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HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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Dear Readers,

As the semester comes to an end, Harbor Notes will break for the summer. We may return with a special issue or two, but we'll be back full time in late August. Enjoy!

Kate Tiedemann Honored by Florida Legislators



From left: Representative Larry Ahern; USFSP Campus Board Member Judy Mitchell; Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska; Interim Dean, Kate Tiedemann College of Business, Gary Patterson; Representative Kathleen Peters; Kate Tiedemann; State Senator Jeff Brandes; and Representative Chris Latvala.

Members of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation were on hand this week as Kate Tiedemann was honored at the Florida Statehouse. In recognition of her entrepreneurship and philanthropy, Tiedemann was named in a formal Proclamation by the Senate:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

That we recognize Kate Tiedemann for her inspiring dedication and generosity to the students and faculty of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and numerous charities in Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Kate Tiedemann as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

Tiedemann donated \$10 million to USFSP last fall, its largest gift ever, to name the College of Business. Construction on a new building is underway; the Kate Tiedemann College of Business is expected to open for classes in August of 2016.

USFSP to Graduate Five King O'Neal Scholars

Five King O'Neal scholars and the Spring 2015 Outstanding Graduate award recipient will be among the 504 graduates recognized during the USFSP Spring Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 3.

The King O'Neal Scholars are recognized for having maintained a GPA of 4.0 or higher. They are:

- Carlos Agatep, Bachelor of Science in Marketing
- Lena-Alyeska Huebner, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Zachary McNiece, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Jennifer Nessler, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Media Studies
- Jessica Woods, Bachelor of Science in Education



Nessler, a graduate of the **USFSP Honors Program**, also has been selected as this semester's Outstanding Graduate award recipient. During her time at USFSP, she was involved with the campus student newspaper, The Crow's Nest, as assistant news editor and most recently as editor-in-chief. She plans to pursue a career in journalism at a newspaper or online publication.

Jennifer Nessler has been selected as a King O'Neal Scholar and the Spring 2015 Outstanding Graduate award recipient.

Students, Faculty to Participate in National Conference



From left: Jill McCracken, associate professor, English; Emily Ballard, senior, English; Anna McNally, senior, English; and Karlana June, senior, Mass Communications

USFSP Associate Professor of English **Jill McCracken** and students Emily Ballard, Anna McNally and Karlana Morgan have been invited to present at the **National Women's Studies Association Conference** in Milwaukee this fall. Also presenting will be USF alumna Ashley Jasper.

The group will participate in a panel presentation titled "Teaching Toward Security: Violence Reconsidered Through Sexuality Education," which addresses how institutionalized forms of oppression can produce precarity and violence within society.

"What's significant about their presentation is that their research is going to be viewed at a national and even international level," said Dr. McCracken, who teaches the Rhetoric of Marginalized Communities class in which they are enrolled. "They are becoming scholars and understand that their work is applicable to a much larger conversation. By being accepted to present at this conference, they're being validated for that research."

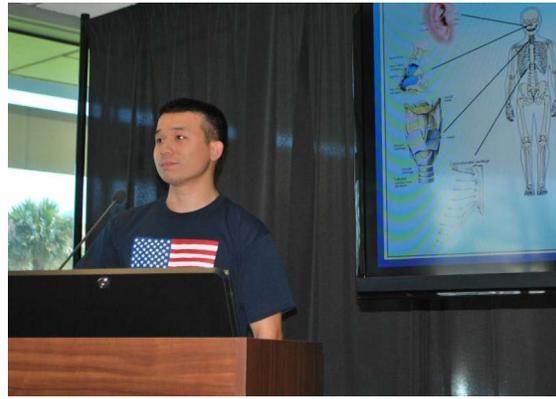
Each student and faculty member also will give individual presentations on related issues.

DaVinci Symposium Focuses on Physics in Life Sciences

USFSP recently hosted its second Leonardo Da Vinci Symposium: Applications of Physics to Biology and Medicine at the **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**. Topics included the molecular dynamics of the PTEN protein, physics of the EKG/ECG, the use of electric currents to deliver medicine, and the use of adult stem cells in cartilage regeneration.

The symposium was hosted by Physics faculty member Leon Hardy. Presentations were given by undergraduate students in his Applications of Physics to Biology and Medicine class.

"Physics is at the core of so many disciplines in the sciences," said Dr. Frank Biafora, dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**. "This program represents just one more way USFSP is promoting greater understanding of the application of physics to the life sciences."



Chenghor Tann presented "Adult Stem Cells in Cartilage Regeneration and Tissue Engineering."

Student Life Center to Be Renovated

While construction preparations have already begun, the USFSP Student Life Center is scheduled to undergo renovations beginning in mid-May. Among other improvements, the changes aim to enhance student engagement by increasing awareness of the opportunities available to them.

"There are many ways for students to become involved, by serving on the Harborside Activities Board, in Student Government, and through the Multicultural Center," said Matt Morrin, director of **Student Life and Engagement**. "We hope this new building design will spark the interest of students who are walking by."



Some of the key changes to the facility include enclosure of the front patio to create a new, more inviting main entrance; relocation of the fitness center entrance to the main entrance; creation of additional student lounge space; and expansion of the Multicultural Center. Fitness Center hours will be affected this summer. For more information, please visit www.usfsp/campusrec.

Upcoming Events

USFSP Spring Commencement

Sunday, May 3

6:00 p.m.

Mahaffey Theater

Masters in Accounting Info Session

Thursday, May 7

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Science and Technology Building

MBA Information Session

Saturday, May 9

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Science and Technology Building

MBA Information Session

Monday, June 15

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Science and Technology Building

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

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