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The City of St. Petersburg contributed $25,000 to establish the City of St. Petersburg Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Endowed Fund. The gift honoring the late civil rights leader will be used to fund annual programming on campus open to the public focusing on civil rights and the life of Dr. King.

Design work and preliminary site preparation is underway for a Campus Welcome Center, to be built at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Second Street. Campus visitors will be able to enter from Second Street South by turning into a small driveway, where they can pick up information at a window and continue driving onto Fifth Avenue South. Several parking spaces will be installed for visitors. The Welcome Center is scheduled to open by June.

Dr. Ray Arsenault, John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History and director of the University Honors College at USF St. Petersburg, will be honored May 10 by the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida with the Nelson Poynter Award. The award is the highest bestowed by the ACLU.

Dr. Sheramy Bundrick, assistant professor of art history, has been awarded one of two Fulbright Foundation faculty grants. Bundrick has been accepted into the 2003 summer session of the American School of Classical Studies, that will allow her to travel and study in Greece. Bundrick will be part of a 20-person group traveling in and around Athens and other major sites for six weeks. Bundrick's area of special research is ancient Greek vases.

Perennial college sailing powerhouses Princeton, Yale, Brown, and Columbia escaped the chilly New England weather during spring break to practice in the warmer waters of Bayboro Harbor and Tampa Bay surrounding USF St. Petersburg. The campus shared its facilities with the visiting teams as they practiced with the USF team. The USF sailing team, which ended the fall season ranked eighth in the nation in women's sailing, is based on the waterfront campus of USF St. Petersburg.

Our campus generosity produced 10 boxes of food items and toiletries, along with $75 cash, during a St. Patrick's Day drive benefiting the Beacon House homeless shelter operated by the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

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Dr. H. William Heller received the Silver Medallion Humanitarian Award April 1 from the National Conference for Community and Justice during ceremonies in Tampa. Heller is a professor of special education and former vice president and campus executive officer.

Photographer Beth Reynolds, an adjunct professor in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, has been named photographer laureate for the City of Tampa. The title comes with a $25,000 grant from the city of Tampa. Reynolds is the author of two photo documentary books and runs her own publishing company in St. Petersburg.

A fine arts program could soon be offered at USF St. Petersburg. A steering committee comprised of 21 distinguished community leaders, prominent members of the local arts scene, and USF students and faculty is investigating such a possibility. Given the strength of the local art scene, committee chair Dr. Gary Olson envisions a program that would be distinctive and draw on the strengths of the arts community while contributing to that community.

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