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A veteran reflects on his study abroad trip to Vietnam



Fred McCoy (front, right) at dinner with fellow students at Vinh University in Vietnam

A USF St. Petersburg study-abroad class in Vietnam this summer included a student with an intensely personal interest. Fred McCoy, a 30-year Air Force veteran and retired Jabil Circuit executive, was returning to a country he had seen only from a fighter plane, landing on a runway he once bombed. It was his first trip back to Vietnam since the war and he had mixed feelings before he left. But it was a cathartic experience for him. McCoy will discuss the trip [during a presentation](#) Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. Karlana June Morgan, an English and Mass Communications student, will also discuss the trip. Frank Biafora, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of the Vietnam Study Abroad Program, will serve as the moderator. | [Crow's Nest: Study Abroad Trip Brings Memories of War](#)

History professor honored with emeritus status



Susan Fernandez (right) address the USFSP Campus Board as Interim Regional Vice Chancellor Vivian Fueyo looks on.

Susan Fernandez, Ph.D., has been honored as Associate Professor Emeritus of History for her outstanding achievements over nearly four decades in the USF System, including the past 15 years at USF St. Petersburg. Fernandez, who earned a B.A. and an M.A. in History from USF Tampa, wore many hats at USFSP: Director of the Freshmen Learning Community, Associate Dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**, Founding Chair of the Department of History and Politics, Chair of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council and Associate Professor of History."Dr. Fernandez will be most remembered as an engaging classroom teacher and mentor to countless students and for her important scholarly contributions in the fields of Caribbean and Florida History," said Vivian Fueyo, Ph.D., Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

USFSP sponsors general election candidate forums



[College of Arts and Sciences](#) Dean Frank Biafora, Ph.D., (photo, right) will moderate general election forums for St. Petersburg Mayoral and City Council candidates this month at City Council Chambers. Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, Ph.D. (photo, left) will coordinate questions submitted by USFSP government students, the university community and the public. The Mayoral Candidates Forum will be Monday, Oct. 14, and the City Council Candidates Forum will be Wednesday, Oct. 16. Both are free and open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. The forums will be shown live on the city's government access channel, StPeteTV, and streamed live at www.stpete.org. USFSP sponsored similar forums in August before the city primary elections. The general elections are Nov.5.

Business leaders discuss new ideas at Executive Forum



Among the speakers at the 4th Annual College of Business Executive Forum will be (clockwise from top left) Kathryn Gillette, CEO of Bayfront Health System; Jay Kuhns, Vice President for Human Resources at All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine; Michael Vivio, President of Valpak Direct Marketing/Cox Target Media; and Mitchell G. Hara, Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy/Mergers & Acquisitions at HSN.

The Fourth Annual College of Business Executive Forum on Tuesday, Oct.8 will feature local business leaders discussing their latest ideas to succeed in today's economy in three different sessions at the University Student Center, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. For the first time, each session will end with an Industry Showcase, providing students a chance to meet with local employers. "We are pleased to gather these business leaders to discuss the forces shaping today's economy," said Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D., Dean of the USFSP College of Business. "The addition of the Industry Showcase to the Forum underscores our commitment to helping students engage with the business community and meet the workforce needs of local employers."

Open House for prospective students is Saturday



Dozens of non-profit groups from across Pinellas County filled the [University Student Center](#) Ballroom Thursday night for the [2013 Philanthropy Fair](#). Presented by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals, the event was supported by USF St. Petersburg to provide students and members of the community an opportunity to meet with representatives of more than 60 arts, education, health care, social service and environmental groups about volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events

College of Business

Executive Forum
Tuesday, Oct. 8
11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

Reflections from Vietnam Summer Study Abroad
Tuesday, Oct. 8
4 p.m.

Florida Studies Program

Jim Crow Florida: Marjory Kinnan Rawlings and Race
Wednesday, Oct. 14
4:30 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

Student Research Colloquium
Wednesday, Oct. 16
Noon

USFSP Waterfront

St. Petersburg Science Festival and MarineQuest
Saturday, Oct. 19
10 a.m.

Times Festival of Reading

Saturday, Oct. 26
10 a.m.

Undergraduate Admissions

Transfer-A-Bull
Saturday, Oct. 29,
6 p.m.

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