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SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

USF St. Petersburg Hosts 100 High School Students from Across the State to Improve Civics Literacy

USF St. Petersburg and the Florida YMCA are partnering to offer the Civics Fellows Program, an initiative designed to enhance civic education and engagement in the state by giving high school students hands-on experience in government and public service. As part of the program, 100 students from across Florida are attending a week-long Summer Civics Institute at USFSP from June 9 to 15, 2019.

“I applaud USFSP and the YMCA for partnering to bring this unique program to Pinellas County,” said Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, who is speaker-designate of the House in 2021-22. “The calling of public service transcends politics. It requires us to have enough empathy to understand the problems of our community and enough tenacity to bring people together to solve those problems. I hope the students participating in this program will use this wonderful opportunity to challenge themselves by wrestling with new ideas and thinking about their future in new ways.”
INTO THE DEEP

Marine Biologist to Explore Gulf’s Uncharted Deep Sea

The deep sea and the marine life it contains is still largely mysterious. USFSP Marine Biology Professor Heather Judkins and a team of researchers will spend the next two and a half weeks aboard a NOAA Ocean Exploration research cruise to reveal a bit of that mystery and explore never-before-reached areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

The 15-member science team will be out to sea June 7-23 conducting bioluminescence experiments and collecting rare and potentially new species from the deep ocean. READ MORE

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LEADER

Meet Dr. Brenda L. Walker, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Education

Dr. Brenda L. Walker began her tenure as the Interim Associate Dean for the College of Education at USF St. Petersburg on June 3, 2019. As the top administrative officer in the College, Walker will oversee faculty and work closely with them and university leadership to support, grow and develop distinct community programs and strategies that enhance student and faculty success and research in the fields of education. We sat down with Dr. Walker to hear more about her academic experience and vision for the College of Education. READ MORE

FORTUNE WINNER

Fellow Bull Checks off Bucket List Item, Wins on Wheel of Fortune

Jerrica Stovall dreamed of appearing on Wheel of Fortune since she was a child and would watch the iconic game show each night with her mother and sister. Now that dream has become a reality. Stovall, the Associate Director of Student Involvement at USF St. Petersburg, was a contestant on the May 21 episode of Wheel of Fortune. She took full advantage of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, winning a car, a cruise trip to France and cash totaling $42,035 in winnings.

“It was unreal and completely nerve-racking,” said Stovall. “I was star struck being next to Pat Sajak and Vanna White while also trying to stay focused on solving the puzzles.” READ MORE
SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

College of Business Event Puts Driverless Cars in the Spotlight

The Kate Tiedemann College of Business and the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership hosted a panel discussion on driverless vehicles and their future in the Sunshine State that included State Senator Jeff Brandes and two industry leaders. The panel was part of the ongoing Sunny Side Up speaker series, which seeks to inspire and educate the community on new technologies and possibilities for the city of St. Petersburg. READ MORE

ADDRESSING PROBLEM DRINKING

Researcher Develops Interventions to Address Alcohol Consumption in Young Adults and Couples

A USF St. Petersburg professor is researching how problem drinking affects romantic relationships in younger adults, and devising interventions that can help individuals and couples struggling with this addictive behavior. Through her research, Lindsay Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Psychology, is hoping to construct a better understanding of the difficulties problem drinking can create, including disrupting romantic relationships through less quality time spent together, financial difficulties and increased conflict. READ MORE

HONORING OUR HEROES

Milton White Recognized for Helping Student Veterans, Impacting Lives

When Milton White needed it most, the U.S. Marine Corps became his family. White now repays that favor, providing support and guidance to thousands of student veterans as they transition to civilian life through his role as Assistant Director of the Military and Veterans Success Center at USF St. Petersburg.

White was recently recognized for his many years of service, selected as the grand prize winner in AARP’s "Honoring Our Heroes" contest. Those who have seen White’s influence at USF St. Petersburg and beyond say the honor is richly deserved. READ MORE

FREE BREWING ARTS
Two Financial Awards Will Offer Full Rides for Brewing Arts Program Students

For the third time, Yuengling Brewing has committed to sponsoring an annual $5,000 tuition award for one student veteran to attend USF St. Petersburg’s Brewing Arts Program this year. While Best Florida Beers, a nonprofit that supports local brewing through statewide competitions, has announced plans to offer a $5,000 award in 2020 made in honor of the late Greg Rapp, the founder of Rapp Brewing and a pioneer of craft brewing in Tampa Bay. READ MORE

DIFFERENT KIND OF BIRTHDAY

USFSP Alum's Ice Cream Drive Raises Party Funds for Foster Kids

USF St. Petersburg graduate Jon Boyd threw a different kind of celebration for his 26th birthday. Partnering with Birthday Candles for Kids, a local charity that throws parties for homeless and foster children, Boyd rented out an ice cream truck and drove around town handing out free soft serve, including on campus. In total, Jon’s Ice Cream Drive handed out around 500 cones and raised a little over $3,000. READ MORE

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