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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### USFSP Breaks Ground on New Business Building



From left: USF Trustee Scott Hopes, System President Judy Genshaft, Trustee and USFSP Campus Board Chair Debbie Sembler, Trustee Stephanie Goforth, Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, and Trustees Stanley Levy and Jean Cocco.

USF President Judy Genshaft, Trustees, Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Mayor Rick Kriseman and dozens of other elected officials joined architects, students, faculty and community leaders on Tuesday to break ground on a new building for USFSP's Kate Tiedemann College of Business. Buoyed by members of the USF Marching Band, the ceremony was festive -- despite gray skies and a steady rain.

"This is a momentous occasion for our institution," said Dr. Wisniewska in opening remarks. "This building will become the physical embodiment of what is already one of the state's most successful business colleges."

Wisniewska went on to say the 68,000 square-foot building will feature four stories, and will bring together, under one roof, our students and 40 distinguished faculty -- creating a home for USFSP's award-winning programs. State-of-the-art facilities will better prepare students for jobs that are in high demand in Florida.

**[Read the Regional Chancellor's remarks.](#)**

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### USFSP to Offer Master's of Accountancy Program



John Jewell, director, Program of Accountancy

The Board of Trustees recently approved the creation of a Master's of Accountancy (MAcc), a new option for graduate business students.

Accounting is one of the most popular undergraduate majors on campus, and students had been asking for the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in the field, according to John F. Jewell, Director, Program of Accountancy. USFSP already offers a general accounting track and a forensic accounting track in the MBA program, so the MAcc will build on that foundation with the addition of five new courses.

The first MAcc classes will be offered in the spring, with fall 2015 slated as the official opening of the program.

"The MAcc degree program will help us meet the needs of businesses in the region," said Gary Patterson, interim dean, Kate Tiedemann College of Business. "Our graduates will find well paying jobs with companies which have had difficulty filling positions with local talent."

"This gives students the opportunity to go into a more technical, specialized, accounting-heavy area rather than the broader, management-based MBA," said Jewell. "I really think that the combination of the Kate Tiedemann donation, the new building, and the addition of the MAcc creates a new dawn for the College of Business."

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## Biology Professor Spends Two Weeks at Sea

Heather Judkins, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is currently on the NOAA ship, Pisces, 160 miles off the coast of Rhode Island. She is one of 14 scientists who are conducting fieldwork at Bear Seamount, an extinct underwater volcano. The group is working on a number of projects involving the identification and study of all forms of sea life that exist at particular depths.



Dr. Heather Judkins

"What an incredible honor it is for Dr. Judkins to be among a select few to participate in this intensive two-week NOAA expedition at sea to Bear Seamount," said Dr. Frank Biafora, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "This underscores the exceptional scholarly reputation that Dr. Judkins has established in the fascinating world of deep-sea biodiversity. Ultimately, her students will be the beneficiaries of this exciting path-breaking research."

Dr. Judkins welcomes students, colleagues and anyone who shares her interest in cephalopods or deep sea research to follow her blog and feel free to ask questions throughout the two-week trip. <http://bearseamountcruise2014.blogspot.com>

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## USFSP Celebrates Diversity Month(s)

October is a busy month for promoting diversity in the United States - and on the USFSP campus.

National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15- October 15) has come to a close. USFSP hosted numerous events, including a lecture called "American Dreams Deferred," by William D. Caballero, a nationally



Erica Campbell,  
Coordinator, Office of  
Multicultural Affairs

known speaker and autobiographer.

The next several weeks will be dedicated to LGBT History Month. The Office of Multicultural Affairs has planned several events. On Monday, October 20, students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to participate in a conversation about sexuality and gender. "Real Talk- Bi the Way: Stigmas Behind Sexuality" will be held in the USC Ocean Room from 12 to 1 p.m., and lunch will be provided.

"At USFSP, the fabric of our community represents many different social identities ranging from those who identify as first generation, transfers and veterans, to single parents, students of color and LGBTQ students," said Jake Diaz, dean of students. "A powerful learning experience is brought about by having a diverse student body."

For more information about diversity events on campus, contact Erica Campbell at [www.usfsp.edu/multicultural](http://www.usfsp.edu/multicultural).

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## USFSP Welcomes Back St. Petersburg Science Festival

Celebrating science in the sun, the fourth annual St. Petersburg Science Festival featuring more than 90 hands-on interactive exhibits, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free festival will be held at USF St. Petersburg, along the Bayboro Waterfront.

Held in conjunction with MarineQuest, the community celebration will kick off with a round of Science Jeopardy in Poynter Park with community leaders, to include USFSP Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Han Reichgelt. "I just hope they go easy on me," Reichgelt said.



To learn more about the festival, visit [www.stpetescifest.org](http://www.stpetescifest.org).

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## Upcoming Events

**Nelson Poynter Library**  
"Open Cookbook" Potluck  
Wednesday, October 22  
12:00 p.m.

**Department of History and Politics**  
"Thinking Through ... World War One"  
Thursday, October 23  
4:30 p.m.

**Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading**

Saturday, October 25

**Honors College Event**

Documentary Viewing: "Behind the Wall"

Wednesday, October 29

2:00 p.m.

**Blue Ocean Film Festival**

November 3 - 9

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