Stetson University in the News

June 26-July 1, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Stetson Psychology Professor Chris Ferguson commented about the role of villains in the recent, real-life news story of the prisoner escapees, David Sweat and Richard Matt, from an upstate New York maximum-security prison, in Yahoo Health, and Yahoo News, June 28, "Why We Couldn't Stop Watching the David Sweat and Richard Matt Fugitive Drama."

• On June 25, many news outlets, including wowtv.com and gameskinny.com, News-Medical.net, reported on Stetson Psychology Professor Chris Ferguson’s research on the significance of violence in video games on youth.

• “What Your Harry Potter House Reveals About Your Personality, According to Science,” featuring the research by Assistant Professor of Psychology Laura Crysel, ran in Health.com, My informs, Driss vids blog.

• Inside Higher Education quoted director of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education and Professor of Law Peter Lake on June 30 in an article addressing the increased use of external adjudicators in Title IX claims of sexual assault. The story also ran in MyInforms.

• Associate Dean and Professor of Law Michael Allen discussed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in King v. Burwell for the June 25 Bay News 9 noontime news program. The Tampa Bay Times quoted Allen on June 26 regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision to preserve the health insurance subsidies available under President Obama’s signature health law. Allen was quoted by the Tampa Tribune on June 27 in regards to the U.S. Supreme Court’s declaration that same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marry everywhere in the United States. The Ocala StarBanner quoted Allen on June 26 in an article about the local/state reaction to Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage.

• Associate Dean and Professor of Law Susan Rozelle is cited in the June 29 SCOTUSblog and Supreme Court dissenting opinion in the capital punishment case, Glossip v. Gross.

• The Houston Chronicle and Nebraska.tv reported on June 26 that Assistant Dean John Keyser presented on ways to understand how institutional rankings are created at the annual Rapid Insight conference.


• The June 30 Tampa Tribune reported on a same-sex divorce case before the 2DCA at the Tampa Law Center.

• “Florida team helps BLM assess National Monument Lands,” reported in IslandsWeekly.com, June 30, was led by Stetson’s Environmental Science Professor Wendy Anderson.

• Pierre Pilote steps down after 22 years as Stetson tennis director: Coach helped make men’s program a success, reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, June 29.

• On June 25, Stetson rising junior Joe Beery was featured in The Daytona Beach News-Journal and TimesGazette.com for his achievements in sports and academics during his past two years at Stetson.

• Wilton Bulletin.com, June 29, reported several high school graduates plan to attend Stetson University.
• On June 24, The Daytona Beach News-Journal ran an article, dated June 27, 1940, in The Flagler Tribune, reporting that a Flagler County student would soon be receiving a Stetson music scholarship in the fall.

• In the article, “DeLand’s small-town feel inspires big-time pride” in The Daytona Beach News-Journal on June 29, Scott Kent, Opinion Page editor, publicly encourages all local residents to vote for DeLand, “The Athens of Florida” for the title of “Best Main Street in America” in the Parade Magazine’s competition. He specifically mentioned the “tree-canopied Stetson University campus.”

• On June 26, thenewcivilrightsmovement.com credited Stetson for a photo that was used in an article about Clarence Thomas.

• Bernier named Associate Vice President and CIO of Information Technology at Stetson, reported in WN.com.

• Stetson’s satellite summer football camp was mentioned in PennLive.com, June 30.

Alumni in the news

• KLKNTV and other media reported on June 24 that Stetson placed third among the list of law schools with the most honorees this year in Florida Trend’s Legal Elite with more than 400 Stetson Law graduates named in the 2015 Florida Super Lawyers.

• WCTV reported June 25 that Attorney General and Law alumna Pam Bondi convened the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking at Stetson Law's Tampa campus.

• Ford Harrison announced on June 25 that Stetson Law graduates Todd Aidman, Ed Carlstedt and Tracey Jaensch have been named to the "2015 Florida Legal Elite" list by Florida Trend magazine.

• Thomas Topping, education alum, has been named one of five new district-level administrators in Pinellas County Schools, as reported in Newsroom.pcsb.org, June 25.

• On June 27, benzinga.com reported on Sean Emory, Portfolio Manager at GFG Capital & Author of TheMarketMeter.com. Previously, he was an investment trustee and equity/fixed income analyst for the Stetson University endowment. He is a Stetson alumnus, in finance.

• “Publix expands order: Family’s Golden Lion Café tartar sauce now carried in 400 stores,” featuring the success of Stetson Family Enterprise alum Chris Marlow ’12, ran in Daytona Beach News-Journal, June 29.

• The Mount Airy News June 29 featured Law alumnus Richard Johnson.

