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# USFSP News

## [USFSP to Host Pre-College Experience](#)

USF St. Petersburg will host 25 curious and motivated high school students from across the state for a summer humanities immersion program June 21-26.

The [College Visions program](#) at USFSP will allow high school juniors and seniors to participate in humanities education through active learning sessions and field trips—all while experiencing college life by living on campus in the University Student Center dormitories. Students will work closely with graphic design, literature, business and biology faculty, as well as local museum educators and musicians.

“It’s all about helping these students explore their own inner creativity,” said Frank Biafora, dean, College of Arts and Sciences at USFSP. “By immersing themselves in these activities, students will experience how innovative thinking is not limited to only an elite group of individuals – how it spans numerous disciplines and applies to our daily lives as well.”

During the camp, students also will enjoy the full range of on-campus activities—everything from living and eating on campus to having access to the fitness center and waterfront facilities, as well as the volleyball and basketball courts.

“Being able to live in the residence hall and see the campus will help give them a better idea of what they will be doing when they come to the university itself,” said Radhika Dang, a junior English major and Education minor who will serve as a facilitator for the humanities immersion camp. “By being involved, they will get the gist of how things will be when they’re in college and it may help them feel like this is a good place for them.”

Written by Dean Biafora and Dr. Louis Simon, The College Visions summer program is funded by a \$15,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council. The camp is part of a larger [Florida Humanities Council Summer Seminar series](#) for high school students, which also includes Eckerd College, Florida Atlantic University and the University of Florida.

