Stetson University in the News

Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Discussion regarding the construction of the Athens Commons II, perceived by many DeLand residents as Stetson's planned, off-campus dorm, was featured in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on Sept. 28. It was followed up by a letter to the editor from President Wendy Libby on Sept. 30.
• On Sept. 26, Stetson students were featured on WFTV-TV regarding their experiences traveling north to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia.
• News of the National Clearinghouse for Science Technology and the Law getting a grant to start a new forensics program has run across the national wire and in news outlets in Tampa Bay including Bay News 9 and WMNF News.

Other news

• Valerie Chambers, CPA, Ph.D., associate professor of Accounting, published an article on cyber liability insurance in AICPA Insights on Sept. 25.
• The Sept. 28 Daily Single quotes Ellen Podgor, professor of law, in the story, ”Could the Department of Justice Cut Teams from the Big Ten Conference with Fraud Law?”
• The Sept. 27 Harvard Crimson quotes Peter Lake, professor of law, in the article, ”Admissions Officers Prepare for Questions on Sexual Assault.” Professor Lake is quoted in the Sept. 25 Yale Daily News article, ”Survey points to high rates of sexual assault in Ivy League.” Professor Lake is quoted in the Sept. 23 Chronicle of Higher Education article, ”One Hazing Death, Dozens of Charges, and Questions About Making a Frat Come Clean.”
• News of Stetson’s environmental initiatives led by Royal Gardner and Lance Long, professors of law, is featured in the Environmental and Land Use Law Section Reporter.
• Lance Long, professor of law, is quoted in the Sept. 27 Tampa Tribune article, ”Tampa trio in DUI setup casts light on legal discipline.”

Alumni in the news

• Chelsea Geeting will perform will compete in the Gerda Lissner International Lieder/Song Competition in New York on Oct. 1, according to The Advocate.
• According to the Sept. 27 SouthCoast Today, Law LL.M. alumnus Brandon Walecka has been named a Rising Star.
• The Sept. 25 Tampa Bay Times reports that Law alumna Jacqueline Prats has been named an associate at Trenam Law.
• Stetson alumna Brenda Brooks was featured in an article in Naples News on Sept. 25.
• On Sept. 25, Berks-Mont News published an article featuring Stetson alumna Katie Humphrey and her new, purpose-based novel, Elizabeth Hazel The Day of Desires.
• David P. Carter's letter to the editor on ”Florida Law is a Different Animal” has been published in the Sept. 23 Tampa Bay Times.

Sept. 18-24, 2015

Top stories in the news

• William Andrews, Ph.D., associate professor of Management and chair of the Department of International Business, provided commentary regarding China on trade, as reported by CBS Money Watch on Sept. 23.
• Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and co-chair of Psychology, was one of a select group of experts who provided his expertise in a report issued by the American Psychological Association (APA) speaking against “a consistent relation between violent video game use and heightened aggressive behavior,” as reported by Before It’s News and Reason.com on Sept. 18.
• Professor Ferguson also provided his insights on how "Metal Gear Solid V" achieved such a high level of realism in a Sept. 23 reported in Fox News, BGR, and five other news outlets.

• The Sept. 21 Columbia Spectator quotes Law Professor Peter Lake in the article, "Columbia looks to DOMA attorney in Nungesser case for victory in court of public opinion." On Sept. 17, the Harvard Crimson quoted Professor Lake in the article, "As Khurana Meets With Final Clubs, He Has Many Options."

• On Sept. 18, the TimesUnion and several national sources reported that Stetson Law student Samantha R. Sobel won first place in the Yanez & Associates Law Scholarship Essay Contest and Scholarship Program for her paper, "Should parents convicted of domestic violence have their parental rights terminated?"

Other news

• Dean Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor Lizabeth Moody is featured in the Sept. 11 Yale Law News. The Lizabeth A. Moody Seminar Room was dedicated at Stetson on Aug. 28.

• On Sept. 20, The Tampa Bay Newswire reported that Law alumna Jacqueline Prats joins Trenam’s St. Petersburg Office.

• The Sept. 22 JD Supra reported that Associate Dean Michael Allen presented for Constitution Day.