• The Arlington Bureau reported on June 26 that Holland & Knight has added Law alumnus Michael Millett as an associate attorney working on the firm's public finance team.

• According to Carlton Fields on June 23, Law alumnus Mac R. McCoy was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the Fort Myers Division of the Middle District of Florida.

• According to Super Lawyers June 29, Law alumnus William D. Keith has been named a Florida Super Lawyer every year for the last ten years.

• Law alumna Kathleen Passidomo was honored as a top legislator by the Trial Lawyers Bar, as reported by the June 30 Florida Politics.

• Mark Shuttleworth, Stetson alumnus, was featured in the West Volusia Beacon, June 29, in an article, “Culture Vultures,” for being the “go-to-guy” for his turn-of-the-century salvage and restoration business, Florida Victorian Architectural Antiques in Downtown DeLand.


• On June 27, The Daytona Beach News-Journal “Moving Ahead” section reported that Stetson humanities alumna Jana Dewees has joined Adams, Cameron & Co., Realtors.
June 19-25, 2015

Top stories in the news


- "Harry Potter and the Measures of Personality," featuring the research of Psychology Assistant Professor Laura Crysel, was featured in HuffingtonPost.com on June 23, EntertainmentWeekly.com on June 24, Uncova, The LeakyCauldron.org, NationalPost.com, Idaho State Journal, and countless other news media outlets.

- Stetson’s Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Jason Evans was one of the experts featured in the June 19 article, “In ‘Climate Change’ Controversy, A Tale of Two Agencies,” in the wusf.usf.edu, report by the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting (FCIR).

- Associate Dean and Professor of Law Michael Allen spoke with Bloomberg Law for the radio program on high profile Supreme Court cases that aired June 23. The program features prominent attorneys and legal scholars, analyzing major legal issues and cases in the news.

- Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob is quoted in the History News Network story, “The Man Who Lost the Gideon Case: An Interview with Bruce R. Jacob.”

- Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy is included among the June 23 Campaign Finance Election Morning Reads on Moyers & company.

- On June 18, Daytona Times featured a comment from Stetson Associate Professor of Education Rajni Shankar-Brown about the First Annual Educational Justice Conference sponsored by Bethune-Cookman University, July 12-14. Shankar-Brown will be the keynote speaker at the event.

- The Tampa Bay Times reported that Stetson University College of Law’s communications team in Gulfport has been honored with multiple Hermes Creative Awards for its video features spotlighting students and alumni.

- The Tampa Tribune reported that Carlton Fields welcomed Stetson student Darnesha Carter as a summer associate in Tampa.

- Law Professor Tim Kaye spoke with The Ledger about a case involving an Alabama boy who died after having an allergic reaction to a cookie bought at Publix.

- Masslive mentioned Honorary Stetson Law graduate Greta Van Susteren in an article regarding the qualifications of Fox female news reporters.

- On June 18, The Daytona Beach News-Journal ran the promotion of the outside movie screening of “Under African Skies” in the Stetson Green as one of many activities offered during Juneteenth Celebration Weekend.

- On June 22, com reported that Stetson voice professor Jamison Walker will be a guest vocalist at a concert on June 30 in Astoria Park’s Great Lawn.

- Brent Fulton, with Medical Exercise Associates at Green Acres, in Daytona Beach, was featured in the Daytona Beach News-Journal. June 24. Dr. Fulton works with Stetson’s football program.

- On June 18, Ernest Sewell’s blog mentioned Stetson’s Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures Michael Denner in an article on Tolstoy.
• On June 22, The West Volusia Beacon mentioned Stetson’s LGBT programs when discussing a Gay Pride Forum that will occur on June 27.
• News of prospective students/recent high school graduates who plan to attend Stetson in the fall was reported on June 22 in Agrinews and on June 23 in com.

Alumni in the news

• Before it’s news reported that Stetson Law alumnus Chris Riggio will be heading Chartwell Law Offices, LLP expansion office in Jupiter, which will handle cases from Vero Beach to Miami along Florida’s eastern coast.
• Stetson Law alumna Lorena Hart Ludovici was recognized in Florida Trend Magazine’s “Florida’s Legal Elite”, and in the “Best Lawyers in America” publication, and as a “Super Lawyer” by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine, and also Top 50 Woman Super Lawyers in Florida.
• Stetson Law alumnus Blake Gaylord was selected as a Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite, “Up and Comer”, and as a Super Lawyers “Rising Star”
• The work of Stetson alum Larry Hancock at Opera San Jose was featured on June 17 in The Reporter News and San Jose Mercury News.
• On June 20, The Daytona Beach News-Journal featured Stetson 1977 finance alum Bob Kellar in article featuring the Kellars’ real estate brokerages.

