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- Brendan Feeney, a pre-Business Administration sophomore at USFSP
- Scott Ewing, an Environmental Science and Policy junior at USF Tampa
- Mandi Dickie, a Biology junior at USFSP

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From left: Mandi Dickie, Brendan Feeney, Scott Ewing, and Sean Cornell. Photo credit: Alan Capellin.

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