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USF St. Petersburg’s Search for Excellence has resulted in the assemblage of an unprecedented pool of scholars. The university has successfully recruited the highest-quality academicians from across the nation and around the globe to add to its already top-notch faculty.
Along with the additional faculty, the creation of Programs of Distinction, and the campus’ remarkable growth came the determination to find innovative and future-thinking leaders who could best move the university toward its mark.
The university was successful in recruiting three outstanding educators, all leading authorities in their field, to hold the founding dean positions at the university’s three colleges.

"The addition of these three remarkable and dedicated scholars is a real coup for USF St. Petersburg," said Gary Olson, interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs. These individuals share our vision, our determination, and our commitment to our students and our community. They will undoubtedly set the mark high and captain us through the course that was already charted, and lead this institution to its destination of being one of the best small universities in the nation."

The founding deans are:

Dr. Vivian Fueyo, Dean of the College of Education

"One of my visions for the College of Education is to establish a reputation for providing innovative and challenging graduate and undergraduate programs designed to positively impact learners of all ages." Dr. Fueyo was professor and chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Florida State University. Before that, she was an associate professor at California State University, curriculum specialist in Novato, CA, and associate director for public services and parent teacher training at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Ronald Paul Hill, Dean of College of Business

"What we will offer to students, executives, and the community will be unique and should bring national attention to the St. Petersburg campus. I look forward to pursuing our goals with all my passion and energy." Dr. Hill was founding dean and professor of Business Administration at the University of Portland. Before that he was Chair of Marketing at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, professor at Cornell University in New York, The American University and the George Washington University both in Washington D.C., and the University of Maryland.

Dr. V. Mark Durand, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences.

"The energy that is clear from both faculty and staff on campus is infectious and the vision for USF St. Petersburg holds tremendous promise. I feel fortunate to be able to be part of such an ambitious agenda." Dr. Durand was chair of the psychology department and interim dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Albany – The State University of New York. He was also the director of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. He has written five books including several best-selling textbooks on abnormal psychology.

"This is a time of immense change and great promise for USF St. Petersburg, said Gary Olson, interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs. "The university has conducted an extensive international search for 50 new faculty members and 11 administrators and we are very pleased with the results. We have succeeded in securing the highest caliber of scholars to add to our already impressive faculty," he said.

"The administration has charted a bold new course toward making USF St. Petersburg a University of Distinction and one of the nation’s premier small universities – and we have made great strides in that direction with the addition of these outstanding educators," said Olson.

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