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USFSP Campus Report
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Student Activities

The USF St. Petersburg Neighborhood News Bureau, now located in the Sanderlin Center, was featured in the national publication *Metropolitan Universities News* for its academic service to the local community. Founded in 1999 by Professor Mike Killenberg, the bureau provides journalism students with a direct link to the Midtown community by focusing on Midtown's growth and development.



The feature highlights the bureau's benefits and the valuable experience students gain in news gathering, writing and publishing.

Ella Shenhav, pictured below, was selected Outstanding Graduating Senior in the December 2006 commencement ceremonies. Ella received notice that she was accepted to Harvard Law School. During the commencement ceremony, Tom Piccolo, Student Government President, was recognized for being appointed a White House Fellow. Tom started work in the Personnel Office of the White House this week.



More than 120 students, faculty and donors gathered for the annual scholarship luncheon. More than \$220,000 has been awarded to USF St. Petersburg students this year.



Manny Wilson, an undergraduate student in political science conducted risk-analysis from inside the Pentagon this summer, focusing on major global health issues such as SARS and the emerging threat of avian influenza. He beat Ivy League students for a competitive summer internship with the Department of Defense. Wilson's research findings examined the catastrophic nature of such threats like avian flu, their likelihood, current vulnerabilities and the impact of a pandemic, existing research and health plans and recommended preventive measures.

Grant Announcement

Campus leaders and scientists joined Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young on the campus for the announcement of a \$727,000 grant from the National Center for Environmental Research of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish the Center for Science and Policy Applications for the Coastal Environment.



We credit Congressman Young for his foresight in support of environmental research. The campus is committed to research that is relevant to our region. Water quality and supply is one of the most important issues to face our region, our state and our country. The program will be directed by professors Christopher D'Elia and James Gore who have extensive backgrounds in aquatic and ecosystem-based research.

Construction

Construction on Residence Hall One and the Parking Garage continue on schedule for completion later this spring. Renovation of interior space in Davis Hall for computer labs and student lounges was completed at the end of the fall semester.

New Publication

Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice by Ray Arsenault, John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History was just published by Oxford University Press as part of a series of books on pivotal moments in American history. This is the sixth book by Professor Arsenault who co-chairs the Florida Studies program.