Top Stories

- Stetson made national and international news when first-year student Peter Nyong'o attended the Academy Awards in Hollywood with his sister, actress Lupita Nyong'o. Lupita won the Oscar for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her work in *12 Years a Slave*, and in her acceptance speech thanked her brother (who she calls Junior and her best friend). During the event, host Ellen DeGeneres went into the audience to take a selfie with A-list celebrities and Peter is prominent in that photo, standing next to actor Bradley Cooper. The photo went viral when DeGeneres tweeted it from the event. It is the most-retweeted photo ever posted to Twitter (nearly 3.3 million to date) and crashed the social site momentarily. Coverage includes: The Daily Mail (UK), New Zealand Herald, US Weekly, E! Online, Orlando Sentinel, Seattle Times, WKM, WESH, Daytona Beach News-Journal, The Telegraph (UK), Tampa Bay Times, and dozens of other media outlets.

- In a [Daytona Beach News-Journal article](#), Feb. 27, Eric Canny, director of International Learning, says Stetson actively markets the university in other areas of the world and hopes to increase international student attendance to 10-15 percent (up from 5 percent currently).

- The [JDJournal](#) reports that Stetson University College of Law's moot court team has been named regional co-champion and will go on to the National Finals of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

- The [Poynter online](#) references a talk at South by Southwest by Law professor Catherine Cameron and Law alumna Ellyn Angelottion defamation law in the age of social media.

- Law professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Mar. 5 [Inside Higher Ed](#) article, "Slap on the Wrist?"

Other Stories in the News


- Stetson's Lifelong Learning program will host its first Tech E-Fest Expo at its Center at Celebration campus, according to the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Mar. 2.

- Stetson was one of eight universities to conduct an online survey regarding student and faculty use of e-books, according to the Brown University Library News, Feb. 27.

- Terri Witek, professor of English, will teach poetry at the Creative Writing Institute at Florida Institute of Technology in March, according to [Hometown News](#), Feb. 28.

- The Feb. 28 Targeted News Service ran news of the "Daylong Symposium at Stetson Law Tackles Political Corruption" featuring keynote Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig.

- The Feb. 28 WMNF News ran a report on the symposium, "Money in politics: legal experts contemplate the four years since Citizens United ruling."

- Peter Begalla, adjunct professor of family enterprise, will appear on WOFL's Orlando Matters on Saturday to discuss the growth of small business, according to [Orlando Sentinel](#) on Mar. 6.

- The Feb. 26 newswire reported in dozens of media outlets that “Stetson hosts best-selling mystery novel author animal rescue advocate David Rosenfelt” in April. The news also ran in AM radio news, CBS Atlanta, KMPH and others.
The Feb. 27 Targeted News Service reports news that "Stetson University Tailors 3+3 Plan to Offer Students Bachelor/JD Degrees in Only Six Years."

The Feb. 28 Water Environment Research reports that "Stetson Hosts Public Lecture on Improving Florida's Water."

Alumni in the News

- Grace Kellermeier was recognized for her commitment to education when she was named Volusia County's top teacher for 2015, according to the Orlando Sentinel, Mar. 1. Additional coverage: Sun Sentinel.
- Michael Ezzell has been named to lead private capital management business for American Realty Capital Properties and Cole Capital, reported the Staten Island Advance, Mar. 4, and dozens of other local outlets.
- Chris Johnson was featured in an Associated Press article Feb. 27 about his role as third baseman for the Atlanta Braves.
- Law alumna Diana Hunter was evacuated from the Ukraine during a Peace Corps volunteer trip, according to the March 1 Bay News 9.
- The Feb. 28 Tampa Bay Times reports that Law alumna Krista M. Anderson has been named an attorney at Brock Law, Tampa.
- Britt McHenry will join ESPN as a Washington, D.C., based bureau reporter, said Washington Business Journal on Mar. 5. In that position McHenry will serve as correspondent for various news-gathering platforms including SportsCenter, Outside the Lines and sport-specific programs like NFL Live and Baseball Tonight. Additional coverage: BroadwayWorld.com, Futon Critic.

