



## **Betty Jensen**

Betty Jensen started her career at TCC in 1988 as a member of the counseling faculty. In 1990, she established the award winning International Student Organization, and in 2005 Betty created the comprehensive department of International Student Services, which she directed until her retirement from TCC in 2017. The department provides a variety of services ranging from recruitment and admissions, immigration and academic advising, to retention and graduation of international students. During Betty's tenure, ISS was also a focal point for cultural programming at TCC.

It was Betty's passion for international education that led to the development of International Education Week at TCC, a campus-wide program that celebrates TCC's diversity. In addition, it was through Betty's efforts that TCC became only the second community college in the state to receive the J-1 visa designation.

Betty developed and implemented the first Florida International Leadership program, which since 2006 brings international students from all over the state together for a weekend of leadership and professional training. She represented community colleges at Region VII and was later the chair for community college/two-year schools for the National Association of International Educators. Betty has received several awards, including the You Make a World of Difference award from the Florida Association of International Educators. She has served on several boards, including the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary. While on the latter, she started the Rotaract Club of Tallahassee, a Rotary-sponsored service club for students and young professionals.