June 12-18, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Professor Bill Andrews, chair of the International Business department in the School of Business Administration, was featured in the June 15 issue of forwardflorida.com in “Lessons from Cuba: As Stetson University puts an emphasis on study abroad, a classroom to the south continues to emerge.”
• On June 15, the AICPA Insights blog featured a post about handling identity theft, written by Stetson professors Betty Thorne and Valrie Chambers.
• Psychology Assistant Professor Laura Crysel’s research was featured on BuzzFeed, June 18, “What does Your Hogwarts House Actually Say About You?”
• Professor Roberta Flowers spoke with the Tampa Bay Times about a case of alleged elder neglect, death for the June 13 story: “Family says woman begged to die at home; prosecutors say they neglected her.”
• On June 11, fastweb.com featured Stetson in a top ten list of colleges for animal lovers.
• Professor Charles Rose is quoted in the June 15 Daytona Beach News-Journal article, “Highly publicized Volusia drug bust yields light punishment.”
• On June 12 The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported on the seed swap project going on at Stetson’s Gillespie Museum.
• Artist/Architect Gerard Nadeau’s campus lecture and Art of Space installation were promoted on Daytona Beach News-Journal.
• News of Stetson’s upcoming part-time open houses has run via the PRWeb wire in multiple outlets June 15.
• On June 12, many news outlets including Baxter Bulletin, Tallahassee Democrat, KREM-TV and others commented on visiting Stetson’s beautiful campus if one stops by DeLand for Florida summer traveling.
• News Chief.com and other media outlets, including PolkPreps—Your High School Sports Source, June 17, reported 2015 All-County: All-Academic Team, including several recent high school graduates who plans to attend Stetson and play basketball, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, etc.
• “A promising life cut short,” reported in the West Volusia Beacon, June 15, reports the death of transfer student to enter Stetson in the fall.

Alumni in the news

• San Jose Mercury News CAMPBELL June 17, alum Larry Hancock, general director of Opera San Jose, said before he became general director, the dean from his undergraduate school Stetson University encouraged him to do what would make him most happy. Also in Times-Herald Online.
• Counter tenor Tai Oney, music alumnus, makes Opera Theatre Saint Louis debut in ‘Richard The Lionheart,’ the latest U.S. premiere for OTSL, reported in The St. Louis American, June 17.
• Bainbridge artist and Stetson art graduate, John Adams’ “Mystery” received the Juror’s Choice award at the Northwinds Art Center Alchemy of the Abstract Exhibition in Port Townsend, as reported in Bainbridge Review, June 17.
• Blog posting Little Read Riding Hood, of Cover Reveal – Midnight Hunter and The Execution Underground, by romance author, mom, professor and Stetson alumna Kait Ballenger. Ballenger was also featured in Books n Kisses for her book Midnight Hunter.
• On June 13, TheLedger.com featured Stetson grad Eric Daniel Ebersole who graduated this May with a BBA and dual finance economics degrees.
• The June 15 TCPalm featured law alumnus Kevin Brendan in the article, “Scholarship Foundation awards $575,000 to area students.”
• According to the June 15 PRLog, Law alumnus Todd A. Migacz has joined the Kelley Kronenberg law firm.
• The June 14 BizWireExpress announced that Law alumni are among the Henderson Franklin attorneys honored in the 2015 SuperLawyers magazine this year.
• On June 14 a blog about Baseball Birthdays chronicled Stetson grad George Tsamis.
• On June 13 richmond.com profiled Stetson grad Ryan K. Smith who now teaches history at Virginia Commonwealth University.
• On June 15, Stetson alum Michael DeGolyer was featured by South China Morning Post for his focus on an upcoming election in 2017.
• Law alumnus Joseph Ianno Jr. has been appointed to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission according to CityBizList.
• The June 13 Tampa Bay Times reports that Law alumnus Roy Speer’s foundation donated $1 million to a new preschool to be called the Speer YMCA Preschool Academy with ribbon-cutting Aug. 20.
• On June 16, Biz Wire Express reported on Stetson Marketing and Communications graduate, Madison Orr Hauenstein’s appointment to become the executive director of The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation.

June 5-11, 2015

Top stories in the news
• The feature, “Research shows Public Opinion really does change with the weather,” highlighting the research of Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Jason M. Evans, ran on June 4 in countless news media outlets, including: Tampa Bay Business Journal, South Florida Business Journal, Investorpoint.com, Daily Herald, SYS-CON BRASIL, and many television and radio outlets.

