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The key to your paycheck is Barbara Fleischer. Barbara is Coordinator of Human Resources at USF St. Petersburg. She manages the entire Human Resource operation for this campus, plus all of benefits and retirements for the College of Marine Science and the Florida Institute of Oceanography. For the past 13 years Barbara has processed our payroll, retirements, benefits, A&P and staff position searches, and much more. Without her, we wouldn't be.

Barbara's office is staffed with people who care about USF St. Petersburg. She and her staff are aware of how important it is to be recognized by name and not by a number. This individual attention is characteristic of the values and personality of our campus community. She works closely with many community agencies, such as the Social Security Administration office in St. Petersburg, the Florida Health Department and local governmental agencies. All of these agencies participate in service projects such as the Benefits Fair and the Annual Retirement Workshop.

Recently fifty-one new faculty were hired. Barbara felt because we acquired so many new faculty and families from out of state and foreign countries who were new to Florida and the St. Petersburg area, she prepared Work/Life Adjustment packages to help facilitate their move. This program will expand in the near future to include relocation information about schools, housing, and other basic functions necessitated by a moving relocation including where one goes to change a driver's license. "The purpose of this package is to help make new faculty, staff and their spouses feel as comfortable as possible. We try to make life on campus enjoyable over and above the work environment."

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