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Alumni



CHARLIE JUSTICE
BA, GEOGRAPHY '93

The application of effective leadership nurtures collaboration and constructive change. A St. Petersburg native, Charlie Justice has dedicated his life's work to improving the lot of all citizens, especially those living in Florida. His steady, thoughtful, and visionary leadership continues to impact the daily circumstances of us all.

Elected county-wide in 2012 to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Charlie is the 2015 Vice Chair of the Board. His work centers on diverse areas, including public education, natural resources, health and human services, regional transit, and historic preservation, among others.

Charlie served in the Florida State Senate for District 16 from 2006-10. During this period, he was also named Senate Minority Leader Pro-Tempore and Chair of the Pinellas County Delegation. He left the Senate after one term to make a strong, but unsuccessful, bid for Congress in 2010. Before entering the Senate, Charlie was elected State Representative for District 53, serving from 2000-06. Additionally, Charlie worked at USF St. Petersburg from 1999-2012 first as an academic advisor, and later as director of the Leadership Program. Prior to that, he was an aide to former State Rep. Lars Hafner.

Always proud to maintain connections to his Alma Mater, Charlie supports the Bulls, promotes alumni, and participates on the USFSP 50th Anniversary Alumni Engagement Committee.

"I have two sets of memories that always stand out. The late Prof. Harry Schaleman was such an incredible teacher. He could share the course information with enthusiasm that no other professor could match. He knew his students and didn't hesitate to stop you in the

ball if you hadn't performed as well on a test or project. You knew that he was going to hold you accountable and that he did it because he cared about you.

The second is that few people have impacted my life as positively as Dr. Bill Heller. I was a student assistant in the administration office when Dr. Heller was hired as Campus CEO and Dean. He set — and continues to set — the bar on what it means to be a leader in your community. He cares about getting things done and he's first in line to work to make good things happen. He has been my boss, my mentor, my advocate and my friend. And someone that USFSP should be incredibly proud to call a member of the family.”

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