Governor Signs Bill at USF St. Petersburg

USF St. Petersburg hosted Governor Jeb Bush as he signed House Bill 1629, the Affordable Healthcare for Floridians Act, into law.

Gov. Bush signed the legislation in the Campus Activities Center at the first in a series of statewide town hall meetings June 14. The town hall meetings offered consumers the chance to hear from the governor, Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings and federal and state healthcare experts about new laws regarding Health Saving Accounts and Health Reimbursement Arrangements.

USF President Judy Genshaft, Campus Advisory Board President Ann Duncan and Mayor Rick Baker joined Regional Chancellor Karen A. White to welcome legislators to campus, including bill sponsors Senator Durell Peaden and Representative Frank Farkas.

First Signs of Fall New Student Orientations Start Thursday

Excitement comes to campus this week. USF St. Petersburg's time-honored tradition of New Student Orientation begins Thursday to welcome Fall 2004 students to campus.

Student Life Director Nancy Coscia said it is always exciting when new students come to campus, and that her team is preparing for upbeat sessions. "Since we're their first impression, it's our job to set the tone about what their coming to USF St. Petersburg means to us."

More than 150 new students and 70 parents are registered for the first of the summer's New Student Orientation sessions Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The crash courses on USF St. Petersburg are specially tailored for transfer students, freshmen and their parents. All of the sessions include a campus grand tour that includes everything from the bookstore to the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.
Alumni To Host 'Summer Social' Thursday

USF Pinellas County Alumni Chapter is hosting a 'Summer Social' June 17 at the Williams House 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Music, friends, spirits and Hors d’oeuvres provided.

Contact Sue Sietsma: sietsma@stpt.usf.edu

Retirement/Investment Workshops Coming Your Way

Workshops on retirement, estate and investment planning, presented by Ernst and Young, Financial Planners for state of Florida employees, have been scheduled at the FMRI, KAS Auditorium, July 13 and 14.

There will be three workshops. Each workshop will be presented twice--once on each of the two days. Note that the timing of each workshop is different on each of the two days. You may attend any number of workshops (1-3).

There is no charge to attend. However, a minimum of 20 participants must register to offer the series.

To attend you must register by calling 1-866-446-9377.

Although OPS employees are not eligible for retirement benefits, they may want to attend to learn more about general investment, retirement and estate planning.

The workshops are:

**Tuesday, July 13**
Retirement Planning for All Ages, 8:30AM-10AM
Estate Planning, 10:30 AM-Noon
Investment Planning, 2PM-3:30PM

**Wednesday, July 14th**
Investment Planning: The Basics, 8:30AM-10AM
Retirement Planning for All Ages, 10:30AM-Noon
Estate Planning, 2PM-3:30PM

Fish & Wildlife Research Institute
Karen A. Steidinger Auditorium
100 8th Avenue S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The schedule is listed on the MYFRS website under Workshops Just For You/Workshop Calendar/Pinellas County at:
http://www.myfrs.com/content/wkshp/calendar.html

Non-Resident Aliens at USF

There will be a general information session on Thursday, June 24, in DAV 130 from 1:30 until 3 regarding employment of Non-Resident Aliens at USF. David Austell, PhD, Director, International Student and Scholar Services, Tampa, and Mark Gaulter, PhD, Director, International Affairs, St Petersburg will provide information about proper documentation, processes and updates to the laws since September 11. Please call Human Resources if you plan on attending, 3-4115.

A worthwhile drive to learn

St. Petersburg Times

A few times each week, Tampa resident Julie Petrick waves to the University of South Florida on her way to its smaller sister campus in St. Petersburg.

Although the Tampa campus is five minutes from her Sulphur Springs home, Petrick says it lacks the appeal of the St. Petersburg campus.
Calendar of Events

The USF Web Calendar of Events can advertise to campus-wide faculty, staff and to the general public. Events may include lectures, conferences, ceremonies, concerts, sporting events, scholarship events, fundraising events and exhibits.

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