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Scene & Herd: January Internal News From USF St. Petersburg

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USFSP Closed to Observe MLK Day

A photo from the 2015 MLK Parade. Photo by USFSP Connect.

USF St. Petersburg will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day.

As part of the celebration, students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in Monday's 31st annual St. Petersburg MLK Drum Major for Justice National Parade at 11 a.m. Participants must arrive at Tropicana Field by 9:30 a.m. (look for the USFSP delegation in the parking lot) or they can meet with other USFSP staff and students in the Student Life Center at 9 a.m. and walk together as a group. Be sure to wear your green and gold!

MLK 50 Greats Banquet

The celebration of King's legacy will continue on Thursday, Jan. 28, when USFSP's Office of Multicultural Affairs will host the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr 50 Greats Awards Banquet. The event will celebrate the sacrifices and contributions made by USFSP students, alumni, and students from local high schools who promote the spirit of MLK through community service, leadership, social justice, or civil rights related activities.

The banquet, which will feature a keynote speaker, a special awards presentation, light refreshments and a networking period, will be held at 7 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom.

[RSVP](#) online for the banquet. To nominate a USFSP undergraduate or graduate student for an award, submit an [online nomination form](#).

Strategic Planning Update**A Note From the Regional Chancellor**

Happy new year and welcome to the spring semester! We have a busy semester ahead, full of exciting events as we continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Work continues on the Strategic Plan

**If You See Something, Say Something****A Note From University Police**

The "See Something, Say Something" campaign is central to our efforts as a



University to continue to keep our campus community safe. Trust your first intuition: If you see someone suspicious on or around the campus, or observe suspicious activity, immediately call University Police at [727-873-4140](tel:727-873-4140).

I also encourage everyone to be alert of suspicious online postings on social media. If the wording or content is concerning to you, report it immediately. Sometimes the first sign of a potentially dangerous incident is the presence of a troubling web posting.

Remember, by working together, we can ensure that our campus remains safe.

Faculty & Staff Campaign Torch Handed Off to KTCOB

The [USF System Faculty & Staff Campaign](#) continues at USFSP.

Faculty and staff are invited to donate. Donations made before July 30, 2016 will count toward this year's campaign. The gifts will help fund student scholarships and other USF programs.

Gifts can be made online or in person to your area's volunteer. Contact [Alexis](#)

as well. As we move forward with our Distinctive Identity goal, you will be asked to participate in a branding and marketing survey that will be administered over the next few weeks. The online survey will come from TWG Plus, the national higher education branding firm we've retained to help us articulate and promote our distinctive qualities. The survey is confidential and I encourage you to provide thoughtful, candid responses.

TWG Plus will provide us with summary results of the survey and will be back on campus later this semester to begin the next phase of their work, which will include the development of an institutional marketing plan. This plan will guide promotional efforts as we work to create an even greater awareness of the excellence that is USFSP.

If you wish to be more involved with the Strategic Plan, please contact [Chitra Iyer](#) or [Amy Harcar](#).

Sincerely,

Sophia

Human Resources Info to Know

Featured Employee of the Month: Dr. Christopher Warren



Dr. Christopher Warren

Dr. Christopher Warren is an educator and community activist whose work is centered on inner-city education alternatives, critical race theory, African-centered learning pedagogy, and post racial theory. He serves as project coordinator for the National Institute of Health grant-funded "Figuring It Out for the Child" co-parenting initiative at the USF St. Petersburg Family Study Center. In addition to this work, he also is an adjunct instructor in the History department and is director for Poynter Institute's nationally accredited "The Write Field" mentoring program for middle school males.

Warren received his doctorate from Purdue University in Critical Education, a master's degree in Political Science, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Psychology from Florida A&M University. [Learn more](#) about Warren.

USFSP Hires New Assistant Registrar

Andrew Konapelsky has joined USF St. Petersburg as the new Assistant Registrar. He previously worked at Florida State University, where he spent more than 12 years in Registrar capacities at both the Tallahassee and Panama City campuses. Learn more about other New Hires and Promotions.

Handy Links From Human Resources:

[Featured Perk of the Month](#)
[Thank You From Senior Care and Pet Pal](#)

Faculty Accolades, Achievements

Dr. Tiffany Chenneville, associate professor and department chair of Psychology, has received another \$50,000 donation for pediatric HIV research by an anonymous donor. The funding will be used to implement a research study to address HIV-related stigma among youth with HIV in Kenya.

Dr. Thomas Hallock, associate professor of Literature, served as guest editor for the first of a two-part special issue of the [Journal of Florida Studies](#). In collaboration with E. Thomson Shields, Hallock also published a translation of Bartolome de Flore's 1571 poem "[La felice victoria](#)" about the founding of St. Augustine.

Dr. Jill McCracken, associate professor of Writing Studies, helped release the Best Practices Policy Project and Desiree Alliance Report: "Nothing About Us Without Us: Sex Work, HIV, Policy, Organizing, and Transgender

[Searfoss](#) with questions about the campaign.

USFSP Watch Party

The USFSP Alumni Society will host a [watch party](#) for the USF vs. UCF Men's Basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

The watch party will be held at Sea Hags Bar and Grill, located at 9555 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach.

USFSP to Host Alumni College April 8



USFSP will host the inaugural Alumni College on Friday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alumni from throughout the university's last 50 years are invited to campus for a day of "classes without quizzes," where they can hear from some beloved professors and campus speakers on engaging topics.

Admission is \$25 and includes lunch, networking opportunities, a campus tour and \$5 donation to the USF Alumni Association. Advance online registration is forthcoming. For details and information, contact USFSP Alumni Relations Officer [Heidi Hamlin](#).

'Mindful Mondays' Return in 2016

The Wellness Center seeks to cultivate a more mindful way of living, promoting positive well-being, and create strong community at USFSP.

Join us for a meditation break every Monday from noon-12:30 p.m. in SLC 2200. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

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Have Ideas For Content?

We will publish this internal newsletter monthly, typically during the second week. If you or your department have news

Empowerment" in December as a project advisor and co-author. The grant for the Best Practices Policy Project, which is funded by the Elton John AIDS Foundation, was re-funded in December for the 2016 year.

Dr. Joan Reid, assistant professor of Criminology, has co-authored a new publication "[Effect of Gun Carrying on Perceptions of Risk Among Adolescent Offenders](#)" in the American Journal of Public Health.

Jim Schnur, special collections librarian in the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, was recognized at the City of Seminole City Council meeting on Jan. 12. He received a proclamation that recognized his dedication to local history and contribution to the Seminole community through the publication of his new book "Seminole."

Carol Vance, adjunct in the Program of Accountancy in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business, received [Quality Matters](#) recognition for her Concepts of Federal Income Taxation course, TAX 4001. Through the faculty-based peer review process, her course has been found to meet the highest national standards for online course quality and design.

[Learn more](#) about these faculty awards.

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