Stetson University in the News – May 2015

May 29-June 4, 2015

Top stories in the news

- Law Professor Rebecca Morgan was featured in a June 3 special WUSF NPR report on elder justice and consumer protection issues that featured her remarks at the regional White House Conference on Aging.
- Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Chronicle of Higher Education story, “Kipnis Case Highlights Perilous Clash of Title IX and Academic Freedom.” The May 28 Chronicle of Higher Education article, “Fraternities’ Ranks Swell at a Time of Intense Public Scrutiny,” quotes Professor Lake. Lake also spoke with the Harvard Crimson newspaper for an article about Harvard’s internal Office of the General Counsel and the increasing workload for in house counsel.
- Research co-authored by Laura Crysel, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, was featured in a June 4 West Volusia Beacon article. The research shows fiction may simulate and explain our personal and social world, and influence our perceptions of it.
- Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy’s article is quoted in the Texas Tribune story, “Abbott Opposes Curbs on Dark Money.”
- The May 26 Medvarsity Blog featured advice from Business Professor Mike Bitter, director of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation of Tax and Accountancy, in an article about Online Education Myths.
- “NCAA: Athletes improving in classroom; wage gap remains,” WSPA.com, Star Tribune.
- Stetson Athletics Programs fare well in Academic Progress Rate (APR), reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, WN.com and other media outlets.
- On May 29, Orlando Sentinel featured Robert B. Morrison in PEOPLE ON THE MOVE. Robert has just joined Stetson as an adjunct business professor.
- Retired music Professor and Band Director Bobby Adams passed away May 28, as reported in the Daytona Beach News-Journal and Tallahassee Democrat, on May 31.
- On May 30, Highlands Today mentioned that Stetson was shown to middle school students to highlight the importance of college at Sebring Middle.
- On May 31, Gatorsports.com featured Peggy Macdonald who previously taught history at Stetson, and is the new director of the Matheson Museum in Gainesville, Fla.
- News about recent high school graduates who plan to attend Stetson University in the fall, was covered at the end of May and beginning of June in: Charlotte Sun, The Lake Wales News, The Osceola News-Gazette, and Newark Advocate – mentioning also that a prospective student was awarded the Stetson University faculty scholarship.
- On June 3, Florida Today mentioned that Stetson music professor Patrick Hennessey will be leading during a music performance with the Space Coast Symphony JAZZ Orchestra.
- The June 1 Jacksonville Financial News & Daily Record reports on the entrepreneurial work of former Stetson Law student Josh Weinberger, who started a 3D evidence company.

Alumni in the news

- According to the NYC Business Journal News Network, Law alumnus and former Broome County Family Court Judge and Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Peter P. Charnetsky has been hired as a managing partner at Tully Rinckey PLLC in Binghamton.
- Law alumna Victoria Cruz-Garcia has joined Givens Givens Sparks, PLLC, as principal attorney practicing family law. She was selected by her peers to the “Rising Star” list compiled by Super Lawyers® 2012, 2013, 2014. The news ran via PRNewswire in business journals and media outlets throughout the region.
- According to a June 1 news release from Givens Givens Sparks, Law alumnus Blair Chan has earned a board certification in marital and family law from the Florida Bar. He is a principal at Givens Givens Sparks.
- On June 1, Naples News featured Stetson business alum Christopher Donovan, new president of Collier County Bar’s Young Lawyer Section.
- According to a May 26 news release, Law alumnus Anthony Tilton of Trent Cotney, P.A., has earned safety certifications and training from the Florida Roofing and Sheet Metal Association.
May 22-28, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Professor of Law Peter Lake spoke with The Kansas City Star regarding Title IX questions in the article, "Questions swirl about university’s responsibilities in Missouri speaker-intern scandal."
• Professor of Law Charlie Rose was quoted in The Tampa Tribune in the article, "High Court may hear Tampa case on sentencing for young offenders."
• Tampa Bay News Weekly announces Professor of Law Stephanie Vaughan’s promotion to Associate Dean.
• The Tampa Bay Tribune mentions Stetson College of Law Tampa Campus in an article, about how the Bolts help to make Tampa a better place to live.
• On May 26, com featured DeLand and Stetson University in "10 Funky Towns in Florida for Retirement."
• The research by Stetson Psychology Professor Laura Crysel on how fiction reflects reality, in the article, "Harry Potter and the Measures of Personality," was featured on May 28, PRWeb, and was picked up by The West Volusia Beacon the same day.
• The University of Scranton mentioned Stetson College of Law board member, Karen Pennington, in its article, "Three to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement Ceremonies."
• The dbusiness reports that former Stetson College of Law Adjunct Professor, David T. Tirella, joined McKeen & Associates.
• On May 24, Stetson alum Dylan Ziadeh Bateh’s graduation was featured in the blog by the Ramallah Club of Jacksonville.
• On May 21, Courtney Young’s high school journey was featured. Benton Evening News reported that she will be an incoming junior at Stetson in the fall.
• On May 21, The West Volusia Beacon reported that sophomores and juniors in Stetson’s Integrative Health Science program in the College of Arts and Sciences will receive health-coach training and enroll in a practicum internship with Community Care.

