## SPC St. Petersburg College

## Victims' Rights

Victims of sexual violence and misconduct should be aware that they have certain rights afforded them regarding reporting and throughout the resolution of the matter:

- o To decide whether or not to notify law enforcement
- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To be provided a copy of the College's grievance procedures
- To have an equal opportunity to present their case including witnesses and evidence
- To be informed of available options for resolution under the College's policies and procedures
- To be informed of available campus and community resources for assistance
- To receive interim or protective measures such as a change in academic or working situations
- To be kept informed of the status of the grievance process throughout the process
- To have a support person or advocate present at all interviews in which they participate
- To be informed of the outcome of the investigation as well as information regarding the appeals process.

Note: Many of the foregoing rights are also available to the accused during the grievance process.

The Florida Statutes also provide for <u>Victim Assistance and Rights under Chapter 960</u> in the criminal justice system.