• The feature, “Stetson University researcher shows fiction reflects reality,” featuring the research of Assistant Psychology Professor Laura Crysel, ran on June 3 in many news media outlets, including: Tampa Bay Business Journal, Orlando Business Journal, Jacksonville Business Journal, KFDA-TV, WOLF-TV, WPFO, WFXG.

• News of Law Professor Luz Nagle teaching in Colombia ran in multiple news outlets, including BizWireExpress.com, and many other online, broadcast and print media outlets.

• On June 9 and 10, many news media outlets including The Daytona Beach News-Journal, Mets, The News Virginian and ESPN and others reported that Stetson’s Patrick Mazeika was taken in the eighth round of the MLB draft.

• In the June 5 The Daytona Beach News-Journal, Vice President for Enrollment Management Joel Bauman is quoted in the article, “As seniors move on, juniors get set for admissions race.”

• Ben Goss, associate professor of Sport Business, was featured and quoted in “Ask the Experts” in WalletHub.com’s spotlight on “What are the biggest issues facing MLB today?”

• WUSF-NPR Health News Florida quotes Law adjunct and alumnus Adam Levine in the June 9 story, “Florida abortion clinic appeals injunction.” The story also ran on WUSF TV.

• The June 8 Naples News reports that “Three Law Students Gain ‘On-The-Job Training’ This Summer at Henderson Franklin,” including Stetson law student Adam Itzkowitz.

• The June 9 IIT Today reports that “Judge David Erickson receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching Advocacy” from Stetson University.

• The June 4 Champion Magazine ran the news that Hank Asbill has been named this year's White Collar Criminal Defense Award recipient by NACDL, Stetson.

• “2015 graduates collect thousands in scholarship dollars,” reported in Star-Online, June 4, includes mention of the Stetson University William & Nina Hollis Scholars ($3,000).

• SunRail to seek $35M grant to expand to DeLand, reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, June 4.

• West Volusia Beacon promoted the upcoming JAMFest/movie on Stetson Green, all part of the 2015 Juneteenth Celebration.

• Jason Evans, environmental science professor’s lectures are posted on the Home and Garden calendar, as reported by Daytona Beach News-Journal, June 4.

• News of prospective students who have recently graduated from high school and are planning to attend Stetson University in the fall, was reported in their local newspapers, including: independenttribune.com, azcentral.com, Portland Press Herald, Hibbing Dailey Tribune, Orlando Sentinel and West Volusia Beacon.

• On June 5, Flaglerlive.com promoted the upcoming Art of Space lecture and installation scheduled next week at Stetson.


• On June 10, Pilotonline.com mentioned that a coach from Penn State will visit Stetson University’s football camp for high school players in their eight-day sweep of 10 camps in seven states.

Alumni in the news

• On June 9, US Official News reported that among the top priorities of incoming president of Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), alum Michael Pleus, City Manager, City of DeLand, lists his commitment to supporting the new Public
Management Degree program starting this fall at Stetson under Dr. Wayne Bailey’s leadership.

- The June 9 Press Connects reports that former Broome County Family Court Judge and Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Peter P. Charnetsky has joined the law firm Tully Rinckey PLLC’s Binghamton.
- On June 10, alligator.org reported Stetson grad Chelsea Oxendine is new member of the Gainesville band, Savants of Soul.
- On June 10, The Tampa Tribune reported that Stetson elementary education alum Susan Sullivan was named principal of Plant City High School.
- On June 8, US Official News mentioned that Stetson business alum James “Jay” McGregor was hired as senior vice president and commercial relationship manager of IBERIABANK Corporation.
- The Chicago Tribune and Orlando Sentinel June 4 report that Law alumna Meaghan Fernandez and husband Adam are Blackhawks fans who transplanted to the Tampa Bay area.
- On June 5, Prairie Business reported that Stetson alum William Oliver was hired by ReechCraft as territory sales manager.
- According to the June 10 Trent Cotney P.A., Law alumnus Anthony David Tilton recently gave a presentation to the Manasota Air Conditioning Contractor’s Association in Sarasota, Florida.
- The June 6 PR.com reports that Law alumnus Brian D. Arrighi, managing partner of the North Tampa Law Group, is offering free Personalized Legal Solution Blueprint Sessions from its new location in Wesley Chapel, Florida.
- Law alumnus C. Andrew Weddle has been named a “Rising Star” by the June 5 News-Herald.

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 30, The Daytona Beach News-Journal featured Tony Abbott, environmental science professor, in an article on Florida panthers.
• On May 31, Gatorsports.com featured Peggy Macdonald who previously taught history at Stetson, and is now the 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 alumn 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.