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USF St. Petersburg Celebrates Diverse Student Achievements of more than 500 New Graduates at Commencement

In front of family, faculty and the greater St. Petersburg community, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg will celebrate the diverse accomplishments and confer degrees to 507 new graduates during its Spring Commencement. Two ceremonies will accommodate nearly 400 graduates who elected to walk – representing 36 undergraduate and graduate academic disciplines – on Sunday, May 6 at the Mahaffey Theater.

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Alum Awarded Pulitzer Prize in History for The Gulf
Second Year in a Row a USFSP Alumnus Receives a Pulitzer Prize

Jack E. Davis, a University of Florida professor, was awarded the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in history for his engrossing book *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*. *The Gulf* interweaves geologic, environmental, cultural and political history to tell the story of the critical natural and man-made events, as well as the people, that shaped the Gulf of Mexico. "For me this recognition is just as much about the appreciation for the Gulf of Mexico as it is about the book itself," said Davis. "I find it really heartwarming."

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Fulbright Award to Improve HIV Research and Treatment with Minors

Prior studies have shown that youth with HIV who have a greater understanding of their disease are more likely to seek treatment and stick with the often complex and time consuming medical regimen. For Tiffany Chenneville, Associate Professor of Psychology, researching the psychological issues affecting youth with HIV and assessing their understanding of the disease has been a career focus. A recent Fulbright Specialist Award will allow her to continue this research in South Africa.

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New Internship Plants Seeds of Knowledge on Food Systems

One in six people in Florida go hungry and 13 million children in the United States do not have regular healthy food at home, according to the Fresh Initiatives Support Hub (FISH).

USF St. Petersburg is offering a way for students to get first-hand

Inaugural Diversity Plan Aims for a Fully Inclusive Campus Culture

The university's first Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan seeks to create synergy and collaboration with every individual in the campus community through unique initiatives and study circles to inspire and ensure a welcoming environment.

“No matter if the person is a
knowledge on hunger and food access through a new Food Systems Internship program. The internship places candidates with local organizations involved in food production, distribution and access, processing, resource recovery and marketing.

transgender individual, a person of color, a veteran, you name it, our vision is to make sure that everyone is accepted and respected without any limitations,” Cecil Howard said, Chief Diversity Officer. “It is our job to appreciate each person in our campus community.”

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Florida historian Jack E. Davis wins Pulitzer Prize for ‘The Gulf’

Want to go Solar?

Upcoming Events

Florida Anthropological Society Conference
May 11-13, University Student Center.
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Outstanding Young Alumni Awards
May 18, 6 PM, USF Gibbons Alumni Center,
Learn more.

Becoming Civilian: A Warrior’s Perspective
May 26, 6 PM. Lynn Pippenger Hall Auditorium,
RSVP. Learn more.