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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) November 5, 2009 – As global business priorities continue to focus on social and environmental responsibility, the [College of Business](#) at USF St. Petersburg is at the forefront of what 21st century business graduates need.

The college earned the rank of 36 among the global top 100 schools for integrating issues of social and environmental stewardship into the [MBA program](#) and is the only Florida institution on the list.

The Global 100 list is compiled by the Aspen Institute's Beyond Grey Pinstripes research survey – an 18-month process of data collection. The survey analyzes how well MBA programs incorporate social, environmental and ethical issues into the training of future business executives.

"This ranking signifies our college's commitment to teaching business ethics, corporate responsibility, social duties and sustainability," said Maling Ebrahimpour, dean of the College of Business. "These areas are increasingly important in today's challenging global business environment."

From an MBA student who designed an independent study course to help Guatemalan coffee farmers with business management to accounting students helping a local adoption charity with their finances, the students and faculty of the College of Business at USF St. Petersburg implement social responsibility in their coursework, research and community service.

"This distinction would not be possible without the accomplishments of the students, faculty and staff of the College of Business and the support of USF St. Petersburg and the USF System," Ebrahimpour said.

The College of Business at USF St. Petersburg serves more than 2,000 students in its undergraduate and MBA programs. The College is accredited by AACSB International, the premier accrediting body for schools of business worldwide. Less than one-third of U.S. business schools are AACSB accredited.

The [Program of Accountancy](#) is separately accredited through AACSB, giving the college a dual accreditation held by only 3 percent of business schools its size.

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