

# Stetson University in the News – July 2015

## July 31-Aug. 6, 2015

### Top stories in the news

- Stetson has taken steps to improve showcasing student art in the Hand Art Center by making a switch to use Videotel's VP71 industrial digital signage media player which is more viewer-friendly, as covered by [Townhall Finance](#) on Aug. 4, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [American Public Media](#), and 60 other news media outlets.
- Law Dean Christopher Pietruszkiewicz is quoted in the July 30 [Wall Street Journal](#) article, "Law Schools Fight Bar Association Over How Graduates' Jobs Are Counted." The article also ran in JDJournal. Dean Pietruszkiewicz is also quoted in the Aug.3 [Bloomberg](#) article, "Are Law Schools Skewing Job Placement Numbers."
- On Aug. 3, Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted by the Chronicle of Higher Education in the article "Do Fraternities Have a Place on the Modern Campus?"
- On Aug. 2, Law adjunct professor and alumnus Jeffrey Brown is quoted by the Florida Times-Union in the article "Jacksonville death penalty case could be dismissed due to questions of speedy trial rights."

### Other news

- According to the Aug. 4 [Santa Monica Daily Press](#), the Stetson team is among the 16 student trial teams from some of the nation's top law schools who have made the cut to participate in this year's National Civil Trial Competition in Los Angeles.
- [Bill Ball, Ph.D.](#), visiting associate professor of political science, and creator of the university's makerspace, was reported to be giving two presentations about 3D printing on Sunday, Aug. 2, and Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Deltona Regional Library in an article by [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) and US Official News on July 31.
- Assistant Professor of History [Leander Seah, Ph.D.](#), provided commentary about the 70th anniversary of the Enola Gay's delivery of the atomic bomb over Japan in Aug. 6, 1945, in World War II in an article by [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on Aug. 6.
- News of a memorial at a Palm Beach County library, named in honor of Betty Batson Bell, founder of the Betty Batson Bell Lecture Series at Stetson, was recently covered by U.S. Official News on July 31.
- Jake Smith, Stetson student, delivered DeLand's first secular invocation during a meeting of the DeLand City Commission, as reported in [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#), Aug. 1.
- Stetson is undergoing a huge growth to accommodate more students and, as the school grows, DeLand benefits, as reported in [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on Aug. 2.
- [Patrick Hennessey, Ph.D.](#), director of Stetson's Orchestra, will also be the director for The Space Coast Symphony's JAZZ Orchestra during a concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 8 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy's Scott Center for the Performing Arts, as reported in [Florida Today](#) on Aug. 5.
- Psychology Chair [Chris Ferguson, Ph.D.](#), provided commentary on why video games do not cause violent behaviors in an article in [Central Florida Future](#) on Aug. 6.
- On July 30, [KTRE](#) featured Stetson Law student Brandon Williams in an article about his study abroad experience turned summer associate position in Spain.
- The exhibit "A Tradition of Contemporary Ceramics" at the Hand Art Center was featured on exhibits to see in Orlando Sentinel on July 30.

### Alumni in the news

- Brenda Blackburn, Stetson alumna, is one of three finalists to become Berkeley's new superintendent, as reported in [The Post and Courier](#) on Aug. 1.
- On Aug. 2, The [Tampa Tribune](#) featured Law alumna Sheila Scott Griffin in an article about the candidates for the District 7 Seat.
- According to the Aug. 4 [PRLog](#), Law alumnus Forrest Bass is now Florida Bar Board Certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates.
- According to the Aug. 5 [SpaceCoastDaily](#), Pete Sweeney and Andrew Lannon's presentations were accepted for publication in the Stetson Law Review's Local Government Law Symposium, the premier local government law publication in Florida.

- According to an Aug. 4 press release from Hurley Rogner Miller Cox & Waranch, P.A., Law grad W. Rogers Turner has been appointed vice chair of the Florida Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Board Certification Review Committee.
- Stetson alumnus, Casey B. Weade, a retirement-planning professional, provided commentary on how planning for retirement is harder because of hidden fees, explains what kinds of hidden fees exist, and gives solutions to this problem in an article featured on [Life & Health](#) on July 31.
- According to an Aug. 4 press release from Gray Robinson, GrayRobinson shareholder and Stetson Law alumnus John R. Herin, Jr. has obtained his board certification in City, County and Local Government Law from the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization & Education.
- Starting this fall, Stetson alumna Anna Barcenas will be the assistant principal at Lake Wales High School, as reported in [News Chief](#) and The Ledger on Aug. 3.

