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USF Sailing Team Wins Kennedy Cup, to Compete in France Next Year

Members of the USF Coed Sailing Team took first place in the Kennedy Cup Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) National Collegiate Large Yacht Championship Nov. 5-6. The USF Bulls, seven of whom are USFSP students, competed at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD., and qualified to represent the United States in the 37th annual Student Yachting Working Cup next year in France.

"In the college sailing community, the Kennedy Cup is a big deal," said USF Coed Sailing Coach Alan Capellin. "There are only 10 teams out of all the colleges in the U.S. that get to participate."

"This significant win is yet another example of how our students benefit by an education at USFSP—the opportunities they have to grow as scholars, athletes and citizens," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "We extend our sincerest congratulations to this talented team and our coaches!"

Read more about the Kennedy Cup competition and the USF Coed Sailing Team.

USFSP Vet Center Celebrates First Anniversary, Veterans Day
Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska speaks during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Military and Veterans Success Center in Fall 2015.

The Military and Veterans Success Center at USFSP celebrated its first anniversary today with a combined anniversary and Veterans Expo event. The expo included a visit from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Mobile Vet Center.

"Since we opened our doors, we've had more than 3,170 visits to the center. That's averaging more than 260 a month," said Milton White, director of the Military and Veterans Success Center at USFSP, which serves nearly 275 student veterans, their dependents, and USFSP faculty and staff who are veterans. "The need for the center here was an obvious priority, and to now be able to provide and fulfill that need enables us to truly be able to reach out to help our student veterans."

Learn more about the center and recent rankings for USFSP.

**Library, Weekly Challenger, Poynter Partner to Archive Local History**

The [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#) at USFSP, in collaboration with The Weekly Challenger and The Poynter Institute, hosted an Open House on Nov. 7 to celebrate the partnership that will establish a physical and digital archive of the 50-year-old community publication.

"It's a treasure trove of our history, and when I say our history, I don't mean just black people—I mean the entire city of St. Petersburg is chronicled in these pages and in these stories that the paper has told," said Rep. Darryl Rouson, who helped secure legislative funding for the project. "And I'm elated that the University of South Florida has dedicated students, faculty, and resources to making this happen."

"I am truly proud of USF St. Petersburg's role in this collaboration. In addition to contributing to the preservation of an African-American newspaper in Florida, this partnership provides a unique opportunity for our students," said USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. Learn more about this partnership.

**Faculty Spotlight: Zheng "Chris" Chen**
Meet Dr. Zheng "Chris" Chen, assistant professor of Management in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business. Her areas of research and expertise focus on helping people understand work-life balance, engaging in innovative research methods, and studying human behaviors in organizations.

A native of Shenyang, China, Chen came to the U.S. in the 1990s to attend Appalachian State University for her undergraduate degree. She has taught at USFSP since Fall 2010 and previously taught at the University of Connecticut.

"I think we all live in organizations and that we take organizations for granted," she said. "I want to teach my students about what constitutes a good organization—to help people perform at their optimal levels. They should be happy, have an increased sense of well-being, and should find meaning in their work instead of feeling depressed."

Students to Share Education Abroad Experiences at Colloquium

Several students will speak about their experiences studying abroad in Summer 2016 at the USFSP Student Study Abroad Colloquium at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The event is part of the university’s month-long celebration of international education.

Shannon Gazdacka, a Mass Communications senior will speak to her experiences in France and Germany as part of the Food and Travel Writing class. Natalie Guerra, a Biology senior will speak to her time in Nice during her French Language and Culture class. And Melody Ucros, an Entrepreneurship senior will speak to her studies in Munich, Amsterdam and London as part of the Doing Business in Europe course.

Upcoming Events at USFSP

Check out a list of upcoming events. All events are free unless otherwise specified.

Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading
Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
USF St. Petersburg
View the schedule

USF vs. Memphis Watch Party
Saturday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Caddy’s on Central, 217 Central Ave., St. Petersburg

Moldova
Monday, Nov. 14, noon-1 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, Poynter Corner

SEED: The Untold Story - A Film Screening and Conversation
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Et Cultura Warehouse Theater, Green Bench Brewing
Register now
Media and Politics: How the Average Person Can Make a Difference
Friday, Nov. 18, 8:15 p.m.
Temple Beth-El, 400 Pasadena Ave. S., St. Petersburg

USF vs. SMU Watch Party
Saturday, Nov. 19, time TBA
Caddy's on Central, 217 Central Ave., St. Petersburg

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