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# A thank you from Bill Hogarth on the launch of the University Student Center

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The USFSP community comes together for the launch of the University Student Center

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the launch of the University Student Center! It was a big day for USF St. Petersburg and a particularly meaningful one for our students.

The University Student Center was a dream long in the making for all of us at USFSP, but particularly our students, who are justifiably proud of their new home away from home. The energy and excitement was palpable during Thursday's event. Have a look at some photos from the celebration.

It was also gratifying to see so many community members and supporters join the celebration. Your presence showed once again that we are an integral part of the community. We are proud of our role in helping to energize downtown St. Petersburg.

As USF System President Judy Genshaft said, "We have really created the best of what our state has to offer right here in St. Petersburg – the extraordinarily beautiful setting with an intellectual vibrancy."

We hope all of you will return to our beautiful waterfront campus soon for a meal at the University Student Center or a lecture by some of the country's best thinkers.

Sincerely,

*Bill*



Celebrating the launch