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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg
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USFSP Students Awarded WLP Honors



Grace Bauer

USFSP Biology major Grace Bauer aspires to become a dentist. Entrepreneurship student Melody Ucros hopes to earn a Masters in Urban and Regional Development. Both were recognized recently for their leadership skills and awarded scholarships by **USF Women in Leadership and Philanthropy** (WLP).

"WLP has distributed more than \$400,000 in scholarships and research awards since it was founded ten years ago," said Regional Chancellor and WLP member Sophia Wisniewska. "The group is truly making a difference for smart, passionate women in this university community and beyond."

Bauer applied for and was awarded a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to help support her dream to one day join a dental mission team. Ucros, who is the president of the USFSP Entrepreneurship Club, received a \$2,500 scholarship made available this year to mark WLP's 10th Anniversary.

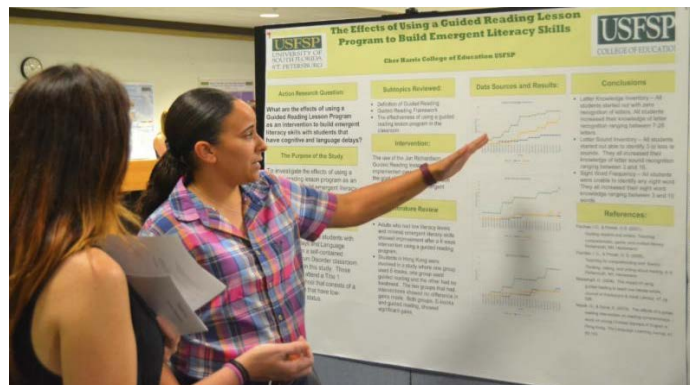


Melody Ucros

"WLP is a dynamic, impactful system-wide organization of over 200 women and 12 corporations who are committed to advancing women throughout the USF System and our communities through the promotion of leadership development, mentorship, philanthropy, engagement and scholarly excellence," said India Witte, WLP Executive Director.

WLP will host its annual Give Day Tampa Bay on May 5, the proceeds from which will help fund additional scholarships. For more information about how to participate, please visit **their website**.

College of Education Hosts Graduate Research Gallery



Cher Harris, a graduate student in the Exceptional Student Education program, describes her findings.

Thirty-two graduate students in the USFSP **College of Education** (COE) shared their work during the Spring 2015 Graduate Research Gallery Symposium. Research was presented by Master Level

students in the Educational Leadership Development, Exceptional Student Education, Reading, and Math and Science Education programs.

"The Graduate Research Gallery is a capstone experience for our graduate students," said Dr. Bill Heller, dean of the College of Education. "It enables students to synthesize their learning in a challenging and practical way."

USFSP Students Get Creative at The Chattaway



The **Department of Verbal and Visual Arts** recently hosted its Creative Writing Certificate Showcase at the St. Petersburg landmark, The Chattaway. Approximately 70 students and faculty attended the event, which is designed to celebrate graduating students who have earned the certificate.

"The Creative Writing Certificate Showcase provides an opportunity for students in our creative writing courses to share their work, find community and hear the insights from a more established writer," said Dr. Thomas Hallock, chair of the department. "Students read their work; they lingered. The evening was magical."

Photo: Journalist and author Lynn Waddell was guest speaker at this year's Creative Writing Showcase.

2nd Annual Food Conference Draws a Crowd



Janet Keeler (left) and Deni Elliott, department chair

Foodies from throughout Tampa Bay gathered on campus for USFSP's second annual Florida Food Conference. The event was created last year by Deni Elliott, chair of the **Department of Journalism and Media Studies**, and Janet Keeler, Travel and Food columnist for the Tampa Bay Times and coordinator of the department's Food Writing and Photography Certificate program.

"Food connects people across cultures and throughout the community," said Dr. Elliott. "More than 100 faculty, students and community participants shared wonderful food from local sponsors, were inspired by Don Pintabona's keynote on how cooking can bring about world peace, and discovered ways to tell their own culinary stories."

Other speakers this year included Bob Devin Jones, founder of St. Petersburg's Studio @620, and numerous cookbook authors. Chef Pintabona spoke on "Closing the Gap: Connecting with Florida's Farmers of Land and Sea." For more information on the Food Writing and Photography Certificate program, please visit foodwriting.usfsp.edu/.



Don Pintabona, executive chef of the new Locale Market, shared his story as the conference keynote speaker.

Getting to Know You ... Erika Greenberg-Schneider



Meet **Erika Greenberg-Schneider**, Assistant Professor and Foundations Coordinator for the Department of Visual and Verbal Arts. She lived and worked in France for 20 years, becoming a Master Printer in Intaglio and Lithography for Atelier Franck Bordas, and then Director and Master Printer of the Gallery Maeght print studios in Paris and St. Paul. She also served as a consultant and faculty member to the City of Paris.

This week, Greenberg-Schneider announced the senior exhibition for this year, **UNTITLED**

SPACES. "The work in this exhibition addresses 'Interactivity versus Connectivity,' a recurring theme within the world of graphic design," says Greenberg-Schneider. "The exhibition explores the importance of graphic design and the different means by which designers can enhance, diminish, and change active communication in our society."

Photo: [83 Degrees](#)

What is your favorite book?

There are two: Patti Smith's "Just Kids" and Malcolm Gladwell's "Outliers."

Where is your favorite destination in the world?

New York.

What is your favorite movie?

Also two: Luis Buñuel's "The Obscure Object of Desire" and Jean-Luc Godard's "Le Mépris."

What was your least favorite subject in college?

Did not have any. I loved and still love learning.

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

Skill: coding for the Internet.

Talent: being able to learn foreign languages easily.

What do you do to relax?

Go to Lettuce Lake Park, have a good meal with friends, or watch an action movie.

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

I love karate movies and have recently picked up the passion of kickboxing.

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

Developing the Foundations curricula for the Graphic Design program, and within this work, refining the Undergraduate Research Initiative in Printmaking.

Upcoming Events

Last Day of Classes

Friday, April 24

Pinellas County Schools STEM Expo

Saturday, April 25

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
University Student Center

Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Jacksonville Armada FC

Saturday, April 25
7:30 p.m.
Al Lang Stadium

USFSP Spring Commencement

Sunday, May 3
6:00 p.m.
Mahaffey Theater

For more information about these and other USFSP events, please visit our **Public Events Calendar**.

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