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We’ve Come A Long Way

On September 7, 1965 USF St Petersburg welcomed its first students, an overflow from USF Tampa. Forty years later, with the presence of one of the campus’ original faculty members, our past, present and future campus community joined together to celebrate a milestone in our history.

“After 40 years of growth and development, USF St Petersburg has a rich history with persistence, entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity,” Regional Chancellor Karen A. White said. “Today students truly benefit from 40 years worth of history that our campus has to offer. Imagine the campus of 2035!”

One of the Anniversary Celebration highlights was the presentation by St. Petersburg City Council member Virginia Littrell of the proclamation declaring Sept. 7, 2005 as USF St. Petersburg Day.

“USF St. Petersburg continues to build foundations for future generations to build upon,” Littrell said.

The event also included remarks by Kathy Arsenault, dean of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library and 40th Anniversary chair, as well as staff and student representatives.

A reception followed with an anniversary cake cutting by White and Student Government representatives.

“Regardless of how fast we continue to grow, we must maintain the student-centered philosophy of small classes and caring faculty,” said White, acknowledging that we must continue to build upon our foundations.

Faculty Honored at Academic Convocation

At the Fall 2005 Academic Convocation, more than 100 members of the campus community gathered to celebrate and reflect on 40 years of academic excellence and enterprise.

Guest speaker, Nancy Belck, PhD,
The presentations begin at 1:30 pm in TER 300.

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Sept. 16 Kevin Stensberg
Sept. 21 Kevin Cobbs

For more information, please contact Barry McDowell at mcdowell@stpt.usf.edu.

Don't forget to update your contact information in the USF St. Petersburg Online Contact Directory. You can review your entire listing by clicking on your name. Please submit directory updates using the Contact Directory Update Form.

New Parking Lot Available:
Lot #20 opened just in time for the first day of class. The lot, located on the east side of First Street South between Fifth and Sixth Avenue South, has more than 200 spaces. The lot is lighted and is open 24 hours daily. Parking Center One will be completed Summer 2006.

Save the Date: The campus will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2005. Stay tuned to eNews for detailed information about events and activities.

In what Mark Durand, PhD, regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, said was an extremely tight competition, three faculty members were awarded Teaching in Excellence awards at Academic Convocation.

Award winners, Cynthia Bean, PhD, assistant professor from the College of Business, Sarah Partan, PhD, assistant professor from the College Arts and Sciences, and Joyce Nutta, PhD, associate professor from the College of Education, were selected by a committee from each college. Cynthia Bean was further acknowledged as the distinguished university-wide 2005 USF St. Petersburg Teacher of the Year, selected by the Academic Awards Committee.

In addition to the awards for teaching, Gary Mormino, PhD, chair of the Academic Awards Committee, presented inaugural awards for professional service and for research. The Excellence in Professional Service was awarded to H. William Heller, EdD, College of Education professor, for his service on campus and in the community. Mark Walters, DVM, College of Arts and Sciences associate professor, received the award for Excellence in Research and Creativity Scholarship.

During the luncheon, USF President Judy Genshaft, PhD, said she was very proud of the excellence of the faculty and the USF St. Petersburg campus community.

“...we are looking to USF St. Petersburg as a leader for other regional campuses. We give thanks to the faculty here for bringing honor and recognition to USF,” Genshaft said.

Students Given A Warm Welcome in 2005
Last week, Student Life gave new and returning students a warm welcome to start the Fall semester off right with a week of events designed to make the transition from Summer to Fall a little easier.

The week started with USF St Petersburg’s second annual Freshman Convocation, an event to formally welcome new students and their families to the campus community.

“The purpose of Welcome Week is to give students an opportunity to be exposed to the programs, services, and organizations which make campus life so exciting,” said Regina Young Hyatt, Student Life director. “It’s important for students to feel the community on campus and know that there are services available to help them be successful — both inside and outside of the classroom.”

During the week, the campus celebrated the opening of the Academic Success Center and the Fitness Center—two ways students can improve their body, mind and soul this year. Plus, many campus members also attended the Welcome Back Extravaganza, where guests enjoyed live Caribbean music and barbecue foods.

During the week, students were able to beat the heat all week with the aid of the Soda Shack, where Student Life representatives distributed free sodas and provided students with class schedules and campus maps.

Student Life events continued with the annual Campus Showcase for new and returning students to learn about student organizations and opportunities to get involved.

Plus, students, faculty and staff are invited to...
attend the Waterfront Open House and the Pool Splash on Friday, Sept. 9 from 11 am to 4 pm.

Professor's Art Featured at Local Gallery
Erika Schneider, visiting assistant professor of Art, invites the campus community to attend Noires-Noirs, an art exhibition located at Bleu Acier Inc., her contemporary art gallery in Tampa.

Artwork from Bleu Acier

The exhibition will feature the works of about 20 artists, including USF St. Petersburg’s Assistant Professor Joani Spadaro, director of the Graphic Design program. The opening reception is Friday, Sept. 9, 2005 from 7 pm - 11 pm. There is a suggested $4 donation at the door that can be applied toward the purchase of artwork.

The exhibit, Noires-Noirs, runs through Oct. 22, with gallery hours on each Saturday from 1 pm - 5 pm or by appointment.

For more information, contact Erika Schneider at 813-272-9746 or visit www.bleuacier.com.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
Learn and experience Hispanic culture through a series of campus events during National Hispanic Heritage Month, scheduled for Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2005.