Alumni in the news:

• On May 7, Wicked Local Westford reported that Stetson alum Ruthanne Madsen was appointed to become the vice president for enrollment management at Emerson College.
• On May 25, the Princeton Times featured Rocky Seay and Matthew Parrott, both Stetson College of Law alumni, for the article, "New law office serving the area."
• On May 27, Stetson music education alumni Michael Eddy and Shirley Eddy were featured in The Ocone Enterprise. Michael is poised to become the principal of High Shoals Elementary School.
• State Senator and Stetson alum Joe Negron was featured in article: “Florida’s shadow government...tying back to Big Sugar...by gimleteye,” in Eye on Miami, May 26.
• Stetson alum Melanie Brown was selected to become Provost of the St. Johns River State College’s St. Augustine Campus, as reported in The St. Augustine Record, May 22.
• On May 26, Stetson grad Ása Guðjónsdóttir was featured in The Danish Pioneer for a concert performance of 'Sirens of the Sun Voyager' in Seattle.
• Stetson alum Charles Daughtry Towers, Jr. passed away, as reported in Crossroads Chronicle, May 27.
• Stetson alumna Dolores L. "Ganny" Gold passed away, as reported in The Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 28.
• Stetson alumna Kathleen A. "Kathi" Booth passed away, as reported in The Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 27.

May 15-21, 2015

Top stories in the news

• In JCK Magazine, May 14, Stetson's Family Enterprise Center was featured as one "of the best-known college and university programs offering academic courses on family business."
In College Candy, Stetson’s Family Enterprise major was featured as number 17 among the “28 Unusual Majors You Didn’t Know Existed.”

Professor of Law Mark Bauer wrote an opinion editorial on Amherst that was featured in The Diamond of PSI Upsilon Magazine.

Professor of Law Charles Rose was quoted in the Ocala Star Banner article, “Suspect, Victim Families Upset With Court Delays.”

The Ledger mentioned Stetson College of Law in its article, “Study On New Courthouse: An Appeal To Open Up The Wallet.”

Stetson Math Professor Hari Pulapaka to compete in Chefs Taste Challenge, was reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 20.

“Survey: Some Stetson faculty feel overworked, undervalued; President Libby vows more communication” was reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 16.

Integrative Health Science professor Matt Schrager’s article, "Effects of blueberry supplementation on measures of functional mobility in older adults” was picked up in Stone Hearth News, as well as the media outlets reported last week.

In numerous news outlets, Stetson professor Debra Touchton was featured as an inductee into the National Association of Professional Women.

The Tampa Bay Business Journal recognized Stan Arthur and Brandi Palmer, of Stetson College of Law, for winning multiple Hermes Creative Awards for video features on alumni, faculty and students. Stan and Brandi collaborated to win platinum and gold awards.

Bar and Bench featured Jammu University for winning the Spirit of Stetson Award.

The Tampa Bay Times mentioned Stetson College of Law graduation, held on Saturday, May 16.

