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**Scene & Herd: December Internal News From USF St. Petersburg**

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**Strategic Planning Update****A Note From the Regional Chancellor**

As we prepare for a break, I thought I'd take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work over the last few months. We've made tremendous progress on our Strategic Planning goals, as evidenced by the updates reported during our Bold Goals meeting in November.



In moving forward on our Distinctive Identity goal, many of you participated in discovery meetings last month with TWG Plus, the national higher education branding firm we've retained to help us articulate and promote our distinctive qualities. In January, we'll work with TWG to distribute surveys designed to gather more insights into existing perceptions, challenges and marketing opportunities. Please be on the lookout for these surveys and take a few minutes to provide thoughtful, candid responses. TWG will be back on campus soon, and we look forward to very productive months ahead as we work to create an even greater awareness of the excellence that is USFSP.

If you have not been involved with our Strategic Planning process and would like to be, please contact [Chitra Iyer](#) or [Amy Harcar](#).

Our light shines brightly this holiday season.

All the best,

Sophia

**Human Resources Info to Know****Featured Employee of the Month:****Jamie Molnar**

Jamie Molnar

Jamie Molnar works as the Students of Concern Assistance Team (SOCAT) Case Manager for the Office of the Dean of Students at USF St. Petersburg. Jamie moved to St. Petersburg in 2014 from Sarasota, where she served as a mental health counselor at Ringling College of Art and Design.

Jamie received two bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Central Florida and a master's degree in Applied Psychology from Murdoch University in Perth, Australia. In addition to working in the U.S. and abroad, she has experience in a number of clinical settings, including neuropsychology, addictions, organizational psychology and college counseling. [Learn more](#) about Jamie.

**Holiday Masquerade Luncheon**

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, USFSP will host an employee holiday party in the University Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The masquerade luncheon also

**Faculty & Staff Campaign Torch Handed Off to KTCOB**

The Kate Tiedemann College of Business is the recipient of the first hand-off of the Gold Medal Games Torch for participation in the [USF System Faculty & Staff Campaign](#) at USFSP.

USFSP Police Chief David Hendry delivered the torch to the Dean's suite, where it will be displayed until the next campaign update. KTCOB has an overall participation rate of 77 percent, and the faculty and staff had reached 81 percent of their goal as of Nov. 30.



USFSP Police Chief David Hendry hands off the campaign torch to Rebecca Harris, co-volunteer for KTCOB Faculty and Staff Campaign, and Gary Patterson, interim dean.

Donations made before July 30, 2016 will be part of this year's campaign. The gifts will help fund student scholarships and other USF programs.

Gifts can be made online or in person to your area's volunteer. Contact [Alexis Searfoss](#) with questions about the campaign.

**USF Watch Party**

The USFSP Alumni Society will host a watch party for the USF vs. Western Kentucky University (WKU) game on Monday, Dec. 21. The match is part of this year's Miami

includes a charitable component: Donations will be collected to benefit Pet Pal Animal Rescue and Senior Care Group [Learn more](#).

**Handy Links From Human Resources:**

[Paid Holiday Schedule](#)  
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[Featured Perk of the Month](#)

**Faculty Accolades, Achievements**

Three USF St. Petersburg faculty were recognized at the [USF World](#) inaugural Global Achievement breakfast on Nov. 13. Each received the 2015 Honorable Mention for Global Engagement faculty award.

- **Dr. Judithanne McLaughlan**, associate professor of Political Science and founding director of USFSP's Center for Civic Engagement.
- **Dr. Tiffany Chenneville**, associate professor and department chair of Psychology.
- **Dr. Martine Fernandes Wagner**, associate professor of French and associate chair in the Department of Society, Culture, and Language.

**Professor Named Member of ARCS Foundation**

Dr. Norine Noonan, professor of Biology, has been named a new member of the [Science and Engineering Advisory Council](#) (SEAC) for the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Foundation. The SEAC is comprised of distinguished students, engineers and scholars from around the U.S.

[Learn more](#) about these faculty awards.

Beach Bowl.

The watch party will be held at The Tavern at USFSP. The game will start at 2:30 p.m.

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We will publish this internal newsletter monthly, typically during the second week. If you or your department have news you'd like to share with USFSP employees, please send an email with details to [Amy Harcar](#) no later than the 1st of each month.

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