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Campus Alumna Honored with Special Ed’s Top Award

Earlier this month, USF St. Petersburg alumna Carol Dinsdale, won the 2004 Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award for her work with emotionally-handicapped students in 1st through 3rd grade at Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Dinsdale will be honored at the annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo’s Teacher of the Year Luncheon. This national award is given annually to one teacher who provides outstanding services to students with exceptionalities.

Dinsdale was also presented with the National Board Certification given by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards this month. She was among 48 Pinellas County Teachers, 23 who are USF Alumni, to receive this honor. The certification is awarded on performance-based assessments including: student work samples, teaching portfolios, videotapes and an analysis of classroom teaching style. Last year, Dinsdale was also received the 2003 Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year award.

Dinsdale is an active member of the USF Pinellas County Alumni Chapter and a two-time graduate of USF. She earned her bachelor’s degree in special education in 1990 from USF St. Petersburg and her master’s in behavior disorders in 1994 from USF Tampa. Dinsdale is currently an adjunct professor at USF and holds several postgraduate USF certifications in education.

Enrollment Staff Sends Holiday Greetings to Local Organization

Thanks to a generous donation by Enrollment Services staff, members of the local St. Petersburg organization CASA will have a happier New Year. In lieu of holiday gifts this year, the staff members made a collective donation of $500 to CASA, an organization that benefits and shelters families who have been abused.

Staff members said they plan to continue their holiday donation with another local organization next year. The Enrollment Services team includes members from the departments of Academic Advising, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Prospective Student Outreach and Orientation.

Florida Studies Student Publishes His First Book

Adam Carozza, Florida Studies Program of Distinction graduate student, gathered more than 200 photographs for his first book that depicts the history of New Port Richey since the city was incorporated 80 years ago. The soft cover book is part of the “Images of America” series by Arcadia Publishing,
and is currently in its second printing.

Although a native of New York, Carozza has lived in New Port Richey for 27 years. He started researching the city when a USF professor in an urban studies course asked him to write about his hometown. He selected New Port Richey. Carozza gathered a majority of his research during an internship at the West Pasco Historical Museum and currently serves on the New Port Richey Historic Preservation Board.

Carozza learned about the Florida Studies Program during a United States History course taught by Gary Mormino, PhD, during his final undergraduate semester at USF. After graduating from USF Tampa in May 2003 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Carozza enrolled in the Florida Studies Program.

Carozza’s book, “New Port Richey” is available on campus at Bayboro Books, at the publisher's Web site, www.arcadiapublishing.com and other major Tampa Bay book retailers. He will also give a talk and book signing at Barnes & Noble in Carollwood on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 7 to 9 pm. For more information, please call Barnes & Noble at 813-962-6446.

**Fall Commencement Delivers Memorable Moments**

Commencement earlier this month, family and friends joined the campus community at the Mahaffey Theater to share the excitement as 204 Fall 2004 graduates crossed the stage.

USF St. Petersburg had a total of 333 graduates including Rene Llewellyn who was recognized as a King O'Neal Scholar.
Register Today for Ethical Theory Workshop
Campus faculty are invited to a two-part Ethical Theory Workshop that will explain the ideas of key proponents of major ethical theories as well as explore more recent theoretical developments. The workshop is April 12 and 13 from 3 to 5 pm and is sponsored by the Cole Chair in Ethics.

“The workshop will acquaint participants with central figures, explicate their key ideas, and acquaint them with some overarching theoretical questions about moral responsibility, rights and moral motivation,” Hugh LaFollette, Cole Chair of Ethics said.

Specifically, the workshop will discuss Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill, representing respectively, Virtue Ethics, Deontology and Utilitarianism. Other issues that will be discussed include: contractarianism, feminist ethics and pragmatic ethics.

The deans of all three colleges will purchase the materials for the workshop for faculty who register by January 15. At the end of each formal session, participants will have an opportunity for informal discussion for an additional hour each day.

For more information or to register, please contact LaFollette at hughlafollette@tampabay.rr.com or at 553-4830.

Our Campus in the News

Bulls schedule series with 'Canes
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For years, USF's young football team hasn't been able to measure its steady progress against the state's big three programs. The Bulls get their first shot next fall.

USF announced the final and biggest piece of its 2005 schedule Thursday, landing an impressive home-and-home series with Miami, starting with a trip to Miami in October.

"It's pretty aggressive," coach Jim Leavitt said of a schedule that not only features USF's first year in the Big East, but a season-opening road trip to Penn State as well. "The Big East is challenging enough by itself, but our schedule has really jumped incredibly strong. Hopefully, we'll be able to recruit well."

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