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USF St. Petersburg students head to Tallahassee to let their voices be heard

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USF St. Petersburg students Nathan Lehoux and Jon Ellington arrive at the state Capitol for USF Day

USF St. Petersburg students boarded a bus before dawn this morning and headed to Tallahassee to meet with state lawmakers about the pressing needs of higher education.

Students from USFSP joined dozens of USF Tampa students to participate in USF Day at the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students hope to place USF at the forefront of lawmakers' minds as they make critical decisions about higher education. [View a photo gallery.](#)

Organized by Student Government, the students will showcase USF programs, highlighting ways the university is helping to grow the Tampa Bay area and the state. Students also plan to meet face-to-face with legislators to discuss issues ranging from funding to in-state tuition for veterans.

USF St. Petersburg students plan to discuss funding a building for the College of Business, the top new-building priority for the USF System.

Several hundred handwritten postcards, featuring the statewide “[Aim Higher](#)” initiative, will also be delivered, asking legislators to restore \$300 million and invest an additional \$118 million for state universities in this year’s state budget. If that investment is made, state university presidents have said they will not raise tuition next year.

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