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NEW ADMINISTRATORS WELcomed by the Community

Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Campus Board Chair Stephanie Goforth and the Campus Board members formally introduced USFSP's new leaders to the community at an evening reception at the Museum of Fine Arts on Sept. 20. Over 300 people welcomed our new administrators:

- Dr. Martin Tadlock, Regional Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
- Dr. Patricia Helton, Regional Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
- Dr. Sridhar Sundaram, Dean, Kate Tiedemann College of Business
- Catherine Cardwell, Dean, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

RFSA hopes to welcome them at our upcoming Reception.

OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2017 Benefits

Open Enrollment for the 2017 plan year begins on Monday, Oct. 17, at 8 a.m. and ends promptly on Friday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

If you are eligible for benefits through the State Group Insurance Program, this is your once-a-year window to change your benefits outside of qualifying life events. Please review your Open Enrollment package, which will be mailed mid-October, and learn more at mybenefits.myflorida.com starting Oct. 3. You can make changes to your benefits online in People First.

The annual USFSP Health & Wellness Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The event presents vendors, programs, and other opportunities to help participants make healthy choices.

Faculty, staff, retirees, and employees of state agencies are invited to attend. For questions, please contact Michele Holton at 727-873-4105 or hr@usfsp.edu.

For more news about USF St. Petersburg, please check our website: www.usfsp.edu
Then and Now . . . More BLASTS from the PAST

These amazing colleagues never seem to age! They remain as vibrant and charismatic as ever. Only a telltale pair of glasses or a lightening of the hair hints that time flies.

Science in the Sun

6th Annual St. Petersburg Science Festival is the regional celebration where families and the public can explore the wonders of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

The 2016 festival will be held on Saturday, October 22, along the USFSP waterfront. The event is held in conjunction with MarineQuest, the annual open house of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

The programs are FREE and offer outstanding family fun. Please join us and pass the word.
Former Colleague Retires from USF in July

Marti Garratt, who was a fixture at USF St. Petersburg for eight years before moving to USF Tampa in 2004, retired from University Advancement in July. An avid frog enthusiast, Marti’s co-workers gave her a RIVETing farewell - a FROG-themed celebration. Several of her USFSP friends were able to attend the event in Tampa including Bill Heller and Ray Arsenault. RFSA looks forward to welcoming Marti to the group.

Tony Livingston and Linda Green, among others, participated in a video honoring Marti.

Left, Marti with a frog impersonator.

USFSP and Partners Invite RFSA Members To Programs of Interest

USFSP and the Florida Holocaust Museum, with the White Bus for Better Futures Program, present “Every Face Has A Name” in the University Student Center Ballroom on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The event includes a film and commentary with film director Magnus Gertten and Survivor Elsie Ragusin.

On April 28, 1945, as hundreds of Holocaust Survivors arrive in Malmö, Sweden, news teams capture and televise their images. In Gertten’s film, 70 years later, those same Survivors view the archival footage of their arrival to Sweden. They re-experience the emotions of the day and share their stories. For information: (727) 820-0100.

On Friday, Nov. 18, Eric Deggans, TV/media critic, journalist, and author will discuss “Media and Politics: How the Average Person Can Make a Difference” at Temple Beth-El at 8:15 p.m. (Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.).

The program is sponsored by the Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture Series of Temple Beth-El, USFSP, League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, and the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater. Deggans is NPR’s first full-time TV critic. Prior to this work, he was the TV/media critic at the Tampa Bay Times for nearly 20 years. For information: (727) 347-6136.

ARE YOUTH VOTERS IN CHARGE?

The Future of Politics and Civil Discourse

A Conversation with ALEXANDER HEFFNER, Host of PBS’s The Open Mind

Thursday, Oct. 27
1-3 p.m.
USFSP Harbor Hall
1000 3rd Street S.

For information: Walter Balser (727) 873-4727
Lasting Friendships and Treasured Colleagues . . .

Academic advisor Gerry Dreller enjoys a USF Bulls football game in 1998. *(Unofficial Grapevine)*

Graduate students work closely with mass communications faculty. Treva Johnson is pictured with professor Bob Dardenne in 1993. *(Bayboro Briefing)*

Above: Professor Jack Robinson appears in the 1967 USF Yearbook.

Right: The ever-smiling Big Ed McCarthy was a beloved member of the Physical Plant team.


From the RFSA News Desk . . .

The *Times* Festival of Reading on Nov. 12 will feature several authors from our university community: Thomas Smith, Ph.D. (Government and International Affairs), director of the Honors Program at USFSP; Al Hine, Ph.D. (Geological Oceanography, College of Marine Science), and Shana Smith, M.S. (College of Marine Science, Alumna ’92).

Watch for an upcoming invitation from the College of Education. COE will host a special event on Dec. 14 honoring some soon-to-be USFSP retirees!

USF College of Marine Science will celebrate its 50 Years in a series of programs during April 5-8, 2017.

USFSP Alumni College is slated for Saturday, March 25. Details will be forthcoming in the new year from the USFSP Alumni Office.