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Harbor Notes: USFSP Makes Princeton Review and More

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USFSP Featured in Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges



The Student Green Energy Fund, trash clean-up events, solar panel arrays and electric vehicle charge stations are just some of the commitments the USFSP community is making towards sustainability. The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) made *The Princeton Review's Guide to 375 Green Colleges, 2017*. The publication highlights colleges with the most exceptional commitments to

sustainability based on academic offerings and career preparation for students.

The Princeton Review selected its list based on "Green Rating" scores for 629 colleges using data from a 2016-17 survey of school administrators. The survey asked schools to report on their sustainability-related policies, practices and programs. More than 25 data points were weighted in the assessment, such as having a sustainability committee and percentage of food budget spent on local/organic food. Schools with Green Rating scores of 80-99 qualified for the guide. USFSP received a score of 95.

"It is quite an honor to be selected for this distinguished publication," said Interim Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock. "This recognition shows our commitment to sustainability and improving our natural environment, one of the core values of USF St. Petersburg."

[Read more on this exciting recognition and sustainability happenings on campus.](#)

Conference Focuses on Social Vulnerability and Enhancing Community Resilience to Extreme Coastal Hazards

This year, a highly active hurricane season has upended coastal communities from Florida to Texas. Hurricane Irma came uncomfortably close to devastating the Tampa Bay region with predicted Category 4 winds and unprecedented storm surge. These recent weather events and the vulnerability of the region to extreme storms - due to a growing population and extensive coastal development - brought urgency to the issues and discussions at this year's Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR) workshop. The conference took place at USF St. Petersburg's University Student Center on October 4 and 5.



Participants attending this year's iCAR Conference.

"We are worried about issues like hurricanes, climate change and sea-level rise because they affect all of us in this region," said Dr. Barnali Dixon, executive director of iCAR and professor of GIS and remote sensing at USFSP. "This annual workshop seeks to keep us ahead of such crises and make our community better able to withstand large-scale impacts."

[Learn more about iCAR and the speakers at this year's conference.](#)

Military and Veterans Success Center Awarded \$10,000 Grant from Victories for Veterans Initiative



Group photo showing representatives from all organizations receiving 'Victories for Veterans' grants at Tropicana Field, including USFSP representatives Martin Tadlock and Milton White. The USFSP Military and Veterans Success Center will receive a \$10,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to provide financial support to student veterans, spouses and dependents. Funds are coming from the Victories for Veterans initiative, a unique partnership between Duke and the Tampa Bay Rays, and will provide short-term loans of \$1,000 to \$2,000 for students waiting at the beginning of the semester for their first Veterans Administration (VA) educational benefit payment.

"There is not always a match between processing on the federal government end and when bills are due for students, so these loans will provide much needed aid during that gap for things like books and housing," said Milton White, assistant director of veterans service and coordinator of the Military and Veterans Success Center. "Then once the money from the VA comes in, students will return the loan back to the school."

[Read on about the services our Military and Veterans success center are providing.](#)

Innovative Program Addresses Need to More Accurately Apply Forensic Science in Justice System



Max Houck, director of the Forensic Studies and

Many criminal investigations and trials hinge on evidence as small as a few skin cells, a microscopic fiber or a chemical trace. The smallest of evidence has been instrumental in overturning more than 2,000 wrongful convictions in the U.S. over the last 23 years. A new Forensics Studies and Justice Program at USFSP is providing students with the skills and critical thinking that are an integral part of nearly every criminal investigation and civil case today.

"There is no other program like this in the nation," said Max Houck, visiting assistant professor and director of the Forensic Studies and Justice Program. "Rather than teaching the science behind forensics, we look at how forensic science is used and misused, and how to apply this information to the justice system that mitigates human bias and increases accuracy."

[Find out what careers this new major prepares students to enter.](#)

Brewing Arts Program Receives Veteran Tuition Award from Yuengling

D.G. Yuengling & Son, Inc. is sponsoring a \$5,000 tuition award to a new student Veteran for the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg's Brewing Arts Program. To be awarded January 2018, this is the third time a brewery is sponsoring a Veteran award for the program.

"This is such wonderful news and we are humbled that Yuengling will be awarding full tuition to a veteran for our program," said Brewing Arts Program Director Jennifer Sedillo. "We are always looking for new partnerships such as this to provide greater opportunities for those interested in the brewing arts."

[Read more about the Brewing Arts Program and opportunity this award provides.](#)

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October 21, USFSP Campus and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Research Institute

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