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5 Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg



April 29, 2016

King O'Neal Scholars, Outstanding Grad to be Recognized



From left: Corey Yeung and Julia Strauss

Two King O'Neal scholars and the Spring 2016 Outstanding Graduate award recipient will be among the nearly 500 graduates recognized during the USFSP Spring Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 8.

King O'Neal scholars are recognized for their academic excellence and for maintaining a GPA of 4.0 or higher. The recipients will include Julia Strauss, who will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Psychology, and Corey Yeung, who will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance with a minor in International Business.

Strauss also has been selected as this year's Outstanding Graduate award recipient. During her time at USFSP, she also received two other academic awards: Spanish Student of the Year and Junior Psychology Student of the Year, both in 2015. After graduation, she will pursue a Master of Education in Special Education at Vanderbilt University.

This year, USFSP will host two ceremonies to accommodate all of the graduates who elect to walk. Ceremonies will be held at the Mahaffey Theater.

USFSP Students Present Strategic Initiatives to Valpak

Eighty students in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business (KTCOB) presented strategic initiatives to Valpak as part of their semester-long Strategic Management Capstone Course project. To support their broader strategy to reach the on-demand home service market, the students created product prototypes, apps, websites, and a demo video to illustrate their strategic vision for



Upcoming Events

Science Cafe
Tuesday, May 17
6-7:30 p.m.
Dali Museum

Goodbye to All That!
Thursday, June 9
6-8:30 p.m.
The Studio @620

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50 Faces

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Valpak.

"I always work with a company for this course," said Dr. Steve Diasio, KTCOB Management faculty, who collaborated with Fred Steube, senior director of Emerging Technology at Valpak and Cox Target Media, to help develop the projects and provide feedback. "This industry-classroom participation is the future of business schools; we are breaking down the classroom silos and preparing students with the skills they need to be successful in the marketplace."

USFSP students produced a video demo for Valpak.

[Read more](#) about the class and the partnership with Cox Target Media - Valpak.

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College of Education to Host Pinellas STEM Expo April 30

USF St. Petersburg will host Pinellas County Schools' third annual STEM Expo on Saturday, April 30. An estimated 3,000 students and families from the county's 180 after-school STEM academies, representing grades 3-12, will attend the free event. The students will showcase their engineering design inquiry projects.

"Our corporate community continues to stress the need for individuals with talent in science, technology, engineering, and math," said Dr. Bill Heller, dean of the College of Education. "That talent is in our schools today, but it needs to be developed and nurtured, which is exactly what the STEM academies are doing. They are very hands on, stimulating, and fun. The children are really being turned on to STEM; they are learning and enjoying it."



The 2015 expo attracted more than 2,300 students, families, and business partners. From left: Lori Matway, associate superintendent of Student and Community Support Services at Pinellas County Schools; Laura Spence, K-12 STEM Specialist at PSC, and Bill Heller, dean, USFSP College of Education. Photo courtesy of Laura Spence.

While on campus, participants can participate in a free campus walking tour and visit vendor tables. The event also includes half price admission at the Dali Museum that day for people who attend the expo.

Campus Board Recognizes Outgoing Student President



From left: USF Trustee Jozef Gherman, USF Trustee and Campus Board Chair Stephanie Goforth, and Interim Regional Associate Vice Chancellor Tuck Tucker

On April 28, the USFSP Campus Board recognized outgoing USF Trustee and Student Government President Jozef Gherman.

In addition to his role as president, Gherman has served in a number of leadership roles during his four years in the various branches of Student Government: senator, vice chair and chair of appropriations, and chief financial officer. As a university trustee, he participated in the Academic and Campus Environment work group. His term will expire in May.

"This university really gave me the opportunity to grow as a person, and I'll never forget that," said Gherman, who hands over the presidential seat to the new president Ziya Kardas, a graduate student in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business.

Four Students Inducted Into Journalism Honor Society



The 2016 Kappa Tau Alpha inductees, from left: Sara Katherine Ennis, David Stoner, Shannon Gazdacka, and Marla Korenich.

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies hosted an end-of-semester celebration that included the induction ceremony for the Robert W. Dardenne Chapter of the Kappa Tau Alpha honor society. The Spring 2016 inductees included undergraduate students Shannon Gazdacka, Marla Korenich, and David

Stoner, and graduate student Sara Katherine Ennis.

Three additional students were recognized as recipients of the inaugural 2015-16 Robert W. Dardenne Awards for Humanistic Journalism: undergraduate students Caitlin Ashworth and Samantha Putterman, and graduate student Indhira Suero.

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