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View of Northshore Park from the water adjacent to Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg.

Sunny Saint Pete? **Check!** *LOCATION. LOCATION. LOCATION!*

Sunscreen? **Check!** *We wouldn't want to get burned in September would we?*

Sunglasses? **Check!** *The sun is pretty strong and the fashion statement is a plus.*

Volleyball? **Check!** *The true beach ball.*

National Media Coverage? **Check?**

USFSP's very own Anthony Patterson reporting live from the AVP(Association of Volleyball Professionals) St. Pete Open at Vinoy Park?

Let's give it a shot.

Here I am, a 21 year old senior studying mass communications with no clue where to go post-grad. You can change the details to suit your situation accordingly. Some people need a visit to the Career Center to figure out where they want to go.

I'm taking Sports Journalism with Dr. Tony Silvia. He's referenced on a Wikipedia page so he must be pretty good.

He has given our class the opportunity to have media credentials for the AVP's first trip to St. Petersburg from Sept. 13 to 15. This is nothing to scoff at as a budding journalism student. It is almost like a computer science student getting a one-on-one tour of Google.

Dr. Silvia is not the first professor at USFSP to facilitate a student having real world experience. Nor will he be the last. There are plenty of opportunities and skilled professors in each major. Did you know professor V. Mark Durand, Ph.D. is a world renowned authority in autism study? He was also voted as a Top 25 psychology professor in Florida. Don't mistake the tight-knit community at USFSP for being *small*. You can do *big* things here.

I know it may sound crazy. But I was in the same boat.

I never thought I could report on nationally televised sports like volleyball or baseball and here I am.

Through these accessible professors, faculty and staff you will find opportunities you may have thought were only available on larger campuses.

I'll see you in the sand,

Anthony

About the blogger



I'm an undergrad Mass Communications student passionate about the Tampa Bay Rays, poetry, serving the community and changing out of phone booths.