

## USFSP Competes in Ethics Bowl

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USFSP journalism students performed well in the annual Southeastern Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB), hosted recently by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Teams gathered at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter in Clearwater to argue and defend their moral assessments of some of the most troubling and complex issues facing society today, including an array of topics in business and professional ethics, in personal relationships, and in social and political affairs.

The students from USFSP participated as part of their Mass Communications Ethics course. A panel of five primary presenters emerged over the course of the semester, and were chosen by their class to represent the university.



*Dr. Deni Elliott  
Photo: Melissa Lyttle*

“The team did a wonderful job of representing USFSP,” said Professor Deni Elliott, who teaches the Ethics course. “Team members were poised. They clearly knew what they were talking about and felt confident in discussing their position with opposing teams and with judges from the community.”

“We all performed at our highest levels, and I am very proud of us for being a team that could have held its own in the national competition,” added presenter Duncan Rodman.

USFSP competed against teams from the US Naval Academy, The Citadel Military College of South Carolina, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Union College. Hundreds of college students across the United States and Canada compete each year in 10 regional events. This was the first time this group of USFSP students had participated in this kind of competition.

“Be proud of having been the best team that I have seen come out of our USFSP Media Ethics class,” Elliott told them.