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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### Top Employers to Recruit at USFSP Career Fair

Some of the region's largest employers -- Raymond James, Jabil and Tech Data, among them -- will participate in USFSP's annual Job and Internship Fair on Wednesday, February 18. Almost 70 employers participated in last year's event, which aims to serve both students and corporate recruiters.

"This is a great chance for students, whether they're job-searching or not, to network and explore career or internship opportunities," said Lesa Shouse, who directs the USFSP **Career Center**. "Meanwhile, employers tell us the fair provides quality, motivated and prepared students who are ready to work."



Raymond James will be among the participating employers again this year.

Center, 727-873-4129.

Shouse adds that one participating employer has hired more than 25 USFSP students over the last few years. "This event underscores our commitment to student success, to helping our students excel while on campus and upon graduation," said Han Reichgelt, regional vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.



Career Center Director Lesa Shouse (left) and Employer Relations Coordinator Vaishali Gakhar

The Job and Internship Fair will be held at the USC from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Employers who are interested in registering, may visit [www.usfsp.edu/career/events/employerjobfair](http://www.usfsp.edu/career/events/employerjobfair), or call the Career

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### USFSP Gears Up for 50th Anniversary



To mark its 50th Anniversary, USFSP will launch a yearlong celebration this summer, but plans are already underway on a calendar of events that will include a kick-off street party this Fall and a celebratory soiree next Spring.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to lead the university at this point in its history. There is real momentum -- a palpable excitement and interest in what's happening at USF St. Petersburg," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "This 50th Anniversary celebration will provide an opportunity for us to look back and celebrate our accomplishments over the years, but perhaps more importantly, it's a chance to look ahead -- to imagine how much more we can become."

A dedicated 50th Anniversary website will feature an interactive timeline and profiles of "50 Faces," a collection of memories provided by some of USFSP's most venerable leaders, as well as faculty, alumni and community members. Stay tuned.

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## USFSP/Coast Guard Partner on Standards Testing

USF St. Petersburg has been selected as the first of seven sites at which the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Sailing will conduct field testing that will lead to the development of new national standards for recreational, human-propelled boats.

"We'll help test a new Standards and Rubrics tool," said Zac Oppenheim, assistant director, Student Life & Engagement. "This is an opportunity to be part of an important recreational boating movement that will lead to increased safety and enjoyment on the water."

The National On-Water Standards Project is part of the Coast Guard's vision of a National System of Standards for Recreational Boat Operation. Look for USFSP testers on the water this weekend.



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## Getting to Know You ... Thomas Smith



*Getting to Know You is a new HarborNotes feature, designed to share some little-known facts and interesting insights into members of the USFSP community. First up: Thomas Smith, who directs our Honors Program.*

**What is your favorite book?**

George Orwell's "Down and Out in Paris and London," especially the Paris part.

**Where is your favorite destination in the world?**

Anywhere around the Mediterranean. I taught at Koç University in Istanbul for three years before coming to USFSP.

**What is your favorite movie?**

I've got several, but I really like the German film "The Lives of Others."

**What was your least favorite subject in college?**

I went to William & Mary in Virginia. Only good memories!

**What skill or talent would you like to have that you don't have?**

To play a musical instrument other than the harmonica.

**What do you do to relax?**

Watch cooking shows with my children.

**What is something people would be surprised to learn about you?**

That I went to high school in Jackson, Kentucky, a tiny town in "Bloody" Breathitt County in Appalachian coal country.

**What USFSP project or activity are you currently working on that excites you the most?**

I'm gearing up for the third annual [St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs](#) in February. At the same time I'm madly finishing my book manuscript, "Human Rights and War: Through Civilian Eyes." It's due at the University of Pennsylvania Press on April 1.

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# Students to Host French Performance Artist ORLAN

The USFSP Multicultural Activities Council, in partnership with the Dali Museum, will host an appearance by contemporary French artist, ORLAN. The event will be held at the USC on Thursday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"With special thanks to the USFSP Student Multicultural Council, we are thrilled to partner with the Dali Museum to bring ORLAN to campus," said Frank Biafora, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Many people recognize ORLAN as a talented, if not controversial, performance artist. In recent days and weeks ORLAN has gained further notoriety for her front-line stance supporting artistic expression in light of the recent tragedy in Paris."



Among other things, ORLAN is known for using surgical body modification in her art to spark a debate about society's standards of beauty. For more information, visit [www.ORLAN.eu](http://www.ORLAN.eu).

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Black History Month Kick-off**

Monday, February 2  
11:00 a.m.  
HarborWalk

### **Spring Wellness Week**

February 16-20

### **MBA Information Session**

Tuesday, February 17  
6:00 p.m.  
Science & Technology Center

### **Lecture: Thinking Through ... World War One**

Wednesday, February 25  
4:30 p.m.  
Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

### **3rd Annual World Affairs Conference**

February 26-28  
University Student Center

For more information about these and other USFSP events, please visit our **[Public Events Calendar](#)**.

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