Stetson University in the News

Jan. 23-29, 2015

Top stories in the news

- National Jurist ran news of Stetson Law dominating trial competitions this past weekend, on Jan. 27.
- CPA and Associate Professor of Accounting Valrie Chambers provided advice on how to keep tax refunds safe from thieves in the Money section of Time.com.
- Charles Rose, professor of law, is quoted in the News-Journal article, State Attorney: U.S. Marshals’ shooting of Bunnell man was ‘justified.’
- Peter Lake, professor of law, is quoted in the Jan. 22 Corporate Counsel article entitled, Tough Times for Lawyers on Campus.
- Christopher Ferguson, Ph.D., associate chair and professor of psychology, was quoted on his study that video games are good for people, as reported in Standard Times on Jan. 28 and many other media outlets.
- Stetson University is listed #11 of the top 30 universities listed in Online-Accounting-Degrees.net for the top online Master’s in Accounting Degree Programs for 2015.
- According to Orlando Sentinel, Stetson University is exhibiting works that take viewers across the Atlantic without leaving Central Florida entitled, Oscar Bluemner's Europe: Paris to the Mediterranean, on Jan. 27.

Other stories in the news

- Douglas Phillips, director of bands, will conduct the high school band in this year’s Volusia County All-County Band and Orchestra Music Festival, according to the Daytona Beach News Journal on Jan. 27.
- Boyd Jones, Ph.D., professor of organ, was part of the article, Organ, Pipe Organ, Classical Music, Art News, on Organ
Insights on Jan. 22.

• J. D. Crossan, New Testament scholar, was announced to speak at Stetson University, as reported in The Daytona Beach News Journal, on Jan. 24.
• PR Web posted a press release on Stetson educating advocates in May, which ran across the country.
• News that Stetson Law won national moot court, arbitration competitions ran nationally in dozens of outlets via PRNewswire.

Alumni in the news

• Stan Gryskiewicz, founder and board chair, Association for Managers of Innovation, was highlighted in the article, Association Innovators: Finale, on Bisnow Jan. 27.
• James Gaff, a Navy coxswain at D-Day, a recipient of The Spirit of Hope Award medallion, active participant in the Navy League of the United States, and member of The Greatest Generation, passed away, as reported in the article entitled, D-Day hero always found time to honor, assist military, on The Florida Times Union Jacksonville on Jan. 23.
• Certified Public Accountants Joseph L. D’Ambrosio has been named a shareholder in the Southwest Florida accounting firm Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English P.A., according to Naples Daily News.
• Ormond Beach Observer reported that Sandra Upchurch is set to join the Seventh Judicial Circuit as one of the seven new judges, on Jan. 24.
• According to PRWeb, Dawn I. Giebler-Millner, a shareholder in the Orlando office of international law firm Greenberg Traurig, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Florida, on Jan. 27.
• The Jan. 25 Wyoming Tribune-Eagle ran news that Mari-Frances Kline and Daniel James Foster, both of Cheyenne, were married Dec. 31 at their home.
Jan. 16-22, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Peter Lake, professor of law, spoke with The Harvard Crimson for the Jan. 14 article, Analysis: Law School Probe’s End May Mean Closer Scrutiny for College, about Title IX issue.
• Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, professor of law, is quoted in the com article, Most campaign cash to N.J. House members came from out-of-state donors, on Jan. 17.
• Hometown News quotes Michael Allen, associate law dean and professor of law, in the article, DeLand native marries after ban lift, on Jan. 16.
• According to the Jan. 16 Jewish Press article, 6 professors to offer lectures at Sunday Morning University in St. Pete, Ellen Podgor, professor of law, will offer a lecture on Over-Criminalization: Justice Gone Awry.
• Wayne Bailey, Ph.D., professor of political science, was awarded the J. Saxton Lloyd Community Service Award by the Civic League of the Halifax Area for his extensive community service in Volusia County, as reported in the Jan. 17 article on The Daytona Beach News-Journal.
• Patrick C. Coggins, Ph.D., professor of education, was keynote speaker at St. Augustine’s 30th Annual Commemorative Breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy, as reported in the Jan. 17 article of the Augustine Record. This year’s theme was Realizing the Dream: Jobs, Justice and Freedom.

