
Top Stories

- Kathy Piechura-Couture, professor of education, was quoted in a WJCT article Jan. 2, on single-gender classrooms. In Florida, two lawmakers filed a controversial bill to establish a pilot program for single-gender classrooms in some public elementary schools.
- Jamil Khader, Ph.D., professor of English and completing a Fulbright Fellowship at Bir Zeit University in Palestine, wrote an op-ed for Al Jazeera on Dec. 28, regarding whether Israeli audiences see parallels between the movie “The Hunger Games,” and life in Palestine. The article was picked up by Yahoo! News (UK, Ireland and Maktoob) and New Age Bangladesh.

Other News

- Stetson University was mentioned in an Orlando Sentinel article on Dec. 31 regarding online degree programs. A similar article appeared in EducationNews.org and India Education Guide.
- On Dec. 29, Daytona Beach News-Journal ran an article about Stetson University education majors finishing their internships in Volusia County schools.
- Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine has again ranked Stetson Law among the top 20 law schools for Hispanic students in its December issue.
- News of Stetson’s program offering free wills for low income veterans and their spouses age 60 or older has run in the Jan. 2 Tampa Bay Times.
- Adjunct Professor Jennifer Dietz’s interview with Carole Baskin of Wild Cat Refuge about animal law is available in this Jan 1 YouTube video.
- Professor Mark Bauer will make a presentation on the role of 55+ housing at the upcoming AALS Annual Meeting in New York according to Dec. 31 Law Professor’s Blog Network.

Alumni in the News

- Law alumnus Jesse Berkowitz of the Berkowitz Law Group has written an article on the need for legal aid when injured in an auto for the Dec. 31 WAVE 3 News.
- Law alumnus Tom Leek has become the President of Cobb Cole Law Firm according to Jan. 2 Daytona Beach News Journal.
- Law alumna Mary Leigh Pirtle has joined the Bass, Berry & Sims PLC law firm, according to a Jan. 2 Nashville Ledger.
- Law alumna Dana Harris has joined the Umansky law firm according to Dec. 31 Financial Content.
- Law alumna Suzanne Boy was sworn in as the 2014 President-Elect of the Human Resource Management Association of Southwest Florida by the Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. according to Jan. 1 PR.com.
- Law alumnus and Brigadier General Mark Bircher is running for the 13 Congressional District of Florida according to a Dec. 31 Save America Foundation.
- Law alumnus Vincent D'Agostino was among 147 students across the country chosen for a three-month internship in the White House according to the Dec. 30 Citrus County Chronicle.

Jan. 3-9, 2014

Top Stories

- Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of psychology, wrote an op-ed for the Hartford Courant Jan. 3 regarding reports on Adam Lanza's (Sandy Hook school shooter) violent video game play. Additional coverage: GameSpot, BuzzHollywood.com, Play.tm.
- The Jan. 7 Orlando Sentinel included an editorial on the Affordable Care Act by Richard H. Wood, Jr., professor emeritus of economics.
Other News

- **Tampa Bay Times** reports on Jan. 3 that the new season of Emeril Lagasse's show, "Emeril's Florida," will feature a trip to Cress restaurant in DeLand, where Hari Pulapak, professor of mathematics, is the chef/co-owner. Additional coverage: *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*.
- Greg Carroll, vice president of marketing, has been selected to serve as a director for the DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce for 2014, according to the *West Volusia Beacon*, Jan. 2.
- An article about violence in PG-13 movies which originally appeared on Dec. 9 continues to get picked up by online media outlets. The article quotes Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department. Additional coverage: *WWBT*, *WAVE*.
- Stetson was mentioned in a Jan. 8 *Daytona Beach News-Journal* article on rankings for online degree programs. Additional coverage: *Sunshine State News*.
- The Jan. 5 *Daytona Beach News-Journal* has run news of Stetson Law's upcoming symposium on political corruption.

