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Bob Thompson : I am USF St. Petersburg

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Bob Thompson's career is highlighted by graduating with honors from the US Naval Nuclear Power School, and then came to USF, earning a BA in Finance and MBA in Business Administration. For 10 years he advised students in College of Business Administration and taught Management Science in Tampa. He came to USF St. Petersburg because it had the reputation of being a "kinder and gentler" campus towards servicing students. Bob maintains this focus today.

As students attest, Bob meets individually with students to review their academics and helps them plan their futures as professionals in the business world. He values individuals and their diversity. "Each student brings a new story into this office and needs special attention in helping each attain personal goals."

Many of the students Bob advises come from foreign countries. He advises students from China, Russia, Czech Republic, Germany, Morocco and various Central and South American countries. Every foreign student has a reason as to why each chose USF St. Petersburg. Bob guides the foreign students in selecting the appropriate program for career goals, while they adjust to being distanced from friends and family. "Each and every one of my students is important to me...they are family...they are why I am here."

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