Other Stories in the news

• The mother of a Stetson student was quoted in the article, One shot at DeLand convenience store, about her fears of the recent shootings in DeLand, according to the West Volusia Beacon on Jan. 20.
• Stetson University was mentioned in the article, Brewery 2: Persimmon Hollow Brewing, DeLand FL, on Beer Living 19.
• PR Newswire mentioned the Stetson College of Law Moot Court program in the article, Nation’s 16 best moot court programs vie for Andrews Kurth National Championship trophy, on Jan. 13.
• PRWeb distributed an article nationwide naming Stetson as a military friendly school.
• The Jan. 16 Pensacola News Journal mentioned the fourth annual UWF Argo Invitational Mock Trial Tournament that was sponsored by Stetson College of Law during Jan. 17 and 18 in the UWF Mock Trial Courtroom.

Alumni in the news
• The Jan. 20 Florida Bar News, names law alumni Blane McCarthy, Andrew Boyer and Steven Messner in the article, 21 Florida Lawyers Will Receive Pro Bono Awards in Supreme Court Ceremony Jan. 29.
• Inweekly published the article, Watson Lives His Dream” about Aaron Watson, on Jan 20.
• The Naples News reported that William F. McDonough will be co-hosting an event about Open Source Code.
• Ravii Givens was interviewed for an article for the Albany Herald about his successful business and remaining passion for basketball, on Jan. 18.
• Mike Spetsios, head golf professional, was interview by News-Press.com in regards to the area’s oldest golf course, San Carlos Golf Club, on Jan. 19.
• Jeremy Reidenberg has joined Adams, Cameron & Co. Realtors as a real estate agent on Jan. 17, according to The Daytona Beach News-Journal.
• Luis Pedraja, a religious studies graduate, is among the four finalists in the national search for Evergreen State College’s president, according the Jan. 15 article by The Olympian and The Bellingham Herald.
Jan. 9-15, 2015

Top stories in the news

- Stetson University’s Master of Accountancy (M.Acc.) program is earning recognition again in *U.S. News & World Report*’s 2015 Best Online Graduate Business Programs (excluding MBA) where it tied for 42 in the nation. Stetson tied for 93 in Online MBA and Graduate Business Programs specifically for the joint Master of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration program (Pharma/M.B.A.). Additional coverage appeared in the *Orlando Business Journal* on Jan. 8.

- News of Stetson Law being named a Military Friendly School has run in dozens of media outlets around the U.S. via PRWeb.

- *Orlando Business Journal* reported on the Carnegie Foundation’s recognition of Stetson University, which presented Stetson with the Advancement of Teaching Community Engagement Classification for 2015—for “exemplary commitment to student learning through community impact.”

- Stetson University President Wendy Libby is quoted in the Jan. 8 *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* article, “County backs SunRail station in DeLand.” Libby praises the County Council for its support for the SunRail station, ensuring “the economic growth for the whole county.” Coverage was also in Local 6 News.

- Professor of Law Peter Lake was quoted in the Jan. 9 *Huffington Post* article, “Oregon Basketball Coach Sued By Alleged Rape Victim for Ignoring Player’s Sexual Assault Record.” Lake is also quoted in the *Social Dashboard* article, “Oregon Basketball Coach Sued By Alleged Rape Victim for Ignoring Player’s Sexual Assault Record.”
• Professor of Law Ellen Podgor wrote the opinion editorial, “McDonnell should remain free,” for the Jan. 10 Richmond Times-Dispatch.
• Professor of Law Charles Rose spoke with 10News on Jan. 8 as part of the Who Failed Phoebe series.
• Adjunct Professor and Law alumnus Adam Levine spoke with 10News on Jan. 9 about the Who Failed Phoebe storyline.

