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5 Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg



February 5, 2016

USFSP Celebrates \$1 Million Donation, 'Topping Out'

USF St. Petersburg has many reasons to celebrate this year. Last week, the [Kate Tiedemann College of Business](#) celebrated its "Topping Out" ceremony as well as a \$1 million donation from philanthropist Ellen Cotton.



From left: Ellen Cotton and Kate Tiedemann with students from the Kate Tiedemann College of Business

"The innovative programming our students will enjoy are made possible by Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton," said USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "New scholarships will enable us to offer a college education to students who may never have thought it possible." [Read more](#) in the coverage by the Tampa Bay Times. View photos of the event in the [photo gallery](#).

On Jan. 12, U.S. News & World Report ranked the college's Online MBA Program at USFSP No. 15 in the nation, No. 2 in Florida in its 2016 survey of [Best Online MBA Programs](#).

USFSP to Host World Affairs Conference Feb. 17-19



Graphic is courtesy of the St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs website: <http://stpetersburgintheworld.com>

USF St. Petersburg will again host the St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs Feb. 17-19 in the University Student Center Ballrooms. The event, a cooperative venture of civic-minded St. Petersburg residents and the USFSP Honors Program, provides an opportunity for distinguished experts from the military, media, politics, and academics to come together to discuss critical issues.



Save the Date
USFSP Alumni College
Friday, April 8
University Student Center
[Learn more](#)

*USFSP by the Decades:
Pursuing a New Identity
(1995-2005)*
Wednesday, Feb. 10
12-1 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial
Library - Poynter Corner

*USFSP 50th Anniversary
Dance Event*
Saturday, Feb. 13
6-9 p.m.
Harborwalk

Science Cafe
Tuesday, Feb. 16
6 p.m.
Dali Museum

*Lecture: Thinking
Through... Rights*
Thursday, Feb. 18
4 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial
Library - Poynter Corner

*Global Warming, Climate
Change and Sea Level
Rise: The Impact on
Pinellas County*

A few of this year's featured speakers will include:

- **David Fidler**, James Louis Calamaras Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law
- **Nosarieme Garrick**, a Nigerian writer, filmmaker and activist
- **Simi Mehta**, a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow at Ohio State University
- **Shawn Powers**, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Georgia State University

Visit the [St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs](#) website for more information and to register.

USFSP Hosts Three Visiting Fulbright Recipients



Fulbright recipients, from left: Vassiliki Chryssanthopoulou, Indhira Suero Acosta, and Phillip Kasaija

USF St. Petersburg is excited to host three Fulbright award recipients from around the world during the Spring 2016 term:

Vassiliki Chryssanthopoulou, assistant professor of Folklore and Society at the University of Athens in Greece, is at USF St. Petersburg on a Fulbright research grant. She is spending three months focusing on Greek diaspora in the Tampa Bay area, particularly Tarpon Springs. She is sponsored by USFSP Associate Professor of Anthropology Ella Schmidt and the USFSP Program of Anthropology.

Phillip Kasaija, associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, is an expert on armed conflict, conflict resolution, and transitional justice. Kasaija is spending the Spring 2016 semester teaching two courses at USFSP as part of his Fulbright faculty grant. He is sponsored by the Honors Program in collaboration with Stetson University College of Law and the Florida Holocaust Museum.

Indhira Suero Acosta, who is from the Dominican Republic, is enrolled for her second semester as a graduate student in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. She will continue her studies at USFSP thanks to a two-year Fulbright scholarship. Acosta said she aims to graduate in Spring 2017.

Chryssanthopoulou and Kasaija will participate in a research discussion in the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library area called Poynter Corner on

Monday, Feb. 22
3-5 p.m.
University Student
Center Ballroom

*Lecture: Thinking
Through... Rights*
Tuesday, March 8
4 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial
Library - Poynter Corner

*USFSP by the Decades:
Forging a New and
Strategic Path*
Wednesday, March 9
Noon-1 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial
Library - Poynter Corner

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Anniversary Events](#)

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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Green & Golden
*Calling all alumni!
Are you a proud USFSP
alum? We want to hear
from you!*

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Wednesday, March 9 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Internship, Career Events Engage Students, Alumni

On Feb. 24, the [USFSP Career Center](#) will host the third annual [Job & Internship Fair](#) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom.

"It's a great opportunity for students to identify organizations that are interested in their talent," said Vaishali Gakhar, employer relations consultant & career advisor at the USFSP Career Center. "It is a great networking platform for students to create connections and see what kind of talent employers are seeking."



Last year's fair attracted more than 80 area companies.

Students and alumni are required to dress professionally and have copies of their resumes available. They also are encouraged to check the website in advance to see what positions are available with each employer so they are prepared for on-the-spot interviews.

MBA Program to Host Information Session Feb. 11



Eric Douthirt,
interim director,
KTCOB Graduate
Programs

If you have been considering going back to school for a Master of Business Administration (MBA), now is the time. The Kate Tiedemann College of Business will host an open house MBA Information Session on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn about what earning an MBA can do for your career and some of the program options that are available close to home or online. Program faculty and staff will be on hand to go over important details of the admissions requirements and process. To register, please visit the [MBA Information Session](#) website.

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