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USF St. Petersburg Report
Regional Chancellor

The USF St. Petersburg Faculty/Staff Campaign exceeded all goals and raised \$110,000 for scholarships, program support and endowment.

The students in Dr. Martine Fernandes' French class learned by teaching preschoolers at YWCA Family Village. Students were evaluated on their own fluency and on the progress of the children.

John Husfield (University Relations) and Teresa Przytocki (Waterfront) were awarded the USFSP Outstanding Staff Award at a system-wide ceremony in Tampa.

100 Pinellas County teachers participated in the College of Education Teacher Leadership Institute, supported by Progress Energy. The institute

Katrina Jenkins, a senior in Arts and Sciences, spent six weeks of the summer in Washington, DC as an academic intern in psychology. Her assignment was to work with inmates at the Arlington Detention Center. Another psychology student is participating this semester to this internship program run by the Washington Center.

Jim Stull, waterfront coordinator, has taken a leave of absence to assist with US Government programs for relief and rebuilding in Kabul Afghanistan.

USFSP alumnus, Ed Baird, was the helmsman of Team Alinghi, the winner of America's Cup.

Eleven faculty were awarded tenure and the rank of Associate Professor including: Sheramy Bundrick, Devy Cassill, Chris Meindl, Donny Smoak, and Mark Walters, (College of Arts and Sciences); Thomas Ainscough, Wei Guan, Daniel Marlin, and Allison Watkins (College of Business); and Lyman Dukes and Larry Johnson (College of Education). Jim Schnurr was promoted in the Library and Steve Lang was promoted to Full Professor in College of Education

New ant findings – Undergraduate students, Brandie Becker and Kim Vo, were studying ant behavior in Dr. Deby Cassill's Experimental Design course when they stumbled upon a new discovery – fire ants feign death as a self-defense mechanism. The students were examining fighting behaviors among ants and left the video camera on after the fight ended. To their surprise, an ant they

thought was dead stood up and walked off. Further observation verified their findings.

In May, the USF Board of Trustees approved a new USF Strategic plan: *Shaping our Future, 2007-2012* that included the following goals:

- Expanding world-class interdisciplinary research, creative, and scholarly endeavors,
- Promoting globally competitive undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs that support interdisciplinary inquiry, intellectual development, knowledge and skill acquisition, and student success through a diverse, fully-engaged, learner-centered campus environment.
- Expanding local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen and sustain healthy communities and to improve the quality of life, and
- Enhancing all sources of revenue, and maximizing effectiveness in business practices and financial management to establish a strong and sustainable economic base in support of USF's growth.

USF St. Petersburg will start a compact planning process in September to identify short-term goals (18-24 months) for the institution. The compact planning process is intended to align institutional priorities with broad goals and to identify investments and actions to achieve the institutional goals. Some of the values identified in the strategic planning process that are important to USF St. Petersburg are community engagement, global literacy and impact, integrated, interdisciplinary inquiry, research and innovation, and student success.