## July 24-30, 2015

### Top stories in the news

- Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology [Christopher Ferguson](#), Ph.D., provided commentary on whether or not media coverage on shootings provokes more shootings in the future, in an article in [Yahoo! Health](#) on July 27.
- Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob spoke with the [Ledger](#) for the July 28 story, "Leak: PCSO Detective Sought Hacking Software."
- On July 28, The [Florida Bar News](#) online reported that law professor Stephanie Vaughan has been promoted to associate dean for student engagement at Stetson Law.
- On July 23, [Before It's News](#) ran an article that featured law professor Charles Rose's video on how to lay the foundation for an expert witness.

### Other news

- Stetson was ranked number 8 in the top Florida colleges in Forbes' annual ranking covered in an article by [Orlando Business Journal](#) on July 29. The criteria Forbes used included: the amount of student debt; graduation rates; student satisfaction rates; and career success of graduates.
- Political Science Professor [T. Wayne Bailey](#), Ph.D., provided commentary on the possibility of Volusia County allowing employees to run for office for The Volusia County Council in an article by [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on July 25.
- On July 27, the [University of North Dakota](#) news reported that law professor Peter Lake would be visiting to discuss roles of advocacy in campus student-conduct process in light of recent change to North Dakota state law regarding legal representation for students.
- Chris Squire, the bassist of the British progressive rock group, Yes, recently passed away and was commemorated in an article which reflected on the band's visit to Stetson in 1971 in [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on July 25.
- Stetson student Miranda Camp, who is working with the Research Experience for Undergraduates, helped to install a series of instrument profiles around Little Cayman Island to monitor environmental conditions, as reported in [Cayman Inews](#) on July 26.
- Articles written by Visiting Assistant Professor of Journalism [Andy Dehnart](#), M.F.A., appeared this week in [Reality Blurred](#), an online publication, produced, owned and operated by Dehnart, who writes and edits much of the content. Dehnart's online bio includes his teaching career at Stetson.
- The exhibit "A Tradition of Contemporary Ceramics" at the Hand Art Center was featured in Exhibits To See, [Orlando Sentinel](#) on July 23.

### Alumni in the news

- John Ammar, Stetson finance alumnus, is using his Fortune One Company to open up the real estate market to working class Jamaicans, as reported in [Loopjamaica.com](#) on July 27.
- On July 23, the Tampa Bay Times reported that Stetson Law alumna Rena Frazier is likely to run for the State House District 59 seat held by Ross Spano.
- Melanie Brown, Stetson alumna, was recently named the executive director of St. Johns River State College, as reported in [The Florida Times-Union](#) on July 23.
- On July 27, [Super Lawyers](#) named Stetson Law alumna Katherine Schnauss Naugle to its 2015 Florida Rising Starts list.

- On July 2, The Tampa Bay Times ran a letter to the editor article submitted by Law alumnus David. P Carter entitled "A right for all."
- According to the July 29 [Memphis Daily News](#), Olen M. "Mac" Bailey Jr. has received his master of laws degree in elder law with honors from Stetson University College of Law.

## July 17-23, 2015

### Top stories in the news

- Paul Boudreaux, professor of law, wrote an op-ed on eminent domain published in the [Orlando Sentinel's](#) Front Burner on July 17.
- Roberta Flowers, professor of law, is quoted in the July 22 [Tampa Bay Times](#) article, "Jury selection in latest Dontae Morris case a slow, delicate task."
- Charles Rose, director of Stetson Law's Center for Excellence in Advocacy, was quoted by the [Palm Beach Post](#) on July 20 in regard to the Florida Supreme Court's declaration on Stand Your Ground cases.
- [10 News](#) quoted T. Wayne Bailey, Ph.D., professor of political science, on July 16 in an article addressing Tampa Bay's use of red light cameras.

### Other news

- Thirteen Stetson students were named to the 2014-15 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Academic Honor Roll, which requires athletes to hold at least a 3.2 GPA, reported [Quinnipiac Bobcats](#) on July 16.
- Four Stetson women's golfers were named to the 2014-15 Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars list, which requires athletes to hold at least a 3.5 GPA, according to the July 22 [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#).
- Stetson was briefly mentioned in a July 21 [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) article about a new Marriott Courtyard hotel in downtown DeLand.
- Stetson has partnered with Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center to expand a new program called Community Care that allows those who are uninsured or on Medicaid to get treated while also cutting costs in the hospital. This story was featured on [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on July 20.
- Johnny Rockets sandwich shop is planning to open more locations around college campuses across the nation after success at Stetson University, according to a July 20 article in [The Daily Meal](#). Additional coverage: [Tutorial Finder](#), [Fast Casual](#) and 24 other news media.
- Jake Smith, Stetson student, delivered DeLand's first secular invocation during a meeting of the DeLand City Commission, said [Patheos](#) on July 21.
- Stetson's art project, the Forest of Arden Annex, constructed by Gerard Nadeau, the Hand Art Center and the community of DeLand, was featured in [Bustler](#) and [Archinect](#) on July 22.
- Stetson is among the handful of universities that have had a 100 percent retention rate of students who receive scholarships, according to [National Jurist](#) on July 22.
- Stetson was mentioned in a July 22 [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) article about student housing projects in DeLand.