During the month, enjoy live music, food and music at events such as "Noche de Salsa," or Night of Salsa. Plus, learn about Hispanic history and culture at the Hispanic Heritage Exhibition at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library or enjoy a tour and reception at the Dali museum.

For the main event, sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Affairs, the campus community is invited to spend an afternoon with actress and writer Sonia Manzano, who portrayed Maria on Sesame Street. She will discuss her experiences throughout her career as a first generation American of Latino descent.
For more information about Hispanic Heritage Month and upcoming events, please contact Steve Marshall, interim coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, at 553-4845.

See: Sonia Manzano flier (.doc)

Spend an Evening with a Pulitzer Prize Winner
The campus community is invited to join Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist William Raspberry for a community conversation at the Poynter Institute on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm.

The evening, which is co-sponsored by USF St. Petersburg, will begin with a VIP reception at 5:15 pm, followed by the moderated conversation, Educating Our Children, at 6:30 pm led by Raspberry, a seasoned Washington Post columnist.

The cost of the event is $25 for the conversation and $50 for the VIP reception and conversation, with proceeds benefiting the writer's camps for elementary and high school journalism programs.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Poynter Institute at 821-9494, or visit the Poynter Institute at www.poynter.org.

See: Event Flier (.pdf)

Show your Bulls Spirit at the Campus' Football Night
As the USF Bulls football season approaches, mark Saturday, Sept. 17 on your calendar for the annual USF St. Petersburg night at Raymond James Stadium.

USF Bulls Join faculty, staff, students, alumni and guests as the USF Bulls take on the University of Central Florida Knights. Plus, the campus will premiere a 60-second video to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.
Each faculty or staff member with a valid USF ID card can receive up to four tickets. Tickets are available in the CAC the week of Monday, Sept. 12 and are available on a first come first serve basis. On Thursday, Sept. 15, remaining tickets will be made available to students.

For more information, please call University Relations at 553-4256.

A message from the Campus Police Department
As the Fall semester gets underway this week, the Campus Police Department asks for your cooperation to maintain a safe environment. The department has outlined multiple ways to ensure your safety while on campus, such as use of the campus escorts, emergency phones, and utilizing parking lot and personal safety tips.

Campus Escorts
Your campus Safe Team is here to provide you a safe escort to and from your vehicles Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 pm to 10 pm. If you need a ride from Safe Team, please call 553-4723. Plus, when possible, parking patrollers and police officers, who are on duty 24 hours a day, can also provide escorts.

Campus Emergency Phone Locations
- University Police Station, outside main entrance on Fifth Avenue South
- CAC, outside main entrance on Second Street South
- Parking lot #2, across from Davis Hall
- Marine Science Lab, on east side near handicap ramp
- Lot 17, across from USGS on Sixth Avenue South
- Children’s Research Institute, lot 18 on Sixth Avenue South

Emergency phones are open to all campus guests, and, like 911 calls, the phone rings directly to the University Police Communications Center. The primary purpose of the phone is to report suspicious persons, vehicle crashes, sick or injured persons, or crimes on campus, but they can also be used in
non-emergency situations. You can use the phone to request assistance with a dead battery, or if you have locked your keys in the car or need a safe escort to your vehicle.

Read: Campus Safety Tips

Mormino Speaks at Historical Society Season Opener
The campus community is invited to attend the Pasco County Historical Society season opener event featuring USF St. Petersburg professor Gary R. Mormino, PhD on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 1 pm. He will discuss his new book, *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*. Mormino is the Duckwall Professor of History and co-director of the Florida Studies Program. In addition to authoring other award-winning books, Mormino has written for the *St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Orlando Sentinel*, and *Miami Herald*. Plus, in 2003 the Florida Humanities Council named him its first Humanist of the Year and, most recently, an FHC Road Scholar.

The West Pasco Historical Society Museum and Library is located in Sims Park on 6431 Circle Boulevard in New Port Richey. For more information about the lecture, please contact Adam Carozza at 727-847-0680.

News from HR
*For the latest information from HR, visit: USF SP HR Web site*

uSF SP Cares
Learn about Eldercare
Are you interested in learning about eldercare issues? If so, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Barry McDowell at 553-4990 or mcdowell@stpt.usf.edu. McDowell plans on coordinating workshops based on campus community needs.

Our Campus in the News
Campus Featured in *St. Petersburg Times*
Make sure to grab a copy of the *St. Petersburg Times* on Thursday, Sept. 8 to see a feature story about USF St. Petersburg and our celebration of our 40th Anniversary.

**USF St. Petersburg Celebrates 40 Years**  
*Tampa Tribune*  
Wednesday, Sept. 7  
This fall, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg kicks off a yearlong celebration marking the campus’ 40th anniversary.  
It begins with a full day of festivities today, Sept. 7 -- the date of the first day of classes in 1965.

Read: [Full Story](http://www1.stpt.usf.edu/News/eNews.html)

**We Expect the Government to Save Us from Storms ... We Didn't Always**  
*History News Network*  
Friday, Sept. 2

_This article is drawn from Paradise Lost? The Environmental History of Florida (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005), ed. Jack E. Davis and Raymond Arsenault. It was published in paperback today. Mr. Arsenault is John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History University of South Florida, St. Petersburg._

On August 16, 1888, a powerful hurricane struck the coast of southeastern Florida. The storm’s maximum sustained winds may have exceeded 100, or even 125, miles per hour, but no one knows for sure. On August 15, the storm battered several of the lower Bahama Islands, inflicting considerable damage and loss of life, but no one in Florida knew about the Bahamians' plight.

Read: [Full Story](http://www1.stpt.usf.edu/News/eNews.html)
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