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Accounting students benefit from alumni generosity



Paul and Teresa Mueller (center) flanked by scholarship recipients (l-r) Cristina Gil Cano, Camillo Fortunato and Bibi Sipra.

Much has changed at USF St. Petersburg since Paul and Teresa Mueller earned **accounting** degrees in the late 1970s. Classes were in former Maritime Service barracks and the university library was in Davis Hall. But some things haven't changed, as the Muellers discovered during a luncheon this week for three student beneficiaries of a scholarship the couple created for accounting students. Cristina Gil Cano, Camillo Fortunato and Bibi Sipra said they love the small classes, sharp professors who know them by name, their serious and spirited classmates and the serene waterfront that eases the stress of exams. All of those factors were part of their own experiences, said the Muellers, who own the accounting firm of Mueller & Associates in Loveland, Colo. "It was great to hear from both students and faculty how the culture of USFSP has remained much the same since we graduated in 1977," said Paul Mueller. "Truly a compelling message for students and parents who are seeking the best investment for their tuition dollars."

Professor, students examine rare species of squid



Students (l-r) Rob Cuba, Laura Wiggins and Krista Austin and Biology Professor Heather Judkins with the rare *Asperoteuthis* squid.

Two large species of squid, so rare they are destined for the Florida Museum of Natural History, made their way by cruise ship from the Caribbean Sea off Grand Cayman to USF St. Petersburg last week to be examined by Assistant Professor of **Biological Sciences** Heather Judkins, Ph.D. The squid were not only rare but huge, measuring more than six feet in length each. The squid - an *Asperoteuthis* and a *Megalocranchia* - dwell thousands of feet below the surface. Adult specimens are so rare only a few have been examined by scientists and usually are less than a foot long. "We don't get them as big as this or in as good a condition," Judkins said, looking at the squid sprawled across a table at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "It's like Christmas!"

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Lightning honors education major as Community Hero



The Tampa Bay Lightning honored **Elementary Education** major Dwayne Scheuneman last week as a Lightning Community Hero for his work with children with disabilities. Scheuneman, paralyzed from the chest down after a swimming pool accident more than 15 years ago, started the nonprofit REVolutions Dance that teaches disabled kids how to dance. He also won **four gold medals during the National Veterans Wheelchair Games** in July. The Lightning Foundation and the Lightning Community Heroes program will donate \$50,000 to charities of his choice, including REVolutions Dance, Great Explorations, the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities/USF Foundation, Hands Across the Bay and the Marcia P. Hoffman Institute/Ruth Eckerd Hall. "Going above and beyond with his commitment to enhance the lives of those in need of support," the Lightning said, "Scheuneman changes the lives of the people he deals with." | **Watch Lightning tribute video**

Lecture probes complexities of Rosewood Massacre



A smoldering house in the aftermath of racial violence in Rosewood, Florida, in January 1923.

Monmouth University Assistant Professor of Anthropology Edward Gonzalez-Tennant, who has spent years studying the infamous Rosewood Massacre, will discuss his research during a special presentation on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the **University Student Center** Ballroom. Gonzalez-Tennant has published a half-dozen studies of the history and development of Rosewood, which was destroyed during racial violence in January 1923. He has created an **interactive website** that includes a **virtual reality reconstruction** of the community as it was the year before it was destroyed. His presentation, "Violence, Memory and New Heritage: Social Justice in Rosewood,

Students discuss legislation with Pinellas lawmakers



At the Pinellas Legislative Delegation meeting were (l-r) student Sebastian Osorio, Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan; students Karl Thompson, Joey Kuhnsman; Interim Regional Chancellor for Academic Affairs Vivian Fueyo; and students John Nichol, Aaron Jameson and Kyle McIntyre.

Pinellas County lawmakers heard from two groups of USF St. Petersburg students during the Legislative Delegation's meeting at St. Petersburg College on Thursday. One group, led by Vivian Fueyo, regional vice chancellor for academic affairs, included students Joey Kuhnsman, accounting major and president of the **Beta Alpha Psi** honor society, and Karl Thompson, a finance and economics major and president-elect of Beta Alpha Psi. They supported second-year funding to build a home for the **College of Business**. The second group of students were military veterans led by Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, Ph.D. They spoke in support of legislation sponsored by Sen. Jack Latvala and Rep. Kathleen Peters to allow veterans to pay in-state college tuition. The student veterans were political science majors Sebastian Osorio, John Nichol, Aaron Jameson and Kyle McIntyre. USF Foundation Board member Les Muma attended in support.

Upcoming Events

Honors Program

Violence, Memory and New Heritage: Social Justice in Rosewood
Thursday, Nov. 7
3:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Admissions

Open House
Saturday, Nov. 16
9 a.m.

Honors Program

Agata Tuszynska
Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture
Monday, Nov. 18
3:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Admissions

**Transfer-A-Bull
Thursday, Nov. 21
6 p.m.**

**College of Business
Walgreens Bayside Business Forum
Friday, Nov. 22
7:30 a.m.**

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