Other Stories in the News
• Benjaming D. Goss, director of the sport business academic program and associate professor of marketing, published an op-ed in the Orlando Sentinel titled “For players, staying mum on issues is a better idea.” Dr. Goss discusses how political controversy, when voiced by players, distracts players from their athletics.
• Mark Powell, assistant professor of English, is mentioned in the Jan. 10 The St. Augustine Record article, “Conroy: Nobody has books anymore,” in relation to Powell’s new novel, The Sheltering, for which novelist Pat Conroy wrote the foreword. Both writers spoke about their craft at Flagler College, joined by fellow authors Bernie Schein and Janis Owens.
• Professor of Law and Law alumna Rebecca Morgan posted a blog regarding the upcoming ABLE CLE on the Elder Law Prof Blog.
• The Jan. 13 PRNewswire reports that Stetson is participating in the UHLC tournament in the story, “Nation's 16 best moot court programs vie for Andrews Kurth National Championship trophy.”
• Kevin Winchell, Community Engagement, will make a presentation at Democratic Club of Northeast Volusia County, as reported in the Daytona Beach News-Journal News Briefs.

Alumni in the News
• Don Sproat was appointed Chief Accounting Officer and Chief Financial Officer of iMedicor Inc., a company that builds portal-based, virtual work and learning environments for the healthcare and related industries, according to 4-Traders.

• According to Seirra2theSea, Ken Keck was named the new president of the California Citrus Research Board, which is based in Visalia.

• The St. Augustine Record reported on Jan. 8 that Billy Thomas spoke about the “Path of Liberation” at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

• Peggy Farmer is quoted in a Jan. 13 The Daytona Beach News-Journal article, “New child seat safety rules now in effect.”

• Lauren Yost became the Chief Operating Officer of the National Association of Black Accountants, according to CityBizList.

• James R. Delk published his new book, God, Creation, and the Dinosaurs, through Xulon Press, the world’s largest Christian self-publisher, according to StreetInsider.com.

• Business alumnus Don Walden, 86 years old, was named Greater Tampa’s Realtor of the Year, reported in The Tampa Tribune.

• Craig Lundberg ’71, has been named constituent services director for Massachusetts Senator Anne Gobi, as reported in MassLive.com.

• The Jan. 7 Tampa Bay Newspapers reports that Law alumnus Javier Centonzio is spearheading a golf tournament to raise funds for a scholarship for veterans attending Stetson Law.

• News-press.com reports that Law alumna Sarah Martin Oquendo has joined the Naples-based law firm of Nicola Family Law as an associate. The Jan. 10 Naples News also reports the news.
• The Jan. 13 MarketWired reports that Law alumna Claudia G. Reithauser has joined the Fiduciary Trust International of the South as managing director and business development officer.
• The Jan. 9 Suwanee Democrat reports that Law alumnus Rhett Bullard was recently selected to serve as county attorney for Dixie County.
• Willodean Davis Graves, music alumna, died at 87, on Jan. 13, 2015, as reported in GulfCoastNewsToday.com.


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• Sports Illustrated, “Faces in the Crowd” article, posted Dec. 31, features Donald Payne, Stetson sophomore football star.
• The Atlantic.com article “Group Projects and the Secretary Effect” featured Kathy Jo Piechura-Couture, professor of education, discussing examples of single-gender education.
• Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Doug MacIsaac was quoted in Parents Magazine, “Thrive in 2025: The Case Against Coed.”
• MetroWeekly, “The Victor: Q&A with Victory Fund’s Chuck Wolfe” Wolfe, a Stetson alum, is a member of Stetson’s Board of Trustees.
• Forbes’ Dec. 23 “Most Fascinating Career Breakthroughs of
2014,” Corey Kluber, former Hatter baseball player, and this year’s winner of the American League Cy Young Award, was included.

- In MLB.com – In the column, “All I want: Holiday wishes for the league”... “To the Indians and Mets: Continued success for their two studs -- Corey Kluber and Jacob deGrom -- from the pitching factory that is Stetson University. This column also ran in many other large sports media outlets.


- Law Professor Royal Gardner is referenced in the Dec. 29 org story, “Deep concern at the news of the oil spill disaster in the Sundarbans.”

- Law Professor James Fox wrote on Justice Ginsburg and women’s legal history at the AALS for the Dec. 31 Faculty Lounge.

- Adjunct Professor and Law alumnus Adam Levine wrote the article, “Do you own a gun?” for Contemporary Pediatrics magazine.