### Alumni in the news

- Maureen Breakiron-Evans has been appointed to the board of directors for Ally Financial Inc., an automotive financial services company. The story appeared in [The Business Journals](#), [Market Place](#), [Fox 23](#), and 130 other news media on July 23.
- Lauren Hill joined the Sanuk Ambassador Program to work with Women for Whales and Surfers for Cetaceans to help heal pollution worldwide. Her story was featured on [Surfers Village](#) on July 16. Additional coverage: [Shop-eat-surf](#), [Eastern Surf](#).
- Michael T. Ezzell II has joined Inland Securities Corporation as the CEO and will be responsible for corporate strategy, sales, broker dealer relationships, securities operations, compliance and distribution channels, and also work closely with new product development, due diligence and information technology. The story was covered by [Yahoo! Finance](#), [Benzinga](#), and 8 other news media.
- Cecelia McKinney got her early childhood certification and went on to teach children for 34 years. She is regarded as many children's favorite teacher and, although retired, McKinney still gets involved with her community. [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) wrote a feature about her career on July 17.

- George Edwards, Stetson alumnus, and wife Dori, have made a donation to create the George M. and Dori V. Edwards Memorial Scholarship Fund for Concord University students, according to [The Fayette Tribune](#) on July 16.
- Eric Thorn has been invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance at St. Denis & Davey, P.A., according to [TownHall Finance](#).
- Julie McGrath has been named one of the "Top 40 under 40" attorneys in the state by The National Trial Lawyers according to [PRBuzz](#).

## July 10-16, 2015

### Top stories in the news

- David Sawyer, a Stetson student, created a new web application TSOLife.com that is designed to capture personalized legacies so history will not be forgotten between generations, according to the [Daily Herald](#) on July 14. Additional coverage: [StockNod](#), [DigitalMediaWire](#), and 87 other news sources.
- Susan Rozelle, associate dean at the College of Law, wrote an editorial on the Supreme Court's recent opinion on capital punishment that ran as an exclusive to the [Tampa Bay Times](#) on July 7.
- Wayne Bailey, Ph.D., professor of political science, was quoted in a July 14 [Tampa Tribune](#) article about a \$10,000 political donation from a red light camera firm to Tampa's Mayor Buckhorn. Bailey's comments explained why it is OK for the mayor to accept the donation. Additional coverage: [970WFLA](#), [WoodRadio](#) and [620WDAE](#).
- Peter Lake, professor of law, was quoted in a July 8 [Harvard Crimson](#) article regarding the Supreme Court review of Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin.

### Other news

- Ellen Podgor, professor of law, was quoted by the [Tampa Bay Times](#) on July 13 in an article regarding President Obama's grant of clemency to past drug offenders.
- Christopher Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, was included in a July 10 article in [Game Skinny](#) for his research, which shows that playing violent video games does not increase violent tendencies. The article focuses specifically on how even people with mental disorders did not become more violent while playing video games. [The Odyssey](#) also reported on Ferguson's study which focused on violent video games being able to decrease violence.
- Jason Bent, professor of law, was quoted by [The Ledger](#) and Tampa Bay Times on July 9 in an article about a legal settlement alleging unfair pay practices by The Hurricane Restaurant.
- [Florida Politics](#), [WUSF](#), and the [Tampa Tribune](#) reported that Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Stetson College of Law alumna, held a press conference in the lobby of the Tampa Law Center on July 8 to discuss the Florida's multimillion dollar settlement with J.P. Morgan Chase.
- Sven Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, provided comments on why some Volusia County residents feel better living without AC in an article published by [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) on July 10.
- Stetson was mentioned in a July 10 [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) article for hosting a Peer Fitness Program that helps train firefighters to keep fit and healthy.
- Jimmy John's will open its first location in downtown DeLand and deliver sandwiches directly to Stetson students at their residence hall, according to a July 13 article in the [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#).
- Joshua Rust, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, explored the moral behavior of ethics professors in collaboration with the writer of a July 14 article in [Aeon](#).
- Haley Crum Blanton, a part-time law student, is a finalist in the Business Services category as Businesswoman of the Year, according to the July 10 [Tampa Bay Business Journal](#).

### Alumni in the news

- On July 9, [The Monday Morning Quarterback](#) ranked Stetson Law alumnus Rich McKay the 10th-most influential person of the 2015 NFL season.
- Stetson Law alumnus Michael Babboni was quoted by [Newswire](#) on July 9 regarding the recent crash at Daytona's Coke Zero 400.

