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5 Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg



September 4, 2015

USFSP Psychologists Receive Awards, Grants



Dr. V. Mark Durand

Earlier this summer, [V. Mark Durand](#), interim regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, received the 2015 American Psychological Association's Jacobson Award for Critical Thinking. This prestigious award is presented to an individual who has made "meritorious contributions to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities in an area related to behavioral psychology, evidence-based practice, dual diagnosis or public policy."

Since Aug. 19, [Tiffany Chenneville](#), associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, has been in Kenya conducting pediatric Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) research. Her research is supported by a \$50,000 gift from an anonymous donor. "HIV has become associated with groups that are marginalized in our society: homosexuals, drug users, sex workers," she said. "Stigma is a huge thing, even in this country." [Read more](#) about Chenneville's research.



And, the new academic year brings with it an announcement that Professor [James McHale](#) and his team have been awarded a \$2.9 million grant by the National Institutes of Health. McHale, who directs USFSP's [Family Study Center](#), continues to lead important work in the area of infant-family mental health.

College of Ed Launches First Online Program

USFSP's [College of Education](#) launched its first fully-online degree program in time for Fall 2015 classes. The Master of Educational Leadership is a two-pronged approach to graduate-level education. It offers a track for students in need a master's degree as well as one for students who already hold a master's but wish to pursue a certification.

"Offering an online delivery of the Educational Leadership program is an



Save the Date

USFSP BLOCK PARTY
Saturday, September 12
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
USFSP Campus
[View All Events](#)

3-D Printing Extravaganza
Friday, September 18
1:00-3:00 p.m.
[Register Online](#)

50 Faces

Each week, throughout the year, USFSP will celebrate those who have made or are making an impact on the university.

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effective and efficient use of technology that allows for the growth of our student base while remaining committed to the quality of the program and the development of future school leaders," said Olivia Hodges, associate dean in the College of Education.



COE's Dr. Olivia Hodges, associate dean, and Dean Bill Heller



You're Invited: Innovation Panel Sept. 10



Craig Sher, executive chairman of The Sembler Company, will serve as panel moderator.

On Thursday, Sept. 10, USF St. Petersburg will host "Start-Up State of Mind: Inspiration and Innovation From Young Entrepreneurs," at 2 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom.

"This is a great opportunity for students and the public to think differently about innovation in the workplace," said Thomas Smith, associate professor of Government and International Affairs and director of the [Honors Program](#) at USFSP. "Our panelists represent diverse fields and interests, and all have made significant contributions to their businesses by embracing innovation."

The panel of young business leaders will include:

- Shawn Bercuson, former vice president of business development at Groupon
- Ariana Chernin, co-founder of The Barre Code fitness centers
- Ethan Chernin, director of operations at Baycare Physician Partners
- Julia Taxin, vice president at GroTech Ventures

Presented by the Honors Program and the [Kate Tiedemann College of Business](#), this event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 727-873-4872.

Call for Presenters: USFSP to Host TEDx Nov. 13

Do you have what it takes to speak at [TEDxUSFSP](#)?

The search is on for unique voices from the USFSP community with insights from a range of disciplines that reflect the theme "Inspire, Educate and Empower."



USF St. Petersburg will host its first TEDx event on Friday, Nov. 13 in the University Student Center Ballroom. The goal is to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder -- and to provoke

conversations that matter.

The application deadline is Sunday, Sept. 20. Submit your [speaker application](#) online.

USFSP Beer Commemorates Anniversary

As USF St. Petersburg celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a [Community Block Party](#) on Saturday, Sept. 12, the embodiment of the university and its community partners will be represented everywhere -- even down to the beer being served.



The new Bayboro Blonde Ale -- otherwise known as the [3 Daughters Brewing](#) flagship Beach Blonde Ale -- will be unveiled at the event. The branding, created by USFSP alumnus and graphic artist [Jimmy Breen](#), features Alberta, the well-known and loved guide dog of USFSP Journalism and Media Studies Department Chair Deni Elliott. It also features Bayboro Harbor in the background.

Artwork for the new USFSP Ale features Alberta the dog.

[Read more](#) about the 50th Anniversary Bayboro Blonde Ale.

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