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## An inspiring opportunity for students to make their voices heard

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Students discuss their visions for the future of USF St. Petersburg during Monday's Input Forum.

This afternoon, a diverse group of students gathered in the University Student Center ballroom to discuss many issues both serious and downright fun. Tables with flip charts were set up for students to gather and have conversations about what means most to them about USFSP and what their visions are as the university grows. Students chose the topics, led the conversations and put in their ideas.

The feedback will be gathered up and given to the Vision 20/20 team as the Strategic Plan takes shape. Having voices of students, the stakeholders of the university, is vital to ensuring a shared vision we all support.

Many different topics were discussed, such as undergraduate research support, paid internships and the commuter-student community. The first conversation I was part of was a complex and

multifaceted one about an energy-monitoring system. It was an awesome experience to have a discussion about making it really happen.

After lunch, the second round of conversations began. I joined one that was full of laughter as we brainstormed about ways to improve our outdoor culture and bring the beach vibe to campus.

At the end of the forum, each group had a chance to give feedback about the input from their conversations. It is inspiring to hear how passionate my peers are about the growth and vision of our university.

I encourage all students who have that shared passion for this campus to join us tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. a the USC ballroom for our second Student Input Forum.

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Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska discusses the Vision 20/20 Vision strategic planning process during the first Student Input Forum.

## About the blogger



We are Vision 20/20.