• Stetson graduate student Abby Saxastar was featured in the Sept. 18 article "How one high schooler made $80K for college (without getting a job)" on WJW-TV, WXIN-TV, WPIX-TV, and almost 100 other news outlets.

Alumni in the news

• Stetson alumnus Casey B. Weade was recently featured in LifeHealthPro.com’s “30 under 30: Meet the millennials who are transforming the insurance industry,” as reported by Bloomberg Business, Finanz Nachrichten, Yahoo Finance, and 20 other news outlets on Sept. 18.

• On Sept. 23, Stetson alumnus Jay Hurst was featured in the Bloomington Scene for his work Still Lives on orchestra.

• Blair Updike and her art were featured in The Ledger Online, and News Chief Online on Sept 24.

• On Sept. 21, The Tampa Bay Newswire reported that Law alumna Rhea F. Law received the Deans Award for her support USF’s College of Pharmacy.

• According to the Sept. 23 LawFirmNewswire, veteran business aviation attorneys Stewart H. Lapayowker and Law alumnus Scott Burgess announced the formation of Lapayowker Burgess LLP.

• Stetson alumna Kimberly Haggard was featured in the First Coast News article “Like Live Music? Check Out Space Coast Music Fest” on Sept. 17.

Sept. 11-17, 2015

Top stories in the news

• T. Wayne Bailey, Ph.D., professor of Political Science and director of International Studies, provided his insights regarding potential violation of local and state ethics laws on Sept. 14 in the WTSP-TV article "Questions of Influence: Tampa's political kingmaker, How a Local Political Consultant is Calling the Shots... and Getting Your Tax Dollars."

• Law Professor Ellen Podgor spoke with Marketplace for a Sept. 10 interview on white-collar crime. Professor Podgor spoke with Reuters Sept. 10 for the story, "New U.S. prosecution policy is recipe for corporate conflict: lawyers." The news ran internationally in Reuters India and Reuters U.K.

• Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Sept. 10 Harvard Crimson article, "When It Rescinds Admission, Harvard Weighs Several Factors."

• On Sept. 11, Truth Out quoted Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy in an article titled "Clinton Proposes Campaign Finance Reform While Raking in Millions From Wall Street Since 2008."

• On Sept. 12, research by Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Psychology, was referenced in the Record Streetlight article titled "Nerd Chick Adventures: Are video games helpful or harmful?"

Other news
• The Daytona Beach News-Journal announced on Sept. 13 that adjunct English professor Ron Destro will be directing Shakespeare performances at the annual DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts.
• Professor Louis Virelli did an interview with Bay News 9 that aired Sept. 15 about the Clerk of Court in Kentucky who refuses to sign same-sex marriage certificates.
• Adjunct Professor and Law alumnus Jeff Brown did an interview that aired Sept. 10 on Bay News 9 about “Economic Crimes Sentencing.”
• The Sept. 11 Times-Union and other outlets ran the news that Stetson dedicated the Dolly and Homer Hand Law Library seminar room to Dean Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor Lizabeth Moody.
• The Sept. 10 Targeted News Service ran the article, “Stetson Community Remembers 9/11.”
• Stetson graduate student Patty Klocko gave her thoughts on using crowdfunding as an effective way to cover the rising cost of college, as reported by Spinnaker Media on Sept. 15.

Alumni in the news

• On Sept. 10, The Chattanoogan reports Stetson graduate Susan Webb-Curtis’s appointment as dean of Business and Technology at Cleveland State Community College.
• Recent graduate Diane Lott was mentioned in the Sept. 11 Jewish Press of Pinellas County article “Ex-general: Gaza war shines light on U.S. threat.”
• Stetson alumnus and Grammy Award-winning pianist George Winston will be performing as part of the Masters of Music series on Nov. 20, as reported by TCPalm on Sept. 16.
• The Sept. 10 Bronx Chronicle announced the appointment of Law alumnna Phyllicia Pearson as a new assistant district attorney.
• On Sept. 11, Bizwireexpress reported the Law alumnus Forrest J. Bass was accepted into an inaugural ACTEC Educational Program.
• The Sept. 15 Tampa Bay Newswire reported that Law alumnna Michele Leo Hintson was appointed to the Pace Center for Girls in Pasco.
• According to the News-Press, Law alumnna Virginia Cabai was hired as a Private Wealth Advisor at FineMark National Bank & Trust.
• According to AvatarJason, Law alumnna C.P. Patrick has written “The Truth about Awiti,” an anthology of short stories.

