

## Welcome to the Dedication of the Derby Lane Library

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – sense of history of the campus from upper division classes held in the Marine Barracks on the peninsula to the very modern campus you see today. I would like to recognize Bill Heller for his many years of leadership on the campus.

The St. Petersburg Kennel Club has been a good friend for all our years – you have watched the campus grow and assisted for our 40 years.

Today we recognize over \$250,000 of financial support from the St. Petersburg Kennel Club to USF St. Petersburg and the College of Marine Science, USF.

**Much of the original dream for USF St. Petersburg has been fulfilled, but I believe the best is yet to come. We hope you have taken joy in our accomplishments as you are the ones who have helped us to achieve them.**

The generous yearly support Derby Lane provided benefited many campus projects via the Chancellor's Fund for Excellence:

Fellowships in the College of Marine Science

Scholarships for students at USF St. Petersburg

The William Heller Chair for Special Education

Our Division 1 Women's Sailing Team

and the Oasis School.

Our next two speakers will acquaint you with the history of Derby Lane and the Williams House.

Thank - Louise Weaver and Andrea Winning for their assistance in planning this event.

It is my distinct pleasure as Chancellor of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to name the library in the Williams House, the Derby Lane Library in commemoration of many years of generosity of the St. Petersburg Kennel Club.

The gifts you have provided enabled students to achieve a college degree, you have aided graduate students to make new discoveries in Marine Science, you have assisted in supporting faculty achievement in special education, and you have kept the sailing team afloat and move them toward national excellence. What a great legacy for this campus.

Please know that this is our campus home and the extended Weaver family and friends of Derby Lane will always be welcome at Williams House as part of the USF St. Petersburg family. I thank you for your community spirit and leadership and your gifts.