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USFSP Names New Dean of Arts and Sciences

USF St. Petersburg (USFSP) Interim Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock has appointed Magali Cornier Michael, Ph.D., as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2018. As the top administrative officer in the College, Michael will oversee faculty and work closely with the university's leadership team to develop strategies to achieve USFSP's academic goals and objectives.

"Following a thorough search process and review of many top-tier candidates, we are very pleased to announce that Dr. Michael has accepted an offer to join us," said Tadlock. "She brings extensive experience in higher education and the leadership skills needed to collaboratively develop a clear strategic vision for the College with students, faculty and staff. We are excited to welcome her to the USF St. Petersburg community."

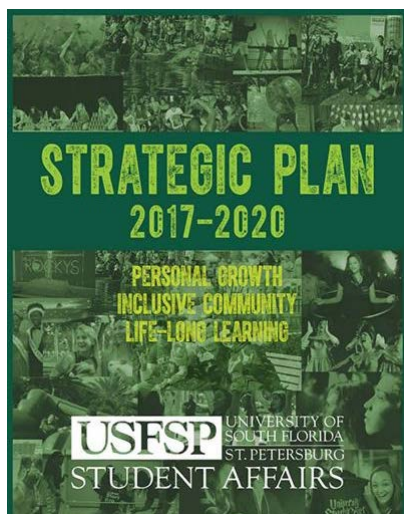


Michael will come to USFSP from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where she is Associate Dean of the College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

Student Affairs Unveils Strategic Plan for Student Success

USFSP's Division of Student Affairs has released its first-ever [Strategic Plan](#), a collaborative guide outlining key initiatives for enhancing student learning, engagement and success over the next three years.

The plan is structured around the Division's three mission areas of personal growth, inclusive community and lifelong learning. It proposes initiatives ranging from exploring an intercollegiate athletics program and sorority/fraternity life to expanding internship and volunteer opportunities with the greater St. Petersburg community and establishing a financial awareness program.



[Read more about this strategic plan for student success.](#)

November is International Education Month at USFSP

USFSP is celebrating its third annual International Education Month this November. International Education Month is an opportunity to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. Campus events, lectures and education abroad seminars throughout the month will highlight the benefits of international education and exchange to students.



"We often hear from students that participating in an education abroad program is the most memorable aspect of their academic careers," said Wendy Baker, USFSP director of global initiatives and education abroad programs. "International Education Month provides them the opportunity to highlight these experiences."

[Check out all the upcoming events and activities surrounding International Education Month.](#)

Open Partnership Education Network Hosts Conversations on Critical Issues Facing St. Petersburg at Et Cultura Festival

<p>THEME LIVE WELL</p> <p>Dr. T. Colin Campbell NUTRITION SCIENTIST & CO-AUTHOR OF THE CHINA STUDY</p> <p>When: Wed., Nov. 15, 2017 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Jannus Live, Downtown St. Petersburg 200 1st Ave. N., 33701</p>	<p>THEME SEEDS</p> <p>Will Allen URBAN FARMING PIONEER AND FOUNDER OF GROWING POWER!</p> <p>When: Thurs., Nov. 16, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Morean Center for Clay, Warehouse Arts District 420 22nd St. S., 33712</p>	<p>THEME FUTURE CITY</p> <p>Michael Sturtz EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STANFORD CREATIVE IGNITION LAB AND FOUNDER OF THE CRUCIBLE, SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>When: Fri., Nov. 17, 2017 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Station House, Downtown St. Petersburg 260 1st Ave. S., 33701</p>	<p>THEME RAD SCHOOLS</p> <p>Geoffrey Canada URBAN EDUCATIONAL LEADER AND FOUNDER OF THE HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE</p> <p>When: Fri., Nov. 17, 2017 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Where: The Hyatt Place & Jannus Live, Downtown St. Petersburg 25 2nd St. N., 33701</p>	<p>SPONSORED BY:</p> <p>Open Partnership Education Network</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG</p> <p>Et CULTURA DESIGN • ARCHITECTURE • MUSIC • FILM • ART</p> <p>ARESTY</p>
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USFSP's Open Partnership Education Network (OPEN), in concert with the Aresty Distinguished Speakers program, is putting on a three-day showcase of conversations and panel discussions during the [Et Cultura Festival](#) on November 15-17 in St. Petersburg, FL. Conversations will tackle some of the toughest issues and most promising ideas faced by U.S.

cities today - education, health, city life and food systems. Each talk will be anchored by renowned thought leaders who will detail their experiences of how big and lasting change takes root when it is local and personal.

"This partnership is all about galvanizing our city so community dialogue that leads to action can happen year round," said Walter Fernando Balser, Director of OPEN. "The Et Cultura Festival is one of the premier events to help us connect local and national leaders to shape conversations and impact St. Petersburg."

[Delve deeper into Et Cultura and OPEN's Showcase of conversations and panel discussions.](#)

Alum Receives "Women of Peace" Award

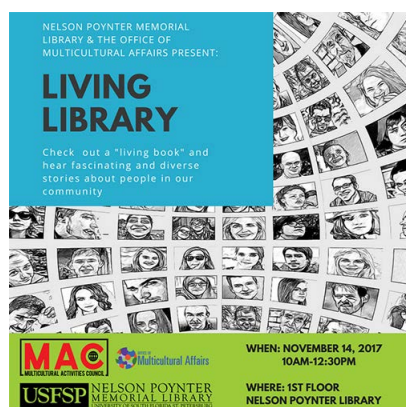
USF St. Petersburg Alum Vanessa Ferrer received an annual "Women of Peace" award for co-founding and co-directing a non-profit that provides opportunities for higher education to impoverished, indigenous women in Guatemala. The non-profit, [Para Adelante](#), provides college scholarships that cover the cost for books/supplies, childcare and transportation, in addition to tuition and fees.



Ferrer received her MBA from USFSP in 2014. In 2013, she participated in a study abroad course in Guatemala taught by Dr. Karin Braunsberger. The course, [Social Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets](#), has students working with local, indigenous women-owned cooperatives to develop business and marketing strategies.

[Read more about Ferrer's recognition and her experiential learning opportunity abroad.](#)

Living Library Explores Unique Stories, Diverse Lives



A student with learning disabilities. A transgender advocate. A successful attorney who overcame a childhood of poverty and violence. These were just a few of the community stories on display at the Living Library event at the USF St. Petersburg Nelson Poynter Memorial Library that took place on November 14.

A Living Library provides visitors with the opportunity to "check out" and have a conversation with diverse individuals, hearing their stories of dealing with and overcoming adversity. At the event, more than 10 speakers were on hand to share their journey with students and members of the public, reliving memories and revealing intriguing information about their personal history.

[Learn how Living Libraries fosters diversity and explores issues of tolerance.](#)

News Coverage

[USFSP Names Interim Top Academic Officer](#)

Tampa Bay Times

[USF, Florida Welcome New Research Vessel](#)

WUSF News

[Lis Casanova Honored as Lightning Community Hero of Tomorrow](#)

Tampa Bay Lightning

Upcoming Events

[Solar Array Carport Ribbon Cutting](#)

November 15 at 3pm, parking lot of USFSP Biology and Chemistry Labs

[Et Cultura](#)

November 15-19, music, film and art events taking place throughout St. Petersburg, FL

[USFSP Fall 2017 Commencement](#)

December 10, Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg, FL

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