Feb. 21-27, 2014

Top Stories

- Glen Epley, professor of education, was quoted in a Feb. 25 Washington Post article regarding religion in public schools. Additional coverage: Religion News Service.
- University Herald reports on Feb. 24 that Lt. Col. Jesse and Ruth Miles of St. Augustine made a gift of $2 million for an endowed academic scholarship at Stetson University. Melvin D. Stack, the couple's attorney, said that they were not Stetson graduates and chose Stetson because of its high academic standards and great reputation.
- Kirsten Work, Ph.D., chair of the biology department, is quoted in a Feb. 21 Hometown News article regarding Niagara Bottling's impact on Lake County's water resources.
- Law professors Robert Bickel and Peter Lake are referenced in The Atlantic Feb. 19 article, "The Dark Power of Fraternities."
- Meghan Walter, Ph.D., assistant professor of counselor education, spoke to Fox 35 for a Feb. 25 story about apps that provide children with opportunities to practice academic skills, literacy and numerals.
- Peter Lake, law professor, spoke with Meg Mott, professor of political theory at Marlboro College, for the Feb. 21 article, "What about prevention?" published in University Business.
- Paul Croce, Ph.D., professor of American studies, was interviewed for a Feb. 27 Orlando Sentinel article on the religious views of two candidates vying for Apopka City Council Seat 2.
- Peter Lake, law professor, is quoted in the Feb. 26 Chronicle of Higher Education article, "Judge's Ruling Tilts Curricular Control Toward CUNY Administrators."
- According to "Orlando's Newest Attraction: World-Class Dining" on WKRG.com Feb. 21, mathematics professor and Cress co-owner, Hari Pulatpaka, Ph.D., is a semifinalist in the
2014 James Beard Awards, which honors outstanding restaurants and chefs. Additional coverage: Sys-Con Media, WXTX, WICU, KHGI and dozens of other media outlets.

- Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, law professor, wrote the Feb. 26 article, “How Far Can the IRS Go in Regulating Political Ads by Nonprofits?” for the Huffington Post.
- Peter Lake was quoted in an article from University Business about higher education facilities working to prevent sexual assault by implementing policies and practices that discourage nonconsensual sex.

Other Stories in the News

- According to an article in the Daytona Beach News-Journal, political science professor, T. Wayne Bailey, Ph.D., was honored by the Volusia County Council as one of Florida's "public health heroes" due to his advocacy of smoke-free public places.
- Vinegar Tom, a production put on by the Theatre Department, received coverage in the Daytona Beach News-Journal, promoting the show to the local area.
- The Feb. 23 Tampa Tribune reports that Amy Ziettlow, an affiliate scholar at the Institute for American Values and author, is speaking at an event co-hosted by the Center for Excellence in Elder Law at the Stetson University College of Law at noon on Feb. 27 at the Tampa Law Center.
- The Feb. 23 Tampa Tribune reports that David Jolly, a previous board member of Stetson University College of Law, is a candidate for the vacant District 13 seat.
- Stetson Opera Theatre's production of Candide was covered in the Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- The exhibit at the Hand Art Center was mentioned in the Feb. 20 Orlando Sentinel as one of the Freebie Friday events to check out.
- The Odenton-Severn Patch included an article about the performance of the Stetson Concert Choir that will be taking place in Odenton, MD.
- Law professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy wrote the article, "Worse Than it Looks? How to Depict Big Money in Politics," for the Feb. 24 Brennan Center for Justice.
- Law professor Jason Bent spoke with the Tampa Tribune for the story, "Bank manager, fired after carrying gun into work, files suit." The interview also published in the Feb. 22 Daily Mail online and other outlets.
- Hari Pulapaka, professor of mathematics, and his wife Jennifer, owners of Cress, were featured in a brief Orlando Sentinel article Feb. 26 for their contributions to the Central Florida culinary scene.
- Law professor Charles Rose spoke with Feb. 20 Tampa Bay Times for the article, "Critics say adding duty to retreat would better Florida's 'stand your ground' law." It was also published in the News Chief and The Ledger as "Lawmakers Opened 'Can of Worms.'"
- Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob spoke with the Daytona Beach News-Journal for the Feb. 25 story, "Facial recognition helpful tool in Volusia crime fighting effort."
- Law professor Rebecca C. Morgan published "How to Figure Retirement "Readiness" in Law Professor Blogs Network on Feb. 20.
- Rebecca C. Morgan, law professor, wrote on Law Professor Blogs Network that there will be a webinar on Preventing Financial Exploitation in LTC Facilities on March 5.
- Judging for the 16 annual Mardi Gras on MainStreet dog parade will take place in front of Cummings Gymnasium at Stetson, according to the Feb. 26 West Volusia Beacon.

