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PREPARING INMATES FOR TOMORROW

Prison Education Program Aims to Reduce Recidivism and Improve Job Prospects

USF St. Petersburg’s College of Education partnered with the Florida Department of Corrections on a visionary program aimed at increasing literacy rates in local prisons. Over the course of six weeks, faculty members and alumni offered literacy training to 48 inmates at the Polk Correctional Institute. Supported by Florida State Senator Jeff Brandes, the program taught students reading, writing and vocabulary skills geared towards reducing recidivism by improving literacy and future job prospects. READ MORE

INTO THE DEEP

First Team to Film Giant Squid in U.S. Waters Includes USFSP Professor
Sleep comes at a premium on a research cruise – you take it when you can get it – but some things are worth waking up for. When USF St. Petersburg Marine Biology Professor Heather Judkins was awoken last week aboard the Research Vessel Point Sur to news that her colleagues had possibly caught a giant squid on camera, Judkins was up faster than you can say the scientific name for the mysterious deep sea creature, Architeuthis. READ MORE

FINANCE KNOW HOW

Wealth Management Center Makes Recent Grads Stand Out while Improving Personal Finance Know How in the Community

More than a year ago, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation gave a $500,000 grant that established the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Center in the Kate Tiedemann College of Business. Since then, the venue and its faculty are giving college students the tools and ability to manage stock investments - giving them an edge when entering the job market - while spearheading initiatives that advance financial literacy in the community. READ MORE

RECORD-SETTING CLEANUP

Grad Student Part of Guinness World Record-breaking Underwater Cleanup

More than 600 divers banded together last month for a Guinness World Record-breaking operation to remove more than 3,200 pounds of trash from the sea floor. Graduate student Chase Nawrocki was part of the underwater cleanup at Deerfield Beach, Fla., joining divers from as far away as South America and Europe.

Nawrocki, who is a master diver, is pursuing an MBA. He chose USFSP because of the strength and low cost of the master’s program, the job opportunities in the region and quality of life on and off campus, which includes diving whenever he gets the chance. READ MORE

ART & SCIENCE, SCIENCE & ART

Art Meets Science in After the Oil Spill Exhibit at Poynter Library

Nine years after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the works of three artists and a photographer grapple with the disaster in a pair
HELLO NEW STUDENTS

Week of Welcome Shows Students What USFSP Has to Offer

Beginning June 22, first-year students at USF St. Petersburg jump started college with Week of Welcome (WOW), an event series designed to help students meet new people, try new adventures and lay the foundation for a successful higher education experience. Dozens of more events, from film screenings to kayak expeditions, continued after WOW during the First 30 Days, when offices and student organizations across the university offer unique activities for new and returning students. READ MORE

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