Alumni in the News

- Will Goering joined Cresa as a finance manager responsible for the day-to-day accounting and finances of the firm, according to the Jan. 6 *Cincinnati Enquirer*.
- *Hometown News* reported on Jan. 3 that Nina O'Keefe May's move, "Life Find Tuned," premiered Dec. 20 at the Athens Theater.
- Law alumnus Brett H. Sifrit has been hired as an associate attorney at The Farr Law Firm, according to the Jan. 6 *Sarasota Herald Tribune*.
- Law alumnus Jason Shrive has been appointed city solicitor of Scranton according to Jan. 3 *The Times Tribune*.

Jan. 10-16, 2014

Top Stories

- Law Professor Charles Rose spoke with the *Tampa Bay Times* for the column, "The State You're In," about Stand Your Ground Law. Professor Charles Rose's comments to the Tampa Bay Times regarding the movie theater shooting also appeared in *The Globe and Mail* and the *Toronto Star* on Jan. 15. The story also ran nationally in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *New York Magazine*.
- *US News & World Report* ranked Stetson's School of Business Administration 99 in the country for online graduate business programs. Additional coverage: *Tampa Bay Times*, *The Best Colleges*.
- Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy appeared on *ABC Fusion* television discussing the impact of corporate campaign financing on Jan. 9 and Jan. 14.
- Law Adjunct Professor Joseph Bodiford spoke with Newschannel 8 on Jan. 15 about the movie theatre shooting and issue of guns in places of business for a story which also aired on *Fox Carolina 21*.

Other Stories In the News

- **American Family Business Accelerator** included a Q&A with Greg McCann, J.D., professor of Family Enterprise, Business Law and Ethics, on tips for leadership succession planning.
On Jan. 12, the Orlando Sentinel mentioned that Tonya Curran was appointed director of Stetson's Homer and Dolly and Art Center.

According to the Jan. 14 Elder Law Prof Blog, Professor Mark Bauer has been selected to chair the AALS Aging and the Law Section.

Law Adjunct Jennifer Dietz appeared in the Jan. 12 Fox 13 and Fox 35 reports on "Police reviewing video of dog shooting incident."

On Jan. 15 Orlando Sentinel ran information about the MLK Day prayer breakfast at Rinker Field House.

The Jan. 9 Tampa Bay Times ran news of Stetson Law hosting an upcoming wills for veterans program.

NAC&U ran coverage of the launch of Stetson Journal of Advocacy and the Law, Jan. 15.

Alumni In the News

- Amanda Rodriguez is Keys Energy Services' Outstanding Employee of the First Quarter 2014, according to FMEA, Jan. 14.
- Oscar Poole will be honored with a Cuda Achiever Award by New Smyrna Beach High School for contributions to his community and life achievements. Poole worked as a pastor, teacher and business leader in Atlanta, authored 11 books, and was a delegate to three national GOP conventions, according to the Jan. 16 Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- Law alumnus Robert Fountain has a new job as associate counsel with Minor League Baseball, according to the Jan. 15 Our Sports Central. Fountain will have added responsibility in the areas of trademarks, corporate governance and intellectual property.
- According to the Jan. 8 Ledger, Gov. Rick Scott has selected Polk County Judge and Stetson Law alumnus Reinaldo Ojeda to become the local bench's newest circuit judge. The news also ran in the Jan. 9 News Chief.
- Law alumnus Matthew B. Taylor has joined Lewis Longman & Walker's Tampa Bay office as an associate, according to the Jan. 13 Bradenton Herald.

Jan. 17-23, 2014

Top Stories

- In a Jan. 17 article, Reuters reports on a study out of Tanzania that shows physical punishment of children results in behavior problems. Reuters interviewed Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department, for the article, which was picked up by dozens of news outlets throughout the country and internationally including: Orlando Sentinel, Reuters India and UK, Chicago Tribune, Yahoo! News (in English and Spanish), GMA (Phillipines), Pakistan Today, and numerous television stations.

