

## Speaker Intro Brief Version – Bio of Carol F. Probstfeld, Ed.D., President of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota



Dr. Carol F. Probstfeld (*“feld pronounced as field”*) is the sixth president of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota. Established in 1957, SCF is the area’s oldest and largest public college with more than 44,000 graduates. With campuses in Bradenton, Venice and Lakewood Ranch and online, SCF serves 27,000 credit students annually and another 14,000 noncredit participants.

Dr. Probstfeld was named SCF president in January 2013 by the College’s Board of Trustees and served as interim president in late 2012.

Dr. Probstfeld came to SCF in 2003 as vice president of business and administrative services where she oversaw the budgets and administrative operations for SCF, a \$100 million enterprise and major economic driver in the region; and she led an expansion of online learning opportunities and the development and implementation of the College's strategic plan.

As SCF president, Dr. Probstfeld is committed to building and nurturing relationships and focusing on enhancing the student experience. Her 20 years of higher education experience -- as a student, as an adjunct faculty member and as an administrator -- at small private institutions and large public colleges includes a track record of fostering collaboration and partnerships.

Dr. Probstfeld is the Chair-Elect of the Council of Presidents of the Florida College System, and is active in several local organizations, including Manatee Memorial Board of Governors, the Bradenton Area EDC, and Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Probstfeld enjoys attending student plays, concerts, ballgames and club events and speaking with community groups. When her busy schedule as SCF president allows, she hones underwater photography skills while diving.

Dr. Probstfeld is from Whittier, Calif. She received her doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Argosy University, an MBA from John Carroll University, and a bachelor degree in Accounting and Marketing from California State Polytechnic University. She lives with her husband, Bill Murphy, and their "fur kids" – Harpo and Kelly, both smooth-coated red Brussels Griffons, and Nixie, a Portuguese waterdog.