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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### USFSP Grad Published in National Journal

For her senior honors thesis in 2013, USFSP student Lauren Dellert began a research journey when she sought to discover the impact of beach renourishment on Pinellas County's endangered Loggerhead Sea Turtles. This summer her work, "Effects of Beach Renourishment and Clutch Relocation on the Success of the Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) Eggs and Hatchlings," was published in *The Journal of Herpetology*. Dellert is first author in the publication, a notable accomplishment for an undergraduate student.

"We are so proud of Lauren and her recent publication, not only because her research expands our understanding of local sea turtle populations, but also because this is a shining example of the endless possibilities that can occur through faculty-mentored undergraduate student research," said Frank Biafora, Ph.D., dean of the **College of Arts & Sciences**.



Dr. Deby Cassill (left) and Lauren Dellert

Dellert, a recent USFSP grad, was volunteering at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and participating in its sea turtle nesting program when she saw an opportunity to do more.

"I knew the Aquarium had data that was not being analyzed," said Dellert. "I asked them if that was something I could take on, especially knowing how important loggerhead sea turtles are to our local estuary eco-system and our community."

**[Read the full story.](#)**

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### Living and Learning Biology



From left: Senior Biology major and RA Teri Deardorff, and freshmen Chloe Hayes and Mariah Ross

Twelve biology majors living on the second floor of USC are members of BioLife, the first living/learning community on the campus. According to Norine Noonan, professor of biology, the administration approached her department earlier this year about forming the community because biology is USFSP's largest single major.

"The literature on learning communities is very clear that, when done well, they lead to better student outcomes and more engagement of the students with the campus," says Noonan, who describes herself as the cruise director of the group.

"They've only been together for three weeks, but from

what I can see, all of the students are excited about the possibilities," says Noonan. "In the spirit of misery loving company, they will be there for and with each other when they need a study group or for the myriad of other things that cause stress."

"I am excited about our first living learning community," said Han Reichgelt, Ph.D., regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. Experience with living learning communities elsewhere clearly demonstrates that such communities lead to greater student success, and I am sure that with Dr. Noonan's leadership, our first LLC will emerge as a model for other LLCs both at USFSP and elsewhere."

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## USFSP Journalism Prof Writes Pierpoint Biography



Dr. Tony Silvia

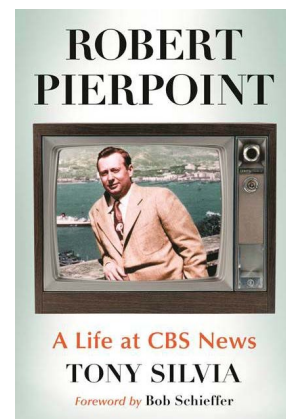
When he was discovered by Edward R. Murrow, he had not even studied journalism. But Robert Pierpoint became a legend in the television broadcast world, known specifically for his work during the Korean War and years as a White House correspondent.

And now, USFSP's Tony Silvia, Ph.D., Professor of **Journalism and Media Studies**, has written the first biography of Pierpoint's life: *Robert Pierpoint: A Life at CBS News*.

"Something that started out as an academic book project really turned into a kind of mission for me," Silvia said.

After meeting Pierpoint's widow and family and CBS news heavy-hitters like Bob Schieffer, Dan Rather, Leslie Stahl, to name a few, Silvia says he quickly received an overwhelming amount of support. In fact, Schieffer, host of CBS' "Face the Nation," wrote the foreword to the book and was instrumental in connecting Silvia to more than 30 of Pierpoint's professional colleagues who assisted in re-telling the life of a man Silvia coins, "the last of the Murrow boys."

Dr. Silvia will discuss *Robert Pierpoint: A Life at CBS News* at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library on September 17 at 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and Dr. Silvia will be available to sign books, which will be available for purchase.



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## USFSP to Break Ground on New Building for Kate Tiedemann College of Business



USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska will gather with architects, faculty, students and numerous special guests, including USF System President Judy Genshaft, to mark the start of construction on a new building for the recently named **Kate Tiedemann College of Business**. The ceremony is slated for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14, at the site, just behind the historic Piano Man building.

"This is truly a special time for this institution," said Wisniewska. "The building, a home and a hub for the college, represents the hopes and dreams of so many -- faculty, staff, community members and our students."

Actual construction of the building is projected to begin in the spring, with completion scheduled for Fall of 2016.

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## USFSP to Host Master's Open House

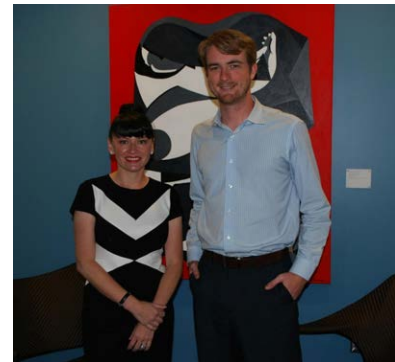
You've considered pursuing a Master's Degree or Graduate Certificate but you've got questions: Which one? How long? How much?

USFSP's experts are here to help. Join them on Saturday for a Master's Open House.

**WHERE: Peter Rudy Wallace Center for Teachers**

**WHEN: September 13, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

The open house is open to the public, free of charge. For more information or to register, please visit [www.usfsp.edu/grad/masters-degree-open-house](http://www.usfsp.edu/grad/masters-degree-open-house).



Simone DeLoach, Graduate Programs Specialist, Arts & Sciences, and Eric Douthirt, MBA, Assistant Director, MBA program, will be on hand to help answer questions.

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## Upcoming Events

Journalism and Media Studies  
Author Presentation, Dr. Tony Silvia  
**Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**

Wednesday, Sept. 17  
4:00 p.m.

**Dali Museum**

The Genius Next Door  
Thursday, Sept. 18  
6:00 p.m.

**Dali Museum**

Our Town Conversation with Sophia Wisniewska  
Thursday, Sept. 25  
6:30 p.m.

**Department of History and Politics**  
Lecture Series: Thinking Through... World War I  
Tuesday, Sept. 30  
4:30 p.m.

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