaging and accessible learning environments that result in student success and community prosperity.



Delegates from Colleges and Universities

Miami University (Ohio), 1809

Dr. Bonnie Jones, Alumna

Palm Beach State College, 1933

Dr. Holly Bennett, Provost, Belle Glade Campus

New College of Florida, 1960

Dr. Donal O'Shea, President

Hillsborough Community College, 1968

Dr. Allen A. Witt, Campus President, SouthShore Campus

Pasco-Hernando Community College, 1972

*Dr. Timothy L. Beard, Vice President, Student Development and
Enrollment Management*

Argosy University, 1974

Dr. Sandra L. Wise, Campus President

University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, 1975

Dr. Arthur M. Guilford, Regional Chancellor

Florida Gulf Coast University, 1991

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