Indiana River State College has been rated as the fifth most affordable college in the country according to the U.S. Department of Education’s College Affordability and Transparency List released on June 14, 2012. The ranking was based on average net prices for colleges in the United States with undergraduate enrollment of 5,000 or more.

Average net price for full-time freshmen at IRSC was $1,756 in the report for the 2009-2010 academic year. The net price is based on the average cost of attendance after financial aid, grants and scholarships are subtracted.

Tuition at IRSC equates to 40% less than Florida state universities and many thousands less than private career colleges and universities.

The IRSC Financial Aid Department works closely with students to help them obtain all types of financial aid, including grants and scholarships which do not require repayment. About 67% of IRSC freshmen typically receive financial aid or scholarships, and over $40 million in financial aid was awarded to IRSC students last year.

Despite diminished state funding to education, IRSC has been able to hold down operational costs by implementing cost efficiencies in energy usage and administration to ensure that funds are directed into the classroom to the greatest extent possible. According to the Florida College System, IRSC consistently ranks at or near number one in the state for the percentage of funds directed to instruction.

“IRSC combines reasonable tuition with top-notch faculty and small classes to provide an exceptional educational value. Affordable higher education is the gateway to good career prospects for our residents and a skilled workforce for our community,” said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President. “Students often tell us that choosing IRSC was the best decision they ever made.”

Established in 1960, IRSC is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), with transferability of credits to universities for continued undergraduate and graduate level studies.

IRSC offers over 150 programs, including Bachelor’s Degrees, Associate in Arts degree programs for university transfer, Associate in Science degree programs for career training and Quick Job Training. Campuses are located in Fort Pierce, Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach and Okeechobee. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-792-4772.