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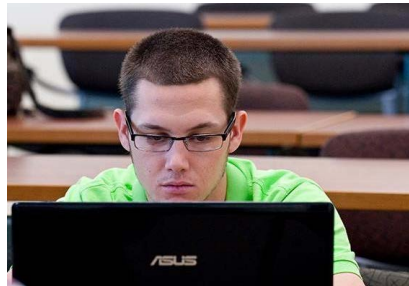
5 Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg



January 22, 2016

USFSP Online MBA No. 15 in Nation, No. 2 in Florida

U.S. News & World Report ranked the Online MBA Program at USFSP among the nation's top 10-percent in its 2016 survey of [Best Online MBA Programs](#). Of 167 universities, USFSP is ranked No. 15 in the nation and No. 2 in the state behind the University of Florida. The rankings were based on five general categories: Student Engagement, Admissions Selectivity, Peer Reputation, Faculty Credentials and Training, and Student Services and Technology, in which it tied at No. 3 nationally.



"This latest ranking is again a tribute to the dedication and quality of the faculty and staff at the [Kate Tiedemann College of Business](#)," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "Much of this program's success is rooted in its flexibility and convenience, particularly for working professionals. It is grounded in a tradition of quality, with online courses that are taught by the same highly-credentialed faculty who teach our face-to-face graduate courses."

USFSP's Kate Tiedemann College of Business is accredited by AACSB International in both Business and Accounting, a distinction held by only one-percent of business schools globally. The Online MBA Program has risen consistently in the rankings over the last few years, moving from No. 32 in 2015. [Learn more](#).

'Road to the White House' Leads Students to NH



The 2016 Road to the White House class

On Jan. 31, students at USF St. Petersburg will head north as part of the [Road to the White House](#) class. During the quadrennial class, which has been offered every four years since 2004, they will visit New Hampshire and participate in the presidential campaigns for seven Democratic



Save the Date
USFSP Alumni College
Friday, April 8
University Student Center

Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture
Monday, Jan. 25
2-3 p.m.
University Student Center Ballroom

Food for Thought Lecture
Monday, Jan. 25
7 p.m.
University Student Center Ballroom

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 50 Greats Awards Banquet
Thursday, Jan. 28
7 p.m.
University Student Center Ballroom

Film Screening of "The Forgotten Coast"
Wednesday, Feb. 3
6 p.m.
University Student Center Ballroom

USFSP by the Decades:

and Republican candidates.
with Dr. Judithanne Scourfield
McLauchlan (fifth person from the right).

[Dr. Judithanne Scourfield
McLauchlan](#), associate professor
of Political Science and founding director of USFSP's Center for Civic
Engagement, will hit the road with a class of 23 students. As part of the
10-day trip, the students will serve as interns for the campaigns of
Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, and Bernie
Sanders, as well as Republican candidates Jeb Bush, Ted Cruz, Marco
Rubio, and Donald Trump, leading up to the first-in-the-nation primary on
Feb. 9. The course allows students to learn about the history and politics
of U.S. presidential campaigns and the election process through an
intensive internship and seminar.

"It's not just an internship," said McLauchlan, who describes the class as
a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a presidential political campaign
up close. In addition to their internships, students will have daily class
meetings and seminars with guest speakers, and will go on area field
trips. [Read more](#) about the class and follow the students' progress
through their [class blog entries](#).

USFSP to Host Showing of 'The Forgotten Coast'



Photo by Carlton Ward Jr. Graphic is courtesy of floridawildlifecorridor.org.

USFSP's Environmental Science and Sustainability Club (ESSC) will host
the [Florida Wildlife Corridor](#) as it presents a showing of "The Forgotten
Coast: Return to Wild Florida" on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The film follows three friends who leave civilization to explore the vast
wildlife corridor while following in the footsteps of a wandering Florida
black bear. Their journey stretches from the Everglades to the Florida-
Alabama border, a rugged thousand-mile journey by foot, paddle, and
bike along Florida's Forgotten Coast.

The film screening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a brief introduction,
followed by the one-hour documentary in the University Student Center
Ballroom. The event will conclude with a Q&A session with expedition
team members Mallory Dimmitt, FWC executive director, and
environmental photojournalist Carlton Ward Jr. [Register online](#).

USFSP to Host Sembler Holocaust Lecture Jan. 25

The USF St. Petersburg Honors

Pursuing a New Identity
(1995-2005)
Wednesday, Feb. 10
12-1 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial
Library - Poynter Corner

Chocolate, Wine, and
Poetry: An Evening with
Alumni and Community
Writers
Friday, Feb. 12
5:30-7 p.m.
Harbor Hall

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50 Faces

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

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alum? We want to hear
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Program will host the Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust museum Lecture on Monday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. The lecture, one of USFSP's 50th Anniversary events, will be presented in partnership with the Florida Holocaust Museum (FHM).



Brent and Debbie Sembler, USF Trustee

The featured speaker will be Mark Weitzman, director of Government Affairs and director of the Task Force Against Hate and Terrorism for the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Weitzman, who also serves as chief representative for the Center to the United Nations in New York City, focuses much of his work around issues of racism, antisemitism, and hate groups -- both in the U.S. and abroad. He will speak about hate groups in America and the resurgence of antisemitism.

"He is a powerful speaker," said Dr. Thomas Smith, associate professor of Political Science and director of the USFSP Honors Program. "Given the recent spasms of violence and terrorism in today's society, this topic is particularly pertinent." [Learn more](#) about the lecture.

MLK Spirit Honored at '50 Greats' Banquet Jan. 28



The celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy continues this month as USF St. Petersburg holds a banquet in his name on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr 50 Greats Awards Banquet will celebrate USFSP students and alumni, as well as local high school students who promote and embody the spirit of MLK through community service, leadership, social justice, or civil rights related activities. The event, held in the University Student Center Ballroom, will feature a keynote speaker, a special awards presentation, and a networking period. [RSVP](#) online to attend the event.

Departments and organizations involved with the planning and coordination of the event include the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Student Affairs, the Multicultural Activities Council, and the Chancellor's Advisory on Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

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