Alumni in the News

- Chris Johnson, third baseman for the Atlanta Braves, was profiled on ESPN online. The Feb. 23 article mentions that Johnson met Chipper Jones (former 3B for the Braves) while playing for Stetson. Additional coverage: Big News Network.
In *My Hometown News* Feb. 21, Josiah Armes is praised for his musical talent and featured as the new organist for the Advent Lutheran Church.

In the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Emily Ollila is mentioned as a new employee of the Weston & Gregory, PA firm.

A Feb. 24 article in *Evansville Business* reports that Jim Butterfield sold his family's business of Smith and Butterfield to become CEO of Evansville Surgical Associates.

Center Partners announced the hiring of Jo Ann Parris as their Senior Vice President of Market Strategies, according to *Virtual Strategy Magazine* on Feb. 25. Additional coverage: WKRG, Daily Herald, WLTZ.

Eric Seidel is now associate director at Marcus & Millichap Capital Corp's New Jersey office, according to *TMCnet.com* on Feb. 25.

The Feb. 21 *Naples News* reports that Law alumna Tiffany N. Moncrieff has joined Quarles & Brady's Naples Office.

The Feb. 25 *Tampa Bay Times* reports that Law alumnus Andy Zodrow is a candidate for the Safety Harbor City Commission, Seat 3.

The Feb. 20 *New Jersey News* reports that Law alumnus Evan Rosen has been selected to serve as an Assistant Attorney General for the Suncoast Region of the State of Florida.

The Feb. 18 *Insurance News Net* published that Law alumnus Jonathan C. Chane is one of eight attorneys being elevated to shareholder for Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Professional Responsibility adjunct professor and alumnus Michael J. Keane has died, according to the Feb. 21 *Tampa Bay Times*.

Feb. 14-20, 2014

**Top Stories**

- Law Dean and Professor of Law Christopher Pietruszkiewicz and Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob spoke with WMNF News during the panel, "Defending Gideon," on Feb. 11.
- An article in the Florida-Times Union about water conservation talks about the St. John's River Basin Water Supply workshop that was held at Stetson.
- Law Professor Charles Rose spoke with WMNF News for the Feb. 17 story, "Local law professor says Michael Dunn hung jury is another reason Stand Your Ground must go."
- A Daytona Beach News-Journal letter to the editor praises an event, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, hosted by Stetson's chapter of Alpha Chi Omega in collaboration with the Health and Wellness Center. The event featured a speaker from the Daytona Domestic Abuse Council and informed attendees of the seriousness of staying quiet about domestic abuse.
- Law Professor Darryl Wilson spoke with the News-Press for the Feb. 17 story, "FGCU ticket sales strong, resales aren't."

**Other Stories in the News**

- Terri Witek, professor of English, is featured in an article on One Human Gallery that briefly discusses her poetry. Witek is the Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing.
- Stetson's article on the Opera Theatre's production of Candide is featured in the Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- Hometown News features an article about Vinegar Tom and the collaborative efforts of the theatre, music, and digital arts departments.
- A News and Record article about the annual Southern Entrepreneurship in the Arts Conference reports that Patrece Robinson and Stephen Robinson, both professors in the School of Music, will deliver the morning keynote address for the conference.
In a blog for the Palm Coast/Flagler Beach area, computer science majors Alex Ordonez and Marisa Gomez are quoted about a HTML boot camp class on coding that is being offered in that area.

The Feb. 18 Tampa Bay Times reports that Stetson Law is hosting the Raising the Bar public service day on Feb. 22.

Law Professor James Fox is quoted in the Feb. 12 Sarasota Herald Tribune article, "Gulfcoast Legal Services director leaves post."

The Feb. 18 Elder Law Prof Blog quotes Professor Rebecca Morgan in the article, "Boomers Next in Line for Inheritances."


Newswise reports on Stetson's Kaplin Award in the Feb. 14 article, "With Open Arms: How Colleges Are Leading the Way to Help Those with Disabilities.

Alumni in the News

According to the Southern Methodist University Campus Daily, Joanne Vogel is now associate vice president and dean of Student Life in SMU's Division of Student Affairs.

Amy Creech-Gionis, D.D.S., is featured in an article about her practice in the EIN News.

Pete Longo is quoted in a Hometown News article about the importance of connecting with the clients. Longo is the Surety Investments Lead Advisor.

Lisa Weaver and Harry Messersmith will be judging the upcoming Art Fiesta in New Smyrna Beach, according to Hometown News.

Flagler Live features an article on Phil Chanfrau and the history of his law firm.