- Stetson is mentioned in com/Education in article about President’s Call to Action on College Opportunity, Dec. 17.

- Alumna Cindy Politis, new top executive for Bank of America for the region, including Volusia and Flagler counties, “is no stranger to the area,” as reported in Daytona Beach News-Journal, Dec. 20.

- Education Professor and Chair of Stetson Education Department Chris Colwell is the faculty expert quoted in the
Daytona Beach News-Journal article, “Program helps colleges train top teachers; Volusia schools to work with B-CU, Stetson to prepare new educators,” Dec. 21.

- President Wendy Libby was quoted in “Volusia colleges seek ways to keep grads closer to home,” Dec. 24, in Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- Yiorgos Bakamitsos was featured in the Dec. 26 Orlando Business Journal’s article “Are you adding any new offerings to your MBA program this year?”

In Other News:

- Daytona Beach News-Journal, Jan. 6, reported Volusia County and City of DeLand Leaders rally behind SunRail in west DeLand. President Wendy Libby sent her support via email to the official meeting.
- The Jan. 4 Tampa Tribune reports that Stetson has placed seventh in national pro bono rankings. The Dec. 23 PRWeb distributed the news to dozens of outlets including EIN News.
- The Jan. 6 Sarasota Herald Tribune reports in the article, “Same-sex marriage arrives,” that a Stetson Law student has written about the more than 500 state benefits afforded to married couples.
- The Jan. 4 Elder Law Prof Blog written by Law Professor Rebecca Morgan congratulates Katherine Pearson for chairing the AALS Aging & the Law section.
- The Dec. 18 Journey Parenting reports that “Colorado attorney and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys President Bradley J. Frigon Comments About Disabled Military Child Protection Act as it is Passed into Law.” Frigon is an adjunct professor teaching in Stetson’s LL.M. in Elder Law program.
- Law Professor Luz Nagle is quoted in the Jan. 5 news in Noodles, “Orrick Named One of 10 Pro Bono Leaders by National Law Journal for Collaborating with IBA to Combat
Human Trafficking.”
• [com](https://example.com) has posted news of Stetson’s Inclusion Summit.
• Boyd Jones and Stephen Robinson are featured in [Palm Beach Daily News](http://palmbeachdailynews.com) promoting upcoming concert there.
• Biology professor John Jett was featured in [tumblr.com](https://tumblr.com) article “Clearing up a few misconceptions regarding ex aquarium workers/endkillerwhalecaptivity.
• Former Hatter Basketball Coach Glenn Wilkes was inducted into the National College Basketball Hall of Fame, as reported on ESPNU, Dec. 21.

• [Daytona Beach News-Journal](http://daytonabeachnewsjournal.com), Dec. 29, featured Stetson’s Family Enterprise Center in “Cultivating homegrown jobs: Startups, growing existing firms seen as ways to boost economy.”
• A letter to the editor, Jan. 2, in [Daytona Beach News-Journal](http://daytonabeachnewsjournal.com), offers reaction to article about college graduates of local colleges and universities moving out of Volusia County for jobs.
• Chris Ferguson’s research is discussed in “It’s Time to Stop Blaming Video Games for Mass Shootings,” in [ThunderBayLive.com](https://thunderbaylive.com). Also picked up by KTUL, “Kill Pixels, Not People” in [Reason](http://reason.com), [KatBamKapow.tumblr.com](http://katbamkapow.tumblr.com) and in [tigrislupa.tumblr.com](http://tigrislupa.tumblr.com) on mindblowingscience.
• Associate Professor of Accounting Valrie Chambers is listed as a contributing writer for articles in each issue of [America Institute of CPAs/Tax Adviser](http://aicpa.org).
• “How two words stir controversy on federal plan to rate U.S. colleges,” in [Christian Science Monitor](http://monitor.com), Dec. 19, Stetson is mentioned in the rankings news.
• Stetson is included in the rankings list in the article, “Are
U.S. Colleges still a good investment?” [com](#), Dec. 18. Also picked up by [WSMV.com](#), Dec. 19.

