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Two national leaders in education reform will speak at USF St. Petersburg June 13-14 during the Teacher Leaders Institute, designed to inspire classroom teachers to reform their schools from within.

Alan Sitomer was California’s 2007 Teacher of the Year and is author of Teaching Teens and Reaping Results in a Wi-Fi, Hip-Hop, Where-Has-All-the-Sanity-Gone World: Stories, Strategies, Tools and Tips. Sitomer speaks at 9 a.m. June 13. His speech is titled “Better to Light a Candle than to Curse the Darkness: Successful Strategies for Embracing the Changes in Literacy.”

Pedro Noguera, Ph.D., the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University and a regular commentator on CNN and National Public Radio, is author of The Trouble with Black Boys…and Other Reflections on Race, Equity and the Future of Public Education. His research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions. Noguera speaks at 1 p.m. June 14. His talk is titled, “Creating Conditions for Teaching and Learning: What It Takes to Leave No Child Behind.”
Both talks will be in the ballroom of the University Student Center, 200 6th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, and are free and open to the public. Audience members can ask questions through a Twitter feed projected on a large screen.

“We are excited to present these dynamic speakers and hope they will inspire teachers and the general public to take the lead in transforming public education,” said Bill Heller, Ph.D., dean of the USF St. Petersburg College of Education.

The Teacher Leaders Institute is for teachers interested in collaborating with colleagues in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties to help improve their schools.

Among the highlights of the two-day institute is a June 13 panel discussion titled, “What I Do to Make It Work for Students: Highly Performing Teachers Share Their Stories. The discussion will be led by Megan Allen of Tampa, the 2010 Florida Teacher of the Year and a graduate of the USFSP College of Education. Panelists include Katherine Basset, the 2000 New Jersey Teacher of the Year and Director of the National Network of State Teachers of the Year; Ryan Kinser of the Center for Teaching Quality; Claire Riddell, a Duval County first-grade teacher; and Michael Flynn, the 2007 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year and associate director of the Math Leadership Program at Mount Holyoke College.

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