The Feb. 13 Al.com reports that Law alumnus J. Brent Walker will give the 2014 James A. Auchmuty Lecture at Samford University on Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Plant City Observer reports that Law alumna Rhia Winant joined Paramount Title Corp. in 2005 and will represent Hillsborough Title as legal counsel.

The Feb. 14 BizWire Express reports that Law alumnus Bill Allen has joined the Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. firm as an associate in the Business & Tax practice area.

The Feb. 16 Bradenton Times announces that Law alumna Anne Weintraub is being named Humanitarian of the Year by Temple Sinai.

The Feb. 17 Naples News reports that Law alumnus and adjunct professor James Sheehan will be speaking on his book, Alligator Man, at the Sunshine Booksellers on Feb. 22.

The Feb. 17 CityBizList reports that Law alumna Nicolette Vilmos, partner in the Broad and Cassel Orlando office, has been named chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights Practice Group, effective Jan. 1.

The Feb. 17 Good Men Project interviews Law alumnus Ken L. Foote regarding the Michael Dunn verdict.

The Feb. 17 GlobeNewswire reports that Law alumnus Jean-Paul ("JP") Durand has been appointed to the new position of vice president, chief ethics and compliance officer in Tech Data’s worldwide ethics and compliance program.

The Feb. 18 PRLog reports that Law alumnus James Vickaryous has been elected by peers to the Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors.

The Feb. 18 SFGate reports that the international law firm Greenberg Traurig LLP has elevated Law alumnus Jonathan C. Chane to shareholder.

Feb. 7-13, 2014

Top Stories
Law Professor Jason Bent spoke with CNBC for the Feb. 6 story, "Union point in Tennessee could be labor rally point." The story also appeared in the Toronto Telegraph.

Nearly 60 officials from governments and utilities along the St. Johns River gathered at Stetson to discuss water supply issues, according to the Feb. 10 Daytona Beach News-Journal. Stetson College of Arts and Sciences faculty who presented a workshop for attendees included Kirsten Work and Anthony Abbott.

Law Professor Peter Lake spoke with Newsweek for the Feb. 11 article, "How Colleges Flunk Mental Health."

Eugene Huskey, professor of Russian studies, is quoted in a Feb. 12 National Post article on politics in Kyrgyzstan.

Coverage of Chris Feguson's, chair of the psychology department, editorial State of Play continues, most recently with this Feb. 7 post in GamePolitics.com.

Meghan Walter, assistant professor of counselor education, appeared on WOFL Fox 35's Good Day Orlando Feb. 13 to discuss whether college students should pay for their own education, and what types of jobs they should have while in school. Additional coverage: WOGX.

Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy wrote, "From American Hustle to the Super PAC Hustle," for the Brennan Center for Justice. The article also appeared in the Feb. 7 Moyers & Co.

Lynn Schoenberg, director of the counseling center at Stetson, was interviewed for a Feb. 9 Daytona Beach News-Journal article regarding attempts to raise awareness about the threat of sexual assault on college campuses.

Stetson was mentioned briefly in a Feb. 12 blog post on Reason.com regarding race consciousness in America. The article uses quotes by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during a speech to an audience at Stetson about the Tillman Act of 1907.

Other Stories in the News

According to the Feb. 11 AEC Newsroom and other wire sources, Alan Davis, a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy at Stetson University, has been appointed the new executive director of the VTV Family Outreach Foundation.

NAC&U News included an article about Stetson's Family Enterprise students placing fifth in the Family Enterprise Case Competition at the University of Vermont.

The Feb. 11 Legally India mentioned a regional competition of Stetson's annual International Environmental Moot Court competition.

College Baseball Daily ran an interview with head coach Pete Dunn to discuss the Hatters' upcoming season.

The Feb. 7 Daytona Beach News-Journal quotes Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob in the article, "Experts: Rejected plea judge's prerogative."

The 33rd Annual Merridy Williams Memorial Concert, Melodies of the Heart, was held in honor of its namesake, a Stetson alumna. The free concert accepted donations for the Merridy Williams Memorial Flute Scholarship fund at Stetson. Featured musicians from Stetson included David Bjella, Michael Rickman, Lynn Musco and Routa Kroumovitch, all professors at Stetson, according to the Feb. 7 Daytona Beach News-Journal.

Kate Pearce, assistant vice president for university relations, has been elected chair of the Board of Regents for Duvall Home in DeLand, according to the Feb. 7 Daytona Beach News-Journal.