The Tampa Bay Times mentions Stetson College of Law student, Dr. Daniel Diaco’s career change from plastic surgeon to an attorney.

In Hibbing Daily Tribune, a recent high school graduate was featured in a story about her success while dealing with a rare auto-immune disease. She will begin at Stetson this fall, in the pre-med program.

In Naples Daily News, a prospective student’s plans to begin an elementary education major at Stetson while playing volleyball, were highlighted.

Naples Daily News reported that a prospective student plans to major in pre-law at Stetson.

Former science professor Aaron O'bier Jr. passed away May 15, as reporte din Northern Neck News and Northumberland Echo.

Alumni in the news:

- In Space Coast Daily, Stetson graduate Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos, board-certified family practitioner, was featured in the cover story that focused on her medical practice as well as her personal life. She is married to Florida Senator Mike Haridopolos, also a Stetson alum.
- In Palm Beach Post, alumnus Trevor Gordon, history major, was featured as one of the “Who's Who in Palm Beach County business.”
- In keepmecurrent.com, May 14, which is affiliated with Maine Women magazine, alumna Michele Keef, M.A. in marriage and family therapy, was interviewed regarding her current work as a marriage counselor.
- On May 16, the Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that Stetson College of Law alumna, Kalya R. Hathaway has joined the Rice & Rose Law Firm as an associate attorney.
- On May 15, The Florida Times-Union Jacksonville featured an article of financial tips given by Stetson College of Law alumna, Susan Hartman.
- Continuing coverage of Stetson alumnus Scott Muri, selected as the superintendent of the Spring Branch Independent School District, appeared in Houston Chronicle this week.

May 8-14, 2015

Top stories in the news

- Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob is quoted in the May 10 Ledger article, “Ruling Could Affect Florida Death Row Sentencing.” The news also ran in the News-Chief.
- The May 5 WUSF News quotes Law adjunct professor Adam Levine in the story, "Scott Forms Commission to Investigate Hospitals.”
• Adjunct Law Professor Richard Harrison’s interview with the News-Journal in September has been quoted in the May 10 article, "Charges against ex-Flagler elections chief drift into murky legal terrain."
• Law Professor Charles Rose is quoted in the May 9 Orange County Reporter story, "Still no report."
• The May 10 Tampa Tribune reported that Stetson law students Rebecca Watts won the Law Student Pro Bono Award and students Tamara Major and Kelly Green received honorable mention from Florida’s Sixth Judicial Circuit for their commitment to creating pro bono service opportunities for students at Stetson.
• The May 7 PRWeb reports that "Stetson’s FAWS Named Outstanding Student Chapter." The news ran nationally via the wire.
• Bar and Bench reported May 4 that the Jammu University team won the "Spirit of Stetson Award."
• The May 6 Targeted News Service reported that "Professor Teaches Course on Elder Law in Israel" and "Stetson Wins Hermes Creative Awards for Video Features."
• The May 7 Creative Loafing quotes Law adjunct Lily McCarty-Gonzalez in the story, "Could Baltimore Happen Again."
• New partnership between Florida Hospital Community Care at Florida Hospital DeLand and Stetson University beginning in the fall, as reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 7. Sophomore and junior students in Department of Integrative Health Science in the College of Arts and Sciences will receive health coach training and enroll in internships with FHCommunity Care.
• "Is Daytona Beach missing opportunities?" in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 10, credits Stetson’s survey on beach driving with "hearing from the people."
• There was also negative backlash in Letters to the Editor to the News-Journal/Stetson survey conducted recently on beach driving.
• "Rising enrollment creates space crunch for Volusia colleges," as reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 8.
• FoxNebraska.com reported on "Violent video games don’t influence kids’ behavior," research by Dr. Chris Ferguson.
• Dr. Chris Ferguson’s research on “Digital poison? Three studies examining the influence of violent video games on youth” is featured, along with student coauthors in several other outlets, including: http://christopherferguson.com/Digital%20Poison.pdf and http://christopherferguson/Teen%20Stress.pdf and none of the research links violent games to aggression in teens.
• Florida universities draw Hillsborough’s best and brightest grads TBO-Tampa Tribune, May 10, includes Stetson University.
• Baseball star alum Corey Kluber made news again by striking out 18 for Indians, as reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 13.
• Integrative Health Science associate professor Matt Schrager is featured in "Effects of blueberry supplementation on functional mobility in older adults,” reported in Canadian Science Publishing, May 13.
• Sciencenewsline.com, May 8, “Enhanced Dating Site Photos have mixed results for men and women,” is a recent study published in the Journal of Communication by a researcher at Stetson University.
• "Stetson to graduate more than 700 students this weekend,” in beacononlinenews.com, May 5.
• "Congratulations, DeLand” in West Volusia Beacon, May 11, is about economic development drive for DeLand, touting positives of DeLand and Stetson University, for Abbas Abdulhussein, co-owner of Summit Hospitality Management Group.
• Summit purchases DeLand’s historic Putnam Hotel, reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 10, and in West Volusia Beacon.
• Stetson University on Princeton Review’s “Green” List, reported in TheBradentonTimes.com, May 9.
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• The Amaranth Duo, an international ensemble has trained with Stetson music professor, Routa Kroumovitch, among the greatest musicians in the world, reported in Icelandmonitor.mbl, May 15.
• More coverage on the Mother’s Day story about step-moms, featuring research by Stetson professor Page Thanasui appeared this week in Deseret News, May 9.
• Stetson University is featured in FloridaHikes! "A Whole Year of Whole Farm," in rafiusa.org blog, May 7, alumna Viola Glenn writes about sustainable agriculture.
• Stetson Kennedy, relative of John B. Stetson, and renowned storyteller “who led the way,” passed away, as reported in St. Augustine Record, May 10.
• Kris Light, an Orff instructor at the Stetson Community School of Music, 27-year music teacher finds niche with elementary students, featured in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 12.
• Examiner.com, May 11, St. Augustine’s Romanza Festival to feature classical music, including Stetson musicians.
• Music professors Stephen Robinson and Boyd Jones are featured on “Strange Friends,” on WQXR.org, May 10.
Alumni in the news