- Stetson choir, hand bells and student singers appeared in Christmas Cantata Dec. 21, as promoted in [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#), Dec. 20.
- Promotion for Beethoven Concert Jan. 11, by Michael Rickman is in [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#).
- [com](#) promotes “A rich mix of culture events,” featuring Russell Franks.
- [com](#), Dec. 21, mentions English Professor Mark Powell, as part of St. Augustine literary event, along with celebrity Pat Conroy, on Jan. 8. Also in [Jacksonville.com/FirstCoastHappenings](#) and GatorSports.
- Betty J. Zenkovsky, 87, first Russian Studies professor at Stetson, died Jan. 4, reported in [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#).
- “Dude Be Nice Ambassador” initiative is available to Stetson students, as well as students at other local colleges schools, by applying through the financial aid offices, as reported in [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#), Dec. 20.
- [UF News for University of Florida](#), Dec. 22, reports that UF music professor inducted into Florida Bandmasters Association Roll of Distinction held at Stetson. Also reported in [GainesvilleSun](#), Dec. 28, and [Noodles](#), Dec. 22.

**Alumni in the News:**

- Alumni Ted Todd and Danny Trejo are featured in “Todd gained assurance in insurance,” in [News-Press.com](#).
- [New Jersey Herald](#), reports that North Warren superintendent Fogelson, Stetson alum, will retire in June.
- Alum Charles Knause, author, mentions Stetson in his blog on [Salon.com](#), Dec. 30.
- Alum Ian Church has been appointed General Manager of the Medford Rogues and of Harry & David Field, reported in [OurSportsCentral](#).
• Diana Persaud, author of *Lucien’s Mate*, is a science graduate from Stetson, reported in *RPC Romance Promo Central*.
• Alum Chris Mercer will be inducted into the *Society of Entrepreneurs* in Memphis.
• The Jan. 7 *Naples News* reports that Law alumna Sarah Martin Oquendo has joined the law firm of Nicola Family Law. The Jan. 6 *News-Press* also reports on Oquendo’s new position.
• The Jan. 5 *Miami Herald* reports that Law alumna Jennifer Okcular has been named shareholder at Nelson&Nelson.
• The Dec. 29 *News-Press* reports that alumnus Randall McGruther has retired from chief assistant state attorney at the 20th.
• The Dec. 29 *News-Press* reports that Law alumnus Joe D’Alessandro has been appointed state attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit.
• The Dec. 25 *Tampa Tribune* reports that Law alumni Ed Narain and Chris Sprowls have joined the state House.
• *Bloomberg BNA* experts lists Law alumnus Howard Zaritsky.
• The Dec. 24 *Sun-Sentinel* and *Capital Soup* report that Law alumnus Kirk Volker has been chosen for the 15th Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach.
• The Dec. 22 *TMCNet News* reports that Law alumnus Evan Raymond has joined the McGlinchey Stafford firm.
• The Dec. 19 *PRWeb* reports that Graves Injury Law Group, P.A., announced that Law alumnus Matthew M. Thomas has been named a senior associate.
• The Dec. 19 *Business Observer* reports that the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. announced that Law alumnus John Miller has been elected a stockholder. *Contacto Latino News* also reports the news.
• Former jazz instructor at Stetson, alumnus and accomplished musician Donald Gerald Waldrop, 74, died
Dec. 18. Reported in **Daytona Beach News-Journal**.

- The Dec. 20 **com** reports that Law alumnus Curran Patrick “Pat” Kelley, of Nokomis, Florida, passed away at the age of 101 in Sarasota.
- Alumna Winifred (Little) Williams, 95, died Dec. 29, reported in **Valley News**.
- Elizabeth Jane Harper Duff ’29, died at 104, on Dec. 29, reported in **Daytona Beach News-Journal**.
- Alum John R. Tamm, former mayor of Daytona Beach, died, reported in the **Daytona Beach News-Journal**, Dec. 31.
- Master’s degree alumna Dr. Dody Sapp died Dec. 23, as reported in the **Daytona Beach News-Journal**.
- Martin Malloy III, 81, graduate alumnus, died Dec. 14, reported in **Villagesoup.com**.