

# PROJECT SAINT

STUDENT ACCESS AND INCLUSION TOGETHER

A post-secondary mentor-supported college experience for young adults with unique abilities.



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Project SAINT is an official Florida Post- Secondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP), recognized by the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities.

Housed in the Adult Education Department at Santa Fe College's Northwest Campus, Project SAINT stands for **Student Access and Inclusion Together**. The name SAINT reflects the college's team name, the Santa Fe Saints, as well as the program's emphasis on "inclusion together". SAINT students receive the part-time support of SF student mentors whether in classes, on internships or participating in campus activities.

## Project SAINT = Inclusion

**Inclusion is the central concept in Project SAINT.** SAINT students attend classes, participate in internships on and off campus, join campus clubs, enjoy a wide range of student activities and events, and have access to all campus facilities, such as the SF Teaching Zoo and the SF Kika Silva Pla Planetarium. They do all of this along-side other SF students.

## WHO WE ARE

Project SAINT is a small, selective, intensive, modified (non-credit) college experience for young adults under age 25 who have intellectual disabilities. SAINT students create a personal plan of 20 hours weekly of academics, vocational preparation and internships, independent living modules, and campus engagement and involvement. Access to mastery of assistive technology is also central to students' plans.

# WHAT WE OFFER

- » Participation in a range of SF classes
- » Continuing education, adult education and community education options
- » Enrollment in career development classes and workshops
- » Participation in job internships
- » Engagement in campus clubs and activities
- » Accessing the wide range of SF facilities including the Zoo, Planetarium, Gym, Fine Arts Hall, Library, and more.

I have really enjoyed my time in the SAINT Program. I enjoyed the opportunity to experience different classes such as English, language, computer, and dance classes. I was able to achieve life goals.

I learned about budgeting skills, how to understand recipes, and I practiced using the city bus with a mentor. I also had CPR and First Aid training. Linda and Krista have been very supportive and helpful during my time in Project SAINT.

**- Vincent DeSalvo,  
SAINT participant,  
2014-2016**



# SUPPORT IS KEY TO SUCCESS

Project SAINT is a complete one to two year 'wrap-around' program addressing a student's life plans for independence. Employment is a central goal. Students receive up to 10 hours weekly of academic and social mentorship from other SF students as supervised by a Mentor Coordinator. In addition, students receive ongoing individual and group counseling and advisement.

Project SAINT has fees that cover the costs of all mentorship, staffing, class participation, student activity fees, books and materials. Scholarships are available to cover the base fees of Project SAINT and will be discussed individually.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants to Project SAINT first apply to Adult Education and then are recommended for Project SAINT consideration. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis each term for Project SAINT.

The SAINT application procedure includes a questionnaire, documentation of disability, a student essay, references and an interview. A committee will then decide on acceptance.

To learn more or request an application, please contact

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