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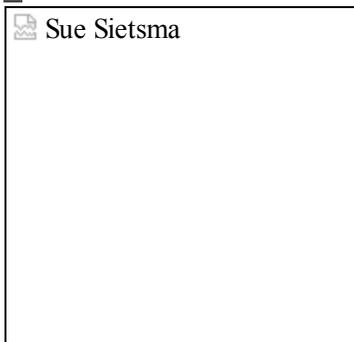
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### I AM USF ST. PETERSBURG

Originally from New Jersey, **Sue Sietsma** first came to USF St. Petersburg when, while vacationing in Bradenton, she discovered the campus one afternoon. She fell in love with the environment, the location and the university. In 2000 she began her educational career as an undergraduate student. Sue will graduate this December earning a BA in Political Science.

She has been an active Student Government leader. Her passion for the campus and its status as an accredited university, along with the idea of becoming an autonomous institution, earned her the respect of her fellow students. After active participation and holding several Student Government Association positions, she was elected President of Student Government for 2003.

During her tenure, she has been responsible for enhancing student life on campus. Her homecoming and community service activities helped bring recognition to USF St. Petersburg in Pinellas County. Her future hopes for Student Government and the students are to see the continued growth of a strong intellectual and professional USF St. Petersburg community feeling. She supports the future development of a Student Union, student housing, Student Health Center, and an increase in student clubs, sports and activities.

Sue visualizes herself working in public affairs either for the government or a non-profit organization. She hopes to begin work on a MA in Public Administration next August, soon after she is married. She met her husband-to-be while waiting in line to register for classes her first day on campus.

USF St. Petersburg has played an important part in her life beyond preparing her for her future career. Sue Sietsma is a leader and a role model for women in higher education.

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