'Jeopardy!' and the FSU-Pensacola connection

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It wasn't the first time Florida State University had been the focus of a "Jeopardy!" item, but the one on Tuesday's program had a twist that caused a few viewers to scratch their heads.

The category was "College Knowledge" – for \$400, please, Alex. Answer: "Founded in 1851, this university has a medical campus in Pensacola & is a 'Seminole' institution." The contestant correctly replied, "What is Florida State?"

In some living rooms, though, that Pensacola reference was a puzzler. Let's clear things up. FSU's College of Medicine has six regional campuses: Daytona Beach, Fort Pierce, Orlando, Sarasota, Tallahassee and, yes, Pensacola.

Each class at the medical school starts with roughly 120 students, who spend their first two years here on FSU's main campus. In Years 3 and 4, though, they divide into groups of about 20 and head to a regional campus, where they get apprentice-like training from the physician/faculty members in that community.

Here's a question for a different game show: Just where is Tallahassee's regional campus? Nowhere near the main campus. It's at 3331 Capital Oaks Drive, where Miccosukee Road and Capital Medical Boulevard intersect.

So now you know. Alex would be pleased.

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