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**Everglades University Wins Florida Gulf Coast 2013 LEEDership Award
*The Sarasota campus is recognized as a Business Of The Year***

Sarasota, FL—Nov. 12, 2013— As a result of the energy-saving initiatives taking place at the Sarasota campus of Everglades University, the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council bestowed the “Business of the Year” award to the school. Everglades University was recognized for their outstanding an ongoing commitment to sustainability, campus solar project and Alternative and Renewable Energy Management program.

Starting in 2012, the Sarasota campus for Everglades University (EU) began installing a number of energy-saving devices on and around the campus thanks in part to a grant from Florida Power & Light (FPL), which helped to defray the cost of the project. The campus now has two solar trees, which Smart cars can plug into and recharge. There are also multiple rows of solar panels on the roof, as well as a wind turbine at the southwest corner of the campus, in order to help decrease the campuses dependency on traditional energy sources. With assistance of additional grants from Florida Power & Light (FPL), Phase II is currently under construction to expand the solar project to include a teaching lab. This lab will include several different solar technologies with an outside covered area for holding classes where students may research the efficiency and reliability of different technologies in Florida’s unique climate. The University hopes to share their resources and knowledge by hosting local schools’ educational field trips and community seminars to expose students to green career pathways and demonstrate green buildings/clean energy.

“The Sarasota campus is proud to receive this recognition for our efforts to be a green business,” stated Caroline King, Campus Vice President. “These devices are utilized by our students in the Alternative and Renewable Energy Management program, but we hope to share this knowledge with all of our students at the campus and throughout the community.”

Due to a software program and television monitor located in the lobby of the campus, the students are able to see and track the performance of the solar trees, solar panels and the wind turbine. These tools will support the program courses in the Alternative and Renewable Energy Management program, especially Solar Energy & Photovoltaics, Wind Energy, and Energy Storage & Policy.

The U.S. Green Building Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to sustainable building design and construction. The Council is made up of 77 chapters, 13,000 member organizations and 188,000 LEED professionals that share the same vision of a sustainable built environment.

About Everglades University:

Everglades University has been accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 2010. Everglades University is an accredited, private, not-for-profit university offering bachelor's and master's degree programs that prepare students to advance in their careers or fields of study. With small class sizes, innovative degree programs, and convenient on-campus and online class schedules to accommodate working students and adult learners, Everglades University is committed to student success.

Everglades University provides relevant degree programs to meet the demands of the evolving job market, which is a result of our partnerships with industry professionals. Our Student Services

Department works with both graduates and employers in the community to build employment opportunities. Everglades University is proud of our graduates' contribution to the workforce and economic development, locally and throughout the state.

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