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USF St. Petersburg Then and Now

USF St. Petersburg Continues to Celebrate 50 Years



Student Government president Joe Alvarez presents a certificate to Mayor Bob Ulrich with city council members and representatives present as well on Sept. 9, 1987.

USFSP to Celebrate Relationship with City of St. Petersburg

USF St. Petersburg students will participate in "USFSP Day at City Hall" on Thursday, April 14 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will interact with city leaders and learn about what goes on behind-the-scenes to make St. Petersburg such a great city.

This is not the first time, though, that USFSP and the city have celebrated their mutual appreciation. In previous years, USF St. Petersburg students celebrated City of St. Petersburg Appreciation Day to thank the city for its ongoing support in the evolution and expansion of the campus.

April Green & Golden Feature: David Mearns

Meet USF St. Petersburg alumnus David Mearns, a marine scientist,



David Mearns

author, and deep sea wreck hunter who is making waves around the world. As director of [Blue Water Recoveries](#), Mearns has found and filmed some of the world's most famous and controversial shipwrecks, including the *HMS Hood* and the *MV Lucona*. Most recently, he and his team discovered the *Esmeralda*, the earliest European ship of discovery that was part of Vasco da Gama's 1502-1503 fleet to India.

In 2010, Means was awarded an honorary Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the country by finding and filming the wrecks of Australia's two worst maritime disasters, the *HMAS Sydney* and *AHS Centaur*.

His favorite memory from his time at USFSP was during a student trip on the Suncoaster, a ship that had been converted into a research vessel.

"Nearly all my best memories from USF were times spent at sea -- this was one of the reasons I pursued a career working on the oceans," said Mearns.

[Read more](#) about Mearns and our other [Green & Golden](#) alumni.

USFSP Alumni Society

Are you a graduate of USFSP? Join the [USF St. Petersburg Alumni Society](#) to connect with other Bulls and to learn about upcoming alumni events and activities. Also be sure to connect with us on [Facebook](#)!

Upcoming 50th Anniversary Events

USFSP Alumni College

Friday, April 8
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
University Student Center Ballroom
Admission: \$25
[Register now](#)

Campus Rec Fest

Sunday, April 10
3-8 p.m.
USFSP Harbor Lawn

Laugh-A-Bull Comedy Night

Tuesday, April 12
6 p.m.
USFSP Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

College of Education 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, April 14
5-7 p.m.
Davis Hall room 130
[RSVP now](#)

Poetry and Taxes: An Evening with Alumni and Community Writers

Friday, April 15
5:30-7 p.m.
Harbor Hall

Special Event with Gen. Ann Dunwoody (U.S. Army, retired)

Tuesday, April 19

4:30-6:30 p.m.

University Student Center Ballroom

[RSVP now](#)

Thinking Through...Rights

Wednesday, April 20

Noon-1 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library - Poynter Corner

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