- Ruthanne Madsen appointed new Vice President for Enrollment Management at Emerson College, as reported in WestfordEagle.com, May 7.
- Alum Scott Muri, with master's degree in public school administration from Stetson, will succeed Duncan Klussmann, as Superintendent of Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston, as reported in Chron.com, May 12. Also ran in TheSchoolZone, May 12.
- Benzinga.com reports that Stetson alumnus Sean Emory, graduating in finance, is one of the Trading Educators answering questions live on #PreMarket Prep. Also covered in Yahoo! Finance.
- The obituary feature on J. Hoyle Rymer, former president of Stetson’s Family Enterprise Center, ran in Daytona Beach News-Journal and in West Volusia Beacon.
- Law alumnus Chad Vilushis is seeking a position of judge of the Erie County Court, according to the May 11 Erie-Times News.
- According to May 3 Jasper News, Law alumnus Rhett Bullard is the new White Springs mayor.
- According to the Tribune-Democrat, Law alumna Patricia Cvejkus married Joshua Candamo.
- Alum Ian Church, Rogues General Manager, former Hatter standout, will conduct baseball camps this summer in Oregon, reported in MailTribune.com.
- Alum William Millward, former past president of Delta Sigma Phi, passed away May 6, as reported May 8, in Statesville Record & Landmark and Orlando Sentinel.
- Alumna Claire Sue Lott Cooley’s obituary ran in Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- The May 10 Orlando Sentinel ran an obituary for the late Law alumnus John Harvey “Jack” Rhodes Jr.

