LOOKING BACK... MOVING FORWARD

There’s always a lot happening at USF St. Petersburg. Here are some of the highlights from the past year as we continue to inspire and grow.

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INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
Creating a Welcoming Campus for All

BUILDING RENAMED IN HONOR OF BILL HELLER, FORMER DEAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Bill Heller has been a transformative figure at USF St. Petersburg. The university recognized his many years of devoted service by renaming Coquina Hall, which houses the College of Education, as H. William Heller Hall.

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM SAVES STUDENTS THOUSANDS

A textbook affordability initiative led by staff from the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library saved students an estimated $528,495 in textbook costs in 2018-19, a 26 percent increase in savings from the previous year.

Building Civic Engagement

HOSTING 100 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO IMPROVE CIVICS LITERACY

USF St. Petersburg and the Florida YMCA hosted a Summer Civics Institute to instill a better understanding of state and local government by giving high school students hands-on experience in government and public service.

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM PAIRS INCOMING FRESHMEN WITH MENTORS

A job shadowing program in St. Petersburg’s Innovation District will give up to 30 incoming first-year students a head start in exploring their interests and finding the right career path.

FAMILY STUDY CENTER HONORS COMMUNITY PARTNERS AT 15TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the Family Study Center brought together more than 100 community leaders and collaborators to recognize the achievements of four recipients whose contributions in support of babies and families in St. Petersburg have had enduring influence and impact.

SHORT & SWEET THEATRE WEEK BRINGS PROFESSIONAL THESPANIANS TO CAMPUS

Featuring seven performances that were free and open to the public, the week-long event showcased works written, directed, choreographed and performed by local and professional artists.

NEW RESIDENCE HALL TO INCREASE STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS BY 70 PERCENT

A 375-bed residence hall scheduled to open July 2020 will give students more affordable housing options downtown and include a full-service dining hall.

“This is more than just a building. It’s the next step in the evolution of USFSP. It demonstrates our commitment to helping students connect with one another and the university.”
– Stephanie Golforth, chair of USFSP’s Campus Board and a member of the USF System Board of Trustees

ALUM’S ICE CREAM DRIVE RAISES $3,000 FOR FOSTER KIDS

Graduate Ian Boyd threw a different kind of celebration for his 26th birthday. Partnering with a local charity that throws parties for homeless and foster children, Boyd rented out an ice cream truck and drove around town handing out free soft serve.
RESEARCH & INNOVATION
Expanding Knowledge through Research

CLINICAL TRIAL SEEKS TO REDUCE RISK AND DELAY EFFECTS FROM ALZHEIMER’S
What if solving brain games and puzzles on a computer could reduce the chances of developing dementia? That’s the question researchers from USF St. Petersburg and USF Tampa are seeking to answer through a pioneering new study that will test a training regimen designed to improve brain function.

CROSS-CAMPUS TEAM USES DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO MAP HISTORIC CEMETERY
Researchers from USF St. Petersburg and USF Tampa are employing 3D imaging technology to develop a digital recreation of the historic Tolomato Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida. The resulting model will be used for restoration and reconstruction in case of damage.

STUDENT AWARDED FULBRIGHT TO PURSUE PHD IN PSYCHOLOGY OF DRUG ADDICTION
Jaclyn Dell has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to pursue PhD studies at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom, where she will use brain imaging to identify the neural mechanisms of addiction to substances such as cigarettes and alcohol. She hopes results from her research will guide the development of innovative addiction treatment.

Training Future Generations to Make a Difference

ALUM DEVELOPS PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR MATCHING DONORS WITH PATIENTS IN NEED
Kelley Counts was pursuing his MBA when he was struck by an idea that had the potential to benefit patients in need of critical blood products. Counts would go on to develop one of the first predictive models that uses machine learning for the platelet and blood donation industry.

NEW PROGRAM TO HELP STEM EDUCATORS REACH CULTURALLY DIVERSE STUDENTS
A $75,000 grant from the National Science Foundation will allow professors in the College of Education to build the foundation for a new master’s degree aimed at helping teachers trained in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) better connect with culturally diverse students.

MARINE BIOLOGY PROFESSOR ON FIRST TEAM TO FILM GIANT SQUID IN U.S.
Heather Judkins helped to identify the giant squid, whose discovery made news waves around the world. It was only the third time a giant squid has ever been filmed and the first in U.S. waters.

LEASE AGREEMENT PAVES THE WAY FOR NURSING PROGRAM
A new agreement with the city of St. Petersburg will provide space for research and a highly sought-after nursing program on campus starting in Fall 2019.

“Nurses continue to be in high demand in our region and we’re pleased to help fill that workforce need while providing our students with exciting career options.”
— Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor
USF St. Petersburg
SUSTAINABILITY
Becoming Florida’s Sustainability Campus

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES DEGREE PROVIDES TRAINING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
A new Sustainability Studies program will immerse students in hard science, social science and business to prepare them for careers discovering and implementing solutions that benefit the environment.

UNIVERSITY GETS ELECTRIFIED WITH NEW VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS
Six electric vehicle charging stations were unveiled on campus during an event highlighting the growth of alternative energy transportation options in St. Petersburg. All were installed at no cost to the university by Duke Energy as part of its Park and Plug pilot program.

STUDENTS INSTALL COMPOSTING SYSTEM TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE
Food waste is a major environmental issue that can largely go unnoticed. Students are tackling the problem by investing in an innovative composting system that will naturally break down food waste on campus. USF St. Petersburg is the first university in the state of Florida to house such technology.

USF St. Petersburg offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs in three colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business and Education.

USFSP is home to more than 80 student organizations, from the Co-Ed Sailing Team to the Puppy Raisers Club.

Award-winning faculty have earned grants from a variety of major agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USFSP holds the university-wide classification for Community Engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

6.2M+ in research funds awarded in 2018-19.

90% 90% of faculty have earned the highest degree in their field.

I’d like to thank the University of South Florida St. Petersburg for taking the initiative and working with our team to help bring this innovative and clean technology to campus, that will benefit its students, faculty, staff and visitors.”

– Jeff Baker, Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy, during the unveiling of new electric vehicle charging stations on campus