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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### USFSP Awarded \$1 Million SunSense Grant



A solar panel system will be built on top of the 5th Avenue parking garage.

Duke Energy Florida has awarded USFSP a \$1 million SunSense grant that will fund research to explore the integration of storing solar energy in new battery systems. As part of the grant, a 100 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system will be installed on the top of the University's 5th Avenue South parking garage.

Energy produced by the new solar PV system will be stored in new battery systems and high resolution data will be collected on all aspects of PV and energy storage, maximizing synergy between the two systems.

"This is an incredible opportunity to manage energy costs, while promoting sustainability on campus," said USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "We are pleased and proud to have been awarded this grant, and to provide faculty and students with a chance to help build something of lasting impact.

[Read the full story.](#)

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### Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Tours USFSP

Just under 80 members of **USF Women in Leadership & Philanthropy** turned out for this week's "USF St. Petersburg Campus Experience." Event Co-chair Linda Marcelli, a trustee at St. Petersburg's Academy Prep, greeted the group, which went on to tour the USF College of Marine Science with Dean Jacqueline Dixon and the USFSP Graphic Design program with assistant professor and master printer, Erika Greenberg-Schneider. The USFSP experience ended with a presentation by Karin Braunsberger, Marketing professor in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business, and remarks by Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska.



"This was a wonderful way for WLP members who have long been engaged with programs in Tampa to gain insight

From left: Amy Seeks, Smith & Associates vice president; Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska; Erika Greenberg-Schneider, USFSP assistant professor, Verbal & Visual Arts; and WLP event co-chairs, Debbie Momberg and Keli Mondello.

into the incredible work being done in St. Petersburg," said Helen Levine, regional vice chancellor for University Advancement. "We look forward to working closely with WLP in the future."

A new WLP scholarship fund for USFSP students is just one way the group will extend its presence across the Bay.

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## The Blogging RVCAA



Dr. Reichgelt, blogger

USFSP's new Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (RVCAA), Han Reichgelt, is a blogger. He began blogging at his previous position at Southern Polytechnic State University about a year ago, following a recommendation from a fellow colleague.

"When I came here this summer, it was one of the first things I wanted to start doing--primarily because for some audiences we remain a hidden jewel on the Bay," said Reichgelt.

Reflecting on his past blogging experience, Reichgelt notes that he was lucky if he had two hot topics or pieces of news to blog about during a week. At USFSP, he says the trend has been easily two per day.

As USFSP prepares to roll out a new Strategic Plan, this kind of social media presence is important, Reichgelt recognized, because it helps support the first goal of the Plan: to create a distinctive identity for this institution.

"Student and faculty success is what this blog is about," Reichgelt said. "I hope to help build a culture that celebrates our successes."

To read Dr. Reichgelt's blog, visit <http://rvcaausfsp.wordpress.com/>

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## Library Kicks Off Fall Research Colloquia

The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's first fall Student Research Colloquium was held this week. To kick off the new semester, Andrew Hart, a graduate student working toward his MLA in Florida Studies, shared his research on stock car racing in Florida.

"There is a lot of interest in racing at the professional level, but I wanted to look at the sport from the roots, where it came from, where it's been, and where it's going," said Hart, who raced a bandolero car in middle school. "This is an area of sports history that touches on themes of southern identity, masculinity, race relations, tourism and politics."

[The Library](#) will host two more colloquia this fall, one in October and one in November.

"We sponsor the Student Research Colloquia to underscore our commitment to the University's emphasis on providing experiential and evidence-based learning opportunities for our students," said Carol Hixson, dean of the Library. "We seek to provide a supportive and professional venue for them to hone their presentation skills and receive feedback and suggestions from faculty and fellow students."



USFSP grad student Andrew Hart

[Read the full story.](#)

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## Chancellor Wisniewska to Be "Our Town" Guest

USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska will be the featured guest at this month's "Our Town" event at the Dali Museum. Dr. Carol Mickett, local philosopher and artist, leads the monthly conversations with questions about her guests' lives, to include their work and role in the community.

The discussion will be held at the Dali on Thursday, September 25, from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. The event is free to students; general admission is \$5. For more information, visit the museum's [events calendar](#).



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### Upcoming Events

#### **Department of History and Politics**

Lecture Series: Thinking Through... World War I  
Tuesday, September 30  
4:30 p.m.

#### **Florida Institute of Oceanography Open House**

Wednesday, October 1  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 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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