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USF ST. PETERSBURG NURSING PROGRAM BACK TO HEALTH

The nursing program at USF St. Petersburg campus has been reinstated, replacing one that was canceled in 1991 as a result of budget cuts.

The reinstatement is made possible by $168,000 in funding from the Florida Legislature. An additional $100,000 from a hospital group will endow a nursing professorship.

The program, which will work in collaboration with USF’s College of Nursing, is for registered nurses and others who want to earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Classes will meet in the evenings and on weekends and will initially serve about 25 students.

“We’re pleased to assist USF St. Petersburg and the College of Nursing in re-establishing a baccalaureate nursing program in Pinellas County,” says Grant Hurst, executive director of the hospital group. “Many nurses will be able to earn their degree while they continue to work; others may be full-time students, but the net result will be enhanced patient care for the people we serve.”

DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

The USF Card — combination identification card, ATM and debit card — will be available for mass distribution to all students during the week of Oct. 24 on the first floor of the Student Services Building. Cards will be available for faculty and staff in November.

Offering a multitude of user-friendly conveniences, this ID card with digitized color photo will ultimately provide single-card access throughout the campus. Scheduled to be implemented in three phases, phase one card functions are: library card, electronic validation card, vend card, long distance calling through MCI, and ATM access if the cardholder chooses to join the USF Federal Credit Union.

Future card capabilities include debit card purchasing from the bookstore and other on-campus store operations, electronic transfers from USF Federal Credit Union accounts to the magnetic vend stripe, and more. Produced in cooperation with the USF Federal Credit Union, cardholders have the option of using the card for an array of financial services.

INAUGURATION INDEX

By the time you read this, Betty Castor will have been inaugurated as USF’s fifth president. President Castor’s wish to create an open event, largely paid for by outside donors, resulted in one of USF’s most unique inaugurals. Many events that were already scheduled were incorporated into an inaugural week-long gala, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 21 with a Sarasota campus brunch and 20th-anniversary celebration. The festivities culminated with the inauguration ceremony and honors convocation at the Sun Dome on Oct. 14, followed by a reception at the Lifsey House. Students, faculty, staff, and other university constituencies were invited to participate in almost all of the events, including the ceremony and the Lifsey House reception. Most events were free.

Highlights of inauguration week included the Economic Summit, the College of Public Health’s sculpture dedication, and the inauguration reception and dinner. Major inaugural sponsors included the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, The Tampa Tribune, Pepin Distributors, Busch Gardens, and Nations Bank.

Inauguration Facts


• There have only been three inaugurals in USF’s history.

• Brown’s inauguration ceremony was 75 minutes long and was attended by 450 people.

• Borkowski’s one-hour ceremony was attended by 1,600 people. He gave a three-minute speech.

• Borkowski had a formal invitation-only ball. Castor had a $45 dinner at the Hyatt Regency open to everyone.

MOFFITT’S WHEELS KEEP ROLLING

H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center’s refurbished Lifetime Health Education mobile unit hit the road last summer providing cancer screening and education services to the community. Roger Whitley of Whitley Chevrolet/Geo donated funds to make the restoration possible. The newly-furnished mobile unit is a 40-foot bus which contains a new computer terminal, featuring computerized cancer-risk assessment and a cancer screening area.