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Dr. Juanita Fountain

Dr. Juanita Fountain, recently retired professor of USF St. Petersburg’s College of Education, has shaped minds, prepared future teachers, and has fostered strong partnerships between the University and the community. After completing her Ph.D. at the University of Florida in 1986, she joined the faculty at USF St. Petersburg as an assistant professor during the 1989-1990 academic year.

For the next twenty years, Dr. Fountain encouraged her students to participate in civic engagement efforts and to understand the importance of multicultural education. Fountain knew that a mentor can make a profound difference in the lives of students, and through her leadership she touched many others who had the fortune of taking classes with graduates of the program. She came to USF St. Petersburg only a couple of years after the Pinellas County School Board and other civic and governmental organizations began a broader recognition of the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She encouraged members of the USF St. Petersburg campus community to participate in the annual parades sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg, and watched with great pride as St. Petersburg’s efforts became noted throughout the United States.

On 17 January 1994, USF St. Petersburg was well represented at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Carrying two banners, the USF St. Petersburg contingent played a prominent role, with Dr. Fountain taking on the leadership of organizing the group. For more than fifteen years, Dr. Fountain led or co-chaired USF St. Petersburg’s involvement and she carefully documented the campus’ participation for the archives.

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