May 1-7, 2015

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- Professor of Law Ciara Torres-Spelliscy wrote the article, ”Like Man Bites Dog”. Professor Torres-Spelliscy’s article was picked up by the May 5 SCOTUSblog and published by Guernica.
- Adjunct Law Professor Adam Levine spoke with WMFE Orlando about the governor’s plans for a healthcare commission for a story that ran May 5 in other media including WMNF and WUSF Tampa.
- Stetson’s VITA Program: Vital to Communities, Campuses, Students, and Employers, May 1, reported in AICPA.org, written by business professors Valrie Chambers, Bonnie Holloway, and Maria Rickling.
- Dr. Page Thanasui, assistant professor of Stetson’s Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling Program, is an expert quoted in Deseret News article (May 1), “Stepmoms navigate sometimes-tricky trail, but relationship rewards can be great.” Also picked up in NewsOK, Chronicle-Independent.com, Statesboro Herald, Connect Statesboro, OurTownJohnstown.com; Imperial Valley Press, Oklahoman, and many more.
- “Violent video games don’t influence kids’ behavior,” featuring Dr. Chris Ferguson, reported on WSET-TV.
- “Voting open to send DeLand chef to national Farm to Table contest” about Math Professor Hari Pulapaka, reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 6.
- Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 5, reports in a series of articles, that a News-Journal/Stetson survey, headed up by Stetson marketing professor Deborah Goldring, showed a majority of respondents do not support ordinances that would remove beach driving in the stretch of sand behind a proposed Hard
Bar and Bench reported May 4 that the Jammu University team won the "Spirit of Stetson Award."

CNN.com, May 1, 2015, lists DeLand, home of Stetson University, in America's best small town comebacks.

One year anniversary for SunRail, reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, May 1, 2015. Featured John B, Stetson's mascot, and Hatter cheerleaders at the celebration in DeBary.

DeLand Beacon, May 5, reports, Stetson to graduate more than 700 students this weekend.

Orlando Sentinel's Freebie Friday promotes Hand Art Center’s Blumner exhibition, April 30.

Summer tips for College Students, picked up in noodles.com, May 1.


Englewood Sun, May 2, reports that Hadassah Misner, voice and flute student, is graduating from Lemon Bay High School, and has been accepted at Stetson.

In first-ever Academic Signing Day at City of Homestead, Edeline Cangas from Homestead Senior High signed her intent to attend Stetson.

Spanish Colonial Records on Microfilm at University of Florida, as reported in nuevomundoradar.hypotheses.org. The John Batterson Stetson Collection (reels and photostats), originally curated at UF, is now held at St. Augustine Historical Society.

Alumni in the news

On May 3, Law alumnus Rhett Bullard was elected as White Springs’ new mayor, according to Suwannee Democrat.

On May 1, The Florida Times-Union reported that Law alumnna Susan Hartman received her certification for divorce financial analyst.

Alum Shomari Scott, Cayman Islands Director of Tourism, announced he’s leaving top tourism job there, reported in Cayman jeyenews.com.

According to a May 5 news release, Law alumnus William Woods has joined Trent Cotney, P.A.

According to a May 4 news release, Law alumnus John Schutz was recently chosen as the nation’s top one percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel 2015.


City Tech’s Hospitality Manager, Stetson alumna Receives Prestigious Disney Award, reported in CUNY Newswire, May 4. Recipient is Nelya Khayut ’11, EMBA candidate to graduate in the fall.

District 2 race pits candidate with civic experience (Alumna Lisa King, Democrat) to one who says he (Al Ferrara) knows district residents, as reported in the Jacksonville Daily Record.

Excellent review on the M’s Restaurant and Bar, a Global Fusion Cuisine concept, located in Pittsburgh, Pa., attractive particularly to Millennials, is featured in chefmarkmattern.blogspot.com, May 2. Mark Mattern is a graduate of Stetson’s EMBA program.

Alum Kristin Chase was presented Outstanding AlumKnights Award in psychology at UCF. She studied industrial organizational psychology at Stetson. COSNews.ucf.edu, May 4.

Alum Former Magic Chef President J. Hoyle Rymer dies at age of 70, as reported in the Cleveland banner.com. He served as president of the Family Enterprise Center at Stetson. Obituary also ran in Chattanoogan.com, May 6.

Alum Daniel D. Thomas, Jr., D.D.S., class of 1965, passed away May 2, reported in Palm Beach Post.

On May 1, the Jacksonville Daily Record, reported that Law alumnus Charlie Towers has passed away.