Sept. 4-10, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Stetson University was featured in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on Sept. 5, for record-level undergraduate enrollment (at 3,084), as of Census Day, Sept. 4.
• On Sept. 6, The Houston Chronicle quoted Law Professor Charles Rose in an article titled "Sound of silence in Twin Peaks biker case drawing ire." The news quoting Professor Rose also ran in the San Antonio Express News article, “Bikers, families remain in limbo 100 days after Waco melee.”
• On Sept. 2, The Daily Commercial quoted Professor Clara Torres-Spelliscy in an article titled "Pay For Play?" The Sept. 2 Targeted News Service ran the article, "Baruch College Presents 'Shooting Your Brand in the Foot: How Corporate Political Spending Could Put Your Firm at Risk,' with Clara Torres-Spelliscy.”
• On Sept. 3, Street Insider and multiple national media outlets quoted Law Professor Charles Rose, international programs director JR Swanegan, and OPE director Mercy Roberg in an article titled “Stetson Law Teaches Advocacy on the Other Side of the Atlantic.” Targeted News Service also ran the article.
• Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Sept. 3 Yale Daily News article, “Sig Ep suit shows dearth of regulations.”
• Stetson University senior David Sawyer and his innovative business, TSOLife, were featured in Daytona Beach News-Journal and EIN Newsdesk on Sept. 5 in the article, “Stetson University students launch legacy recording business.”

Other news
• On Sept. 7, Legal News reported that Law Professor Ellen Podgor’s fourth edition casebook White Collar Crime: Law and Practice was released.
• On Sept. 4, Noods picked up Stetson Law’s feature on second-year Law student SeanCarlo Lopez titled “How do we protect our Children?”
• According to the Sept. 3 LiveLaw, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, in association with Surana & Surana International Attorneys will be organizing the national rounds of the Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition 2015-16.
• The Sept. 2 Targeted News Service ran the article, “Florida’s Wild Places: Photojournalist Carlton Ward Jr. Delivers Stetson’s Biodiversity Lecture.”

Alumni in the news

• Investor Point and PR Newswire featured an article on Stetson graduate Laurette Koellner on Sept. 2 and her election as director of Nucor Corporation's Board of Directors, effective immediately.
• On Sept. 3, Stetson graduate Dr. Paul Luongo, Ph.D., is holding auditions for the Walla Walla Symphony Youth Orchestra for students in grades 8-12 from Sept. 13-14, as featured in the Union-Bulletin.
• Over 35 news outlets including Yahoo! Finance and Bloomberg Business reported on Sept. 4 that Stetson graduate Angela Grinstead will soon be joining Symbility Solutions Inc.'s Board of Directors.
• Stetson graduate Joshua Blair was featured in the Plant City Observer on Sept. 4.
• On Sept. 7, Stetson graduate Cullen Stanley was featured in the Courier Press regarding his success as president of Reitz Home Museum all the while serving other positions in the community.
• On Sept. 3, PRLOG reported that Law alumnus Douglas S. Williams joined the law firm of Chiumento, Selis, and Dwyer.
• According to the Coal Valley News, Law alumnus and Governor Cecil Varney visited the Madison Rotary Club.
• According to the Sept. 5 PR.com, Law alumnus Mark A. Boyle, managing partner, Boyle, Gentile & Leonard, P.A., will speak at the Knowledge Group’s webcast.

Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2015

Top stories in the news

• On Aug. 27, research by Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Psychology, on the dangers of academic “consensus” was featured on Minding the Campus.
• Professor Ferguson’s commentary on criminals broadcasting their crimes on social media is featured in the top story "Social media gives attention-seeking killers dangerous new platform" on CBS12 News, KFDM 6, Capital Bay, and more than 20 other media outlets on Aug. 28.
• Also, on SkyNews-U.K. National, Aug. 17, Psychology Professor Chris Ferguson was interviewed via Skype, regarding his research which draws no direct correlation between watching violent video games and displaying violent behavior.
• The Aug. 28 Tampa Bay Times quotes Law Professor Paul Boudreaux in the article "Residents' docks reveal ownership quirk that could require St. Petersburg referendum.”
• Music Professor Lynn Musco, D.M., was applauded for her performance in the New Score Chamber Orchestra, Ballads for Four Seasons by Examiner, and Buzzfeedi on Aug. 30.
• News Channel 8 WFLA-TV featured Law Professor Roberta Flowers's comments on the ethics of withholding video evidence, in a program that aired Aug. 31.
• On Aug. 25, Law Professor Theresa Pulley-Radwan was quoted by the Tampa Bay Times in an article titled “Lawsuit alleges Bill Edwards drained mortgage company.”
• On Aug. 27, Law Professor Darryl C. Wilson was quoted by the Florida Times-Union and InsuranceNewsNet in the article, “Golf course owner must pay despite damage by the state; Liability dispute after bulldozer fighting fire damages pump system.”

Other stories

• Professor of Family Enterprise Greg McCann, J.D., was quoted in the Orlando Business Journal and World News articles on Aug. 28, talking about the relations between older and younger generations in family-run businesses.
• On Aug. 29, Stetson head coach Roger Hughes was quoted in the Buffalo News article “Relentless drive makes UB's Leipold a master builder.”

• The Daytona Beach News-Journal, Aug. 28, features the commentary on Carl North's experiences during the Battle of the Bulge, by Eric Kurlander, Ph.D., professor of modern European history.

• WOFL-ORD (Fox-35), Sept. 1, reports on “What makes this residence hall so unique for the 85 Stetson students who live there,” about using two floors of the former Clarion Hotel, and sharing it with senior citizens who live on the floors below them. Also picked up by WOGX (FOX) and Central Florida’s TV-27.

Alumni in the news

• Stetson Law alumnus and member of the Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers, Robin Doyle, has been approved as a Dispute Resolution Arbitrator through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as reported by Naples Daily News on Aug. 27.

• On Aug. 29, Stetson Law graduate Mark Bentley, P.A, announced that his firm's website, www.MarkBentleyPA.com, has recently been revamped to further improve its service quality, as reported in PR.com and Online PR Media.

• On Aug. 29, as reported by PR.com, Contacto Latino News, and BizWire Express, Stetson alumnus Mark J. Rose has been elected to the Florida Defense Lawyers Association (FDLA) Board of Directors and selected as Board Liaison for the FDLA Auto/Transportation Committee.

• On Aug. 31, Murray B. Silverstein, a Stetson graduate and prior recipient of the Stetson University Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service Award for pro bono service was reappointed by Florida Supreme Court to Florida Courts Technology Commission, as reported by KLKN-TV, KCEN-TV, WLTZ-TV, and over 50 other news outlets.

• Shorecrest Preparatory School welcomes Stetson University alumna Lisa Wylie as the new director of Project Management/Technology for Business Operations, as published by Tampa Bay Newswire on Aug. 29.

• Stetson graduate and adjunct English professor Kait Ballenger’s newest addition to her Execution Underground Series, Midnight Hunter, was released on Sept. 1.

• On Sept. 2, Stetson graduate Casey B. Weade was featured in a CPA Practice Advisor article discussing how to avoid hidden retirement investment fees.

• Bloomberg Business, KBCD, Fox 14 News, and over 90 other news outlets reported on Sept. 2 Nucor's announcement on the addition of Stetson graduate Laurette Koellner to the Nucor Board of Directors.

• On Aug. 31, Stetson Law alumnus Robert Beach was featured in article by the ABA Journal and the Tampa Bay Times titled “Retired judge who helped set swim record at 85 makes 'best law decisions' in the pool.”

• According to a Sept. 1 news release from Gray Robinson, Law alumna Kristin Shusko has been named to Leadership Tampa Bay’s Class of 2016.