Brigid Noonan, chair of counselor education, presented a talk on religious sexual stereotypes at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, according to the West Volusia Beacon.

Alumni in the News
According to the Feb. 11 Herald-Tribune, Law alumna Michelle Lajoie Hermey of Ferguson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi PA, has received her board certification from the Florida Bar.

Sharon Siskie, vice president of international marketing and sales for Disney Destinations, has joined Visit Florida's Board of Directors. Her term runs through June 2016, according to Visit Florida.

According to the Feb. 11 Financial News & Daily Record, Law alumnus Andrew Abramovich has been elected partner at Boyd & Jenereatte.

Matthew Miller has been hired by Dewberry to work in its Orlando office as an environmental scientist responsible for wetland and threatened/endangered species surveying and permitting, and water resource coordination, according to the Feb. 7 Water & Wastes Digest.

According to the Jan. 30 Targeted News Service, Florida Governor Rick Scott announced that Law alumnus Chris Vernon, representing Collier County, was reappointed to the Edison State College District Board of Trustees.

Alyssa Lindsley has joined James Moore Certified Public Accountants and Consultants as a staff accountant, according to the Feb. 9 Daytona Beach News Journal.

The Feb 6 Cabinet reports that Law alumna Wendy Hunt is the new executive director of The Milford Improvement Team.

### Jan. 31 - Feb. 6, 2014

#### Top Stories

- Law professor James Fox wrote the opinion editorial, "Was the War on Poverty worth it?" for the Orlando Sentinel. The article also appeared in the Sun Sentinel.
- A WOFL story Feb. 5 on single-gender classrooms included a mention of Stetson’s research on that topic.
- Law professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy spoke with Slate for the article, "The Billionaires’ Boys Club." Additional coverage: Center for Public Integrity, Feb. 1.
- Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., wrote an editorial for the Boston Globe, Feb. 6, on moral panics caused by linking societal violence to violence in the media.
- Law adjunct professor Richard Harrison was interviewed for the Feb. 4 Fox 13 story, "Lawmakers say legislation will protect online bill paying."

#### Other Stories in the News

- In a Jan. 31 article, Hometown News reported on the formation of a countywide consortium to promote and support historical sites throughout Volusia County including Stetson University.
- WKMG in Orlando ran an article Jan. 31 on an Eastern Florida State College campus shooting and mentioned that Stetson and other area colleges do not allow firearms on campus.
- Stetson student Lindsay Marsh, '14, wrote an article on why businesses should hire college students for Advantage Business Magazine, Feb. 4.
- According to the Jan. 27 Financial News & Daily Record, law students from around the state, including Stetson Law students, provide thousands of pro bono hours in legal services to low-income persons.
- The Feb. 3 Champion ran news that the White Collar Criminal Defense Awards will be presented during the NACDL White Collar Criminal Defense College at Stetson.
- The Jan. 30 Ecosystem Marketplace reported that Law professor Royal C. Gardner and EPRI's Jessica Fox have written a comprehensive article entitled The Legal Status of Environmental Credit Stacking for Ecology Law Quarterly.
National Signing Day on Feb. 5 resulted in stories about students committing to play football for Stetson: WTSP, WJCL.


The Jan. 28 TBN Weekly reported that David Jolly, a member of the Stetson Law Elder Law Board of Advisors, is running for the District 13 congressional seat.

The Feb. 4 Elder Law Prof Blog reported that Stetson University is seeking two visiting professors to teach legal research and writing.

Alumni in the News

Anne Weintraub was mentioned in a Jan. 31 article on an initiative at University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM) that matches students with successful alumni corporate mentors in the area.

According to the Feb. 3 Fox 5 and WNCT9, Law alumus Theodore Berman is the Managing Equity Partner at the Law Offices of Berman & Berman, P.A.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, Law alumna Yova A. Borovska was recognized among the 2013 Up and Comers by the Tampa Bay Business Journal.

The Jan. 31 Biz941.com features Law alumna Anne Weintraub in the article, "Pairing college students with successful professionals pays off." Weintraub credits former Stetson Law Dean Darby Dickerson as her mentor in law school.

According to the Jan. 27 Naples Daily News, Law alumnae Suzanne Boy and Traci McKee have been named stockholders at the Southwest Florida law firm of Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, PA.

According to the Jan. 22 Marco Island Sun Times, Law alumna Carol Mirando has been appointed to the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida.

The Feb. 4 Tampa Bay Times reports that Law alumna Susan St. John is running for Pinellas-Pasco circuit judge.