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STARTUP BUS FLORIDA

Alumni Lead and Compete in National Startup Bus Challenge

How long does it take to launch a startup? Three months? Three years? For the 15 aspiring entrepreneurs who boarded StartupBus Florida last week, the goal was to come up with an innovative technology startup in just three days.

The challenge - led by two graduates of the Kate Tiedemann College of Business - took place while contestants rode a bus from Tampa to New Orleans, where they met and competed against other StartupBus teams from across the country. READ MORE

CONFLICT & PRESERVATION

Anthropologist Leads International Team to Study Social and Environmental Impact of Mass Conflict
Mass conflict can have a devastating impact on humans. What about the natural world? Professor of Anthropology Kathryn Weedman Arthur has been awarded $270,000 by the National Science Foundation to investigate the relationship between human conflict and the preservation of natural resources. Arthur and an international team of researchers will collaborate with a community in southern Ethiopia to document the impact of their history, local practices and religious beliefs on the protection of natural resources in the region. READ MORE

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Robotics Camp Receives INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine's Inspiring Programs in STEM Award

A camp created by the USF St. Petersburg College of Education to teach young students about science and technology has received the 2019 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The award honors colleges and universities that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). USF St. Petersburg will be featured, along with 49 other recipients, in the September 2019 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. READ MORE

CONNECTING STUDENTS ACROSS BORDERS

English Professor Awarded Prestigious Fulbright Grant to Teach in Mexico

As an English professor, Thomas Hallock is always looking for opportunities to use communication to build bridges between cultures and foster more collaboration between students and faculty.

This upcoming fall semester, Hallock will help create a connection between students from USF St. Petersburg and those from Cholula, Mexico when he assumes the role of Garcia Robles Chair of U.S. Studies at the Universidad de las Américas Puebla as a Fulbright Scholar. READ MORE

ACCESSING HIGHER EDUCATION

Kick-off Event Celebrates First Cohort of PATHe Students
With games, activities and panel discussions, a special group of Pinellas County students began their path toward an advanced degree during a kick-off event at St. Petersburg College (SPC). The students are participants in the Pinellas Access to Higher Education, or PATHe, program. The initiative is a partnership between SPC and USF St. Petersburg and designed to help Pinellas County students and parents find greater pathways to higher education. **READ MORE**

**HEALTHY AIR**

**Undergrads Conduct Summer Research on Local Air Quality**

Unlike sprawling metro areas like Los Angeles and New York City, southwest Florida is often lauded for its air quality. The sunny, breezy environment seems to fill our air with freshness.

Two USF St. Petersburg undergraduate students spent this summer seeing if that characterization holds true, studying the health of our air in the Tampa Bay Area. **READ MORE**

**ANALYZING 'BACKYARD' FLOODING**

**Young Students from South St. Pete Gain Hands-on Experience Analyzing Local Flooding and Devising Solutions**

This summer, middle and high school students from south St. Petersburg gained a relevant hands-on learning experience; analyzing flooding scenarios and devising solutions in their own backyard. The Mapping Flood Vulnerabilities and Solutions workshop taught students to analyze flooding in streets and local neighborhoods. At the end of the program, put on by the Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, students presented solutions and recommendations to officials and city planners. **READ MORE**

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