Other Stories in the News

- Stetson students are volunteering with Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless to assist with the annual census of homeless in those counties, according to the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Jan. 16.
- The Jan/Feb 2014 edition of Lake Mary Life includes an article on Stetson's graduate business programs that quotes Yiorgos Bakamitsos, Ph.D., associate dean of graduate business programs.
In a Jan. 17 article on home beer brewers, the Daytona Beach News-Journal mentions that Stetson has a Brewing Science and Technology course for chemistry majors who are 21 and older. It also quotes Tandy Grubbs, Ph.D., chair of the chemistry department.


Coverage of Stetson's MLK Day events were included in Daytona Beach News-Journal, Hometown News, Sun-Sentinel.

Stetson was mentioned in The Florida Baptist Witness regarding a history of that paper which celebrated its 130 anniversary on Jan. 17.

Stetson will host the 2014 induction ceremony of the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, according to the Jan. 17 University of Florida College of Fine Arts blog.

Stetson's participation in the Arts for Life! Scholarship was mentioned on the Suncoast Polytechnical High School website, Jan. 16. Additional coverage: ArtsForLifeAward.org.

Stetson was included in the Orlando Business Journal's annual Book of Lists in the list of the top M.B.A. programs.

Alumni in the News

Fletcher Smiley was mentioned in "Remains of the Florida Stagecoach Road," on Far Enough Photo blog.

Richard Swartz was mentioned in an Orlando Sentinel article on Jan. 19 about Vietnam where he served as an Army helicopter pilot in 1970.

Christine Bange has been promoted to associate accountant with the James Moore CPA firm in Tallahassee, Fla., according to The Chamber, Jan. 21.

Nicholas Bilotta, a CPA, has been promoted to senior accountant with the James Moore CPA firm in Tallahassee, Fla., according to The Chamber, Jan. 21.

Jan. 24-30, 2014

Top Stories

Research conducted by Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., was used in an article in Psychology Today, Jan. 26, regarding competitiveness among women.

Wendy Libby, Ph.D., wrote a guest editorial about the Stetson-DeLand community for the Orlando Sentinel, Jan. 27.

Greg McCann, J.D., was quoted in a Jan. 24 Daytona Beach News-Journal article regarding keys to success for family businesses. In addition, McCann was interviewed by the Volusia/Flagler Business Report about the Family Enterprise Center.

Volusia County School Board discussed Common Core at a daylong workshop in Stetson's Lynn Business Center, reports the Daytona Beach News-Journal on Jan. 29. Two professors presented at that meeting: Betty Heins, Ed.D., spoke about single-gender classrooms, and Deborah Goldring, Ph.D., discussed a rebranding project for Volusia County Schools.

Other Stories in the News

Stetson received a brief mention for its Master of Accountancy program in a Jan. 29 article on CheapScholar.org. The author encourages students to enroll in Stetson's online program.

A Jan. 23 article in The Sandspur mentioned Stetson as a peer institution for Rollins that offers a major in a healthcare field.
The Hand Art Center at Stetson opened two art exhibits of distinction on Jan. 24, according to Hometown News.

Stetson head basketball coach Corey Williams returned to his hometown to face Mercer on Jan. 24, according to The Telegraph.

Stetson students will be volunteering to assist local residents with their income tax returns again this year, reports the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Jan. 26.

David Stock, Ph.D., will present a program about birds at the Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society and Trout Lake Nature Center joint anniversary celebration the Jan. 25 Daily Commercial reports.

Robbi Carelli, a senior multimedia technician at Stetson, and a business partner will be moving their business, Persimmon Hollow Brewery to a garage in downtown DeLand. The pair received a grant from the city to convert the garage, reports the West Volusia Beacon.

Alumni in the News

Bill Newsome, a Stanford neurobiologist, will present "Brain, Mind and Free Will: Did My Neurons Make Me Do It?" on Feb. 10 as part of George Fox University's Dalton Lecture Series, reports the Newberg Graphic.

Oscar Poole and Randall Elliott were honored at the New Smyrna Beach Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships (NSBCAPS) eighth annual Cuda Achievers Awards ceremony, according to Hometown News, Jan. 24.

Bleacher Report discussed Jacob deGrom's major league prospects including the Mets and the Cardinals. deGrom pitched for Stetson before going to the minors.

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 alumnus 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.