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International Ocean Institute Chooses USF St. Petersburg

USF St. Petersburg has been designated as the first USA Operational Center of the International Ocean Institute. Known worldwide for its policy and research efforts to promote sustainable ocean space and resources, IOI membership challenges the university to be an international steward to promote awareness, education, and research to protect the world's waters for future generations. This center will be directed by Christopher F. D'Elia, PhD, regional associate vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies.

Crist Comes to Class



While students elsewhere were reading about Florida politics, USF St. Petersburg students were getting an insider's view from the state's chief executive. Governor Charlie Crist, who maintains an office on the USFSP campus, flew in from a Cabinet meeting in Tallahassee to meet with students in Professor Darryl Paulson's Florida Politics class. Speaking from the

parlor of the historic John C. Williams House, Crist impressed the students with a bipartisan spirit and challenged them to join him in making Florida's future even brighter.

New Campus Leaders Named



D. Kent Kelso, PhD, begins service to USF St. Petersburg June 4 as the Regional Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Kelso is a highly regarded leader in Student Affairs whose achievements in campus engagement parallel our vision for our institution. His successes in planning and constructing student centers are of particular interest to us as we look to the achievement of the USF St. Petersburg campus Master Plan. Since 2000, Kelso has served as the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students at Northern Kentucky University. Previously he held leadership positions in

university housing operations in Kansas, Wyoming, Texas and Indiana before becoming Dean at NKU.



Frank Biafora, PhD, begins as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences July 1. Biafora is a Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. John's University. A Professor of Sociology, Biafora teaches and does research in the areas of adolescent development, juvenile delinquency, substance use and research methodology. A recent recipient of a Fulbright Scholars award in Vietnam, Biafora is also the principal investigator of the Ronald McNair Scholars Program.

MBA Program Launches Campaign

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Learned So Much.
The MBA at USF St. Petersburg




In just three years, USF St. Petersburg's MBA program is already making a name for itself. It launched its first targeted advertising campaign to members of the business community to include billboards, web-marketing and direct mail. This program was recognized as the Top Small School in the Nation by Beyond Grey Pinstripes, a biennial survey and ranking of business schools that ranks the most innovative MBA programs for infusing environmental quality and social equity concepts into the business school curriculum.

Campus Hosts National Conference



Journalists, media critics, academics and a Pentagon spokesperson gathered for a two-day conference, led by professors in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, to discuss the role of journalism in war. Panelists painted a vivid picture of the special challenges they face when reporting on war, most notably safety concerns, acquiring credible sources and maintaining objectivity.

Featured speakers included: Corey Flintoff; Martin Bell; Barbara Crossette, former *New York Times* correspondent for South and Southeast Asia; Norman Solomon, author of *War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death*, Bryan Whitman, senior Pentagon spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Defense and more.