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WEEKLY UPDATE APRIL 10, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM REGIONAL CHANCELLOR MARTIN TADLOCK

Good morning colleagues,

As we near the ending of the semester and another academic year, I give you my best wishes for an outstanding week! April always seems to be the busiest month of the year, and so far it’s holding true based upon the calendar that pops up on the screen every morning. As I learned long ago, it’s part of the educational rhythm of a university campus. Enjoy the beauty of a busy time!

A few highlights of the past week

1. The Open Forum last week provided an opportunity to review revisions to the slide deck we created last fall and that was sent to everyone after the forum for comment. Take advantage of this opportunity and if you have questions about how to review the slides and comment on them, email Caryn Nesmith. This is the time to speak with one voice about who we are and what we do well at USF St Petersburg.

2. You may wish to view this outstanding micro-site. As we near Earth Day, it is a good reminder of the importance of environmental sustainability to all of us at USF St Petersburg.

3. Five more members of the USF Consolidation Task Force have been named. Here is the story. The first meeting of the Task Force is at USFSP April 25 from 4-6 p.m. at USF St. Petersburg. Details to follow.

4. Speaking of consolidation, the USF System recently put together this FAQ and timeline regarding USF System Unification, I recommend everyone giving this a look.

5. We surpassed our goal on USFSP Giving Day, with 69 donors giving more than $2,300 for student scholarships! THANK YOU to all who gave. Your generosity directly benefits our students, changes lives and helps USF St Petersburg continue its legacy as an outstanding living and learning environment.

6. Last week, Tonjua Williams (President of St Pete College) and I met to talk about how we can work together to enhance and expand FUSE and develop more higher education opportunities for students in Pinellas County Schools. In her words, how can we create an ‘Educational Ecosystem’ for Pinellas
County? We sent a draft of our USFSP initiatives to help close the access gap and provide success for more students to you last week. If you have time, you may wish to review that draft. More information will be coming, along with opportunities to participate in this important work. Stay tuned.

7. **USFSP signed on with the LEAP network** for the Tampa Bay Region, which is focused on college access. We signed on along with St. Pete College and Pinellas County Schools. If you are interested in getting involved with LEAP, let me know.

8. **USFSP Celebrates preview** was last Thursday on the waterfront. Scholarship donors joined us to hear from four outstanding student scholarship recipients who spoke about their experiences at USFSP. In October, the full USFSP Celebrates event will be held on the waterfront with a much larger crowd, and I look forward to hearing from more of our donors and students about how being here changes lives, impacts our community and launches careers.

9. I was fortunate to travel to my mother’s 85th birthday celebration in NC last weekend. She reminded me that every day is a blessing. Then she asked me what I am teaching this year.

**Coming our way**

- **Headbands of Hope** founder Jess Ekstrom will be giving a talk in the USC ballroom on April 11 at 6 p.m. The talk is open to the entire USFSP community.

- The **Festival of Colors** is also April 11 from 5 to 7 pm on the USC lawn. Stop by!

- **TEDx** is taking place April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the USC, which seeks to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group setting through fascinating talks and presenters! Go here to see our list of speakers for this year’s event: [https://www.usfsp.edu/tedx/](https://www.usfsp.edu/tedx/)

- **Sailing with students** is coming Thursday afternoon, weather permitting! This is our last sail this semester, and each one has been a great opportunity to chat with students about their life at USFSP in a relaxing setting.

- The **scholarship deadline is April 15.** Faculty and staff, please inform students of this deadline and remind them to [apply for scholarships](https://www.usfsp.edu/). We have almost $300K in unexpended scholarship dollars with only 5 days left to apply:

- The Debbie Nye Sembler Student Success Center is sponsoring a **Haiku Poetry event**. All entries are due April 18. Visit the Center for an entry form.

Here is mine:

*Early morning beach
Pelican dives in darkness
The sun still sleeping*