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USFSP Ranks Among State, Nation's Top Universities in Two Surveys

USF St. Petersburg is ranked No. 14 in the nation and No. 1 in Florida among Top Environmental Science Schools, according to new rankings published by EnvironmentalScience.org. Additionally, USFSP's MBA program is ranked No. 3 in the state in a new list of the Best MBA Programs in Florida, 2016 by CollegeChoice.net.

These awards follow closely on the heels of U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings, in which USFSP landed at No. 24 among Southern Regional Public universities. Read more about these rankings.

USFSP, Bank of the Ozarks Continue Management Training Partnership

For the fifth year, faculty in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business are teaching online and face-to-face courses as part of a partnership between USFSP and Bank of the Ozarks, formerly C1 Bank.

The 15-week training program consists of coursework that focuses on creation and innovation, data analytics, accounting, financial analysis, business law, and other related areas.

"This partnership between Kate Tiedemann College of Business and the Bank of the Ozarks is a good example of how we can serve the community's need with non-degree programs," said Dr. Sridhar Sundaram, dean, KTCOB. "We have talented faculty in many areas, and my goal is to work with more community partners to offer similar programs."

Learn more about this partnership and program.

Alumni Come Full Circle, Return to Teach at USFSP
USFSP hired 19 new faculty for the Fall 2016 semester. Among the new hires are USFSP alumni from the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education.

Dr. Max Owens, 38, is one of the returning alumni and was hired as an assistant professor of Psychology. After graduating from USFSP 10 years ago, he went on to get a master’s degree from Oxford University before going on to receive a doctorate at Birkbeck, University of London.

Other alumni-turned-faculty include Dr. LaSonya Moore, instructor of Special Education, and Dr. Peyton Jones, visiting instructor of History.

### Journalism Students, Faculty to Participate in Storytelling Festival

Students and faculty in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies will participate in two events as part of the annual Story Days in Tampa Bay storytelling festival Oct. 3-8.

Visiting Assistant Professor Janet Keeler will present "Hungry for Stories: Connecting Food to Our Narrative" on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, students in the Neighborhood News Bureau will present "Midtown Stories," an exhibit of audio and audiovisual projects featuring residents talking about the community's past and present.

The events are free and open to the public.

### Students, Staff Participate in CareFest Cleanup Events in St. Petersburg

Thirteen COMPASS freshmen participated in the CareFest USA events in St. Petersburg on Sept. 24. They spent their time in a park cleanup project at Lake Maggiore Park.

CareFest USA is a community service day that unites churches, businesses, organizations and cities to meet the needs of local residents.
COMPASS first-year students participated in this month’s CareFest events.

Upcoming Events at USFSP

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

**USF vs. Cincinnati Watch Party**  
Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.  
Caddy’s on Central, 217 Central Ave., St. Petersburg

**Alumni Homecoming Reception**  
Monday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.  
The Tavern at USFSP, 120 Sixth Ave. S., St. Petersburg

**Hungry for Stories: Connecting Food to Our Narrative**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Davis Hall Room 130

**Poetry and Nature Walk**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.  
Boyd Hill, 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg

**Midtown Stories**  
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.  
Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave., S., St. Petersburg

**USF vs. Temple Watch Party**  
Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.  
Caddy’s on Central, 217 Central Ave., St. Petersburg

**St. Petersburg Science Festival**  
Oct. 21-22  
USF St. Petersburg  
[Learn more](#)

**St. Petersburg Shakespeare Festival Reading: Titus**  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.  
Harbor Hall Auditorium

**Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading**  
Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
USF St. Petersburg  
[View the schedule](#)
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