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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### Free Ride: USFSP Partners With PSTA on U-Pass

There's yet one more benefit to being a USFSP Bull: Beginning this week, students, faculty and staff can ride any of 200 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) busses - for free. USFSP riders may now simply show their University ID card when boarding the bus, thanks to PSTA's Universal Pass, or U-Pass, program.

"With the U-Pass program, USFSP pays a flat rate to provide unlimited access to busses and trolleys for students and employees," said Joe Trubacz, regional vice chancellor of Administration and Finance. "It's a huge financial benefit for our commuter students, in particular. And let's face it, fewer cars on the road benefits us all."

"This is a wonderful way to underscore USFSP's commitment to sustainability," added Jennifer Winter, sustainability coordinator. "The gas savings alone are incredible, even with the most fuel-efficient cars."

Busses stop regularly at USFSP, on 6th Avenue near the Butterfly Garden. Trolleys travel downtown several times an hour. For a schedule, just TEXT 414-11 or visit [ridepsta.net](http://ridepsta.net).

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From left: Joe Trubacz, Regional Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance; Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, and Brad Miller, PSTA CEO

### USFSP Prof Leads Unprecedented Trip to India



Left to Right: Dylan Gambill, Shiloh Gilbert, Kate Greene and Dr. Madhu Pandey (back)

A small group gathered on campus recently to learn more about an unprecedented study abroad trip USFSP students participated in this summer. The program, orchestrated by Dr. Madhu Pandey, instructor of Chemistry, is the first collaboration between the Indian School of Mines (ISM) in Jharkhand and an American university. ISM is listed as one of the Top 10 universities in India.

Dr. Frank Biafora, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, hosted a luncheon, serving authentic Indian cuisine, during which the students shared their 21-day experience with friends of the USFSP Study Abroad program.

"As dean, one of my primary goals this year is to raise funds for faculty-led study abroad scholarships so more students can participate in these transformative, life-changing experiences," Biafora said.

Limited funding forced the cancellation of study abroad programs in the past, including last year's

trips to Vietnam and India, because not enough students could participate. This year, the program successfully embarked under Dr. Pandey's perseverance and she hopes to continue the partnership with the ISM for many years to come.

"I was very excited when ISM accepted my request to run this program," Pandey said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for all involved."  
--Karlana June

[Read the full story.](#)

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## USFSP Anthropologist Featured on "Story Corps"

Dr. Ella Schmidt, associate professor of Anthropology, was featured this week on WUSF's popular feature, "Story Corps." Schmidt had mentored Jose Manuel Godinez-Samperio while he was a student at New College, a dream for a young man who was born in Mexico and had never become a U.S. citizen.

"Jose Godinez, the young man I was interviewing, asked me if I would do this with him. Neither of us had any idea that this interview was going to be picked for broadcast," said Schmidt. "I had supervised his Honors Thesis several years ago as he was interested in my work with indigenous Hnahnu (Otomi) migrants in the Tampa Bay area."

[Listen to the broadcast.](#)



ON THE RADIO



### A Dream Realized

Jose Manuel Godinez-Samperio came to the United States with his parents when he was 9 years old.

His parents overstayed their visas, and he lived the majority of his life in Tampa, where he would eventually become known as "a dreamer," after the Obama administration enacted DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Although Samperio was valedictorian of Armwood High School and would go on to graduate from FSU's law school with honors, he had to wait for the state Supreme Court to decide whether or not he could practice law in Florida because he is not a U.S. citizen. He shares his

story on this week's StoryCorps Tampa Bay.

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Jose Godinez-Samperio and Dr. Ella Schmidt

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## USFSP's Rome Prize Fellow to Speak at Yale



Dr. Bundrick

Dr. Sheramy Bundrick, associate professor of Art History, has been chosen to be one of the Archaeological Institute of America's national lecturers for the 2014-15 academic year. Her first talk will be on Tuesday, October 7, at Yale University. Entitled "The Eyes Have It: Athenian Eye Cups in Context," her presentation is a 'sneak peek' of an article to be published next summer in the *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Bundrick will present a second time in March at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her talk, "Under the Tuscan Soil: Reuniting Athenian Vases with Etruscan Tombs," will focus on some of the research she conducted during her [2013 Rome Prize fellowship](#).

"These presentations are of particular significance because Dr. Bundrick's excellent work is being recognized by one of the nation's premiere archaeological organizations," said Dr. Han Reichgelt, regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. "This is a distinct honor for Dr. Bundrick and for USFSP."

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## Student Engagement Cubed!

In an effort to focus on student success, a key tenant of the USF St. Petersburg Strategic Plan, USFSP's department of Student Life and Engagement recently debuted Pete's Cube. The program is designed to engage students in campus events and teach useful skills not learned in the classroom.



There are nine ways students can engage and earn points for participation: Leadership, Social, Recreational, Service, Wellness, Career, Academic, and Cultural. After completing a brief form for membership, students attend events to earn points.

"Students are becoming more familiar and now come to events prepared to scan their ID to collect Pete Points," said Melanie Bullock, assistant director for Activities and Programs.

All of the events are "Pete Approved" by program leaders. The programming model is aligned with the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) competencies and attributes employers seek on resumes to establish learning outcomes for students.

At the end of each semester, students can use their points to win prizes at the Pete's Cube Party and Auction. For more information, visit the student website [PeteSync](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### **USFSP Homecoming Week October 6-11**

Monday, October 6  
Kickoff at Harborwalk  
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8  
Cardboard Boat Races at Waterfront  
11:30 a.m.

Alumni Event at the USC  
5:30 p.m.

### **Kate Tiedemann College of Business**

Groundbreaking Ceremony  
Tuesday, October 14  
11:00 a.m.

### **USFSP Night at the Rowdies**

Wednesday, October 15  
7:30 p.m.

### **St. Petersburg Science Festival**

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18

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