- On July 9, [Adams & Reese](#) reported that Stetson Law alumna Lynn Sherman has been appointed Chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar's Bankruptcy/UCC (Uniform Commercial Code) Committee.
- On July 13, The [Daily Times](#) reported that Stetson Law alumna Sandra M. Urban was unanimously appointed to the Aldan, PA City Council.

## July 2-9, 2015

### Top stories in the news

- Professor of Law Peter Lake spoke with the [Harvard Crimson](#) for the July 3 article, "Education Department Backs Away from College Rating System." [Individual](#) quoted Professor Lake on July 2 in an article addressing the U.S. Department of Education's plan to release a data tool for prospective students and their families to compare colleges this summer. [Inside Higher Education](#) quoted 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](#).
- Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy's article in the Brennan Center for Justice is quoted in the [SCOTUSblog](#) July 2 Thursday round-up on the topic of the Arizona Legislature v. Arizona Independent. Professor Torres-Spelliscy participated in the Twitter Town Hall with CNN commentator Donna Brazile #BetterPolitics.
- Stetson Professor Laura Crysel and her research on "Hogwarts Houses Correspond to Real Psychological Personality Traits New Study Finds," was featured in [The Medical Chronicles](#), [Psychotherapy.tumblr.com](#), and several other blogs including, [tinewashere.tumblr.com](#), [symphanie.tumblr.com](#).
- [Everyday Life - Global Post](#) July 7, featured Stetson as the first of a few universities in Florida with strong creative writing programs.
- On July 2, [U.S. News University Directory.com](#), Upworthy and Ihomeidea published Stetson Psychology Professor Christopher Ferguson's study, which found that violent video games do not correlate to violent behaviors in real life.
- Law Professor Peter Lake spoke with the [Harvard Crimson](#) for the July 3 article, "Education Department Backs Away from College Rating System."
- Stetson University Provost Beth Paul is quoted in the July 3 [Tampa Bay Business Journal](#) article "Education Roundtable: The Root of the Problem."
- On July 4, the [Daily Tribune](#) reported that former Law Adjunct Professor David T. Tirella has joined McKeen & Associates as an associate.
- [Daily Chronicle](#) July 3, and [MidWeekNews.com](#), July 8, reported that Stetson student Madisyn Russell is one of the recipients of the Mary K. Roberts Scholarship Foundation for the 2015-2016 year.
- On July 3, [The Daytona Beach News-Journal](#) published an article about Holly Hill's Solar-Fit Company celebrating its 40th anniversary, and featured how Stetson implemented 143 solar panels to heat Stetson's pool in an environmentally friendly way.
- Political Science Professor T. Wayne Bailey was featured in Mark Lane's column in the Daytona Beach News-Journal, July 4: Bailey was approved to help with the 10-year check-up of Volusia County's Charter—to suggest updates and improvements before it goes to the voters. (Bailey was among the original writers of the County's Charter.)
- [MLB.com](#), on several TV stations, including WGN, WNDY, discussed former Hatter standout, Jacob DeGrom, selected last year as NL Rookie of the Year - 2014, and the article, "239 reasons to love Baseball and America," in July 3 issue of [MLB.com](#) mentions Stetson's current baseball standout catcher, Patrick Mazeika.
- [SavannahNow.com](#), July 5, reported that Courtney Krueger, business management alum, from Stetson, has been working as an associate financial representative at Northwestern Mutual for more than a year.
- Renovations at the former Clarion Inn are underway, as reported in the West Volusia Beacon, and will be completed in October, for the assisted living facility. Stetson students will continue living in the top two floors until the contract is complete.
- In the Business Briefs, July 2, West Volusia Beacon, it's reported that Eveline Kraljic, business graduate from Stetson, has been named new chief operating officer of the Council on Aging of Volusia County.
- Also included in the Beacon's Business Briefs, July 2: DeLand names new facility management at Florida Hospital DeLand, Jeffery Bates, Stetson business alum.
- "Sweet! DeLand tax-base robust, growing," in West Volusia Beacon, July 6, features Stetson University.
- The West Volusia Beacon, July 2, in "West Volusia History," reported from the June 20-22, 2005 edition, that Stetson would be tearing down the historic Hulley Tower because it was unsafe to surrounding historic buildings.

- [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#), July 9, reports on a CATALYST banquet (Children and Adults Together Achieving Leadership, Inspiration, Success and Trust), celebrating five years in Volusia County, was held at Stetson.

## **Alumni in the news**

- "Four ways to protect children from sexual abuse" published on [OneHope.net blog](#), is written by Stetson alum Boz Tchividjian.
- Business and Marketing graduate Madison Orr Hauerstein is named new executive director of Tampa Bay's The Arc, serving clients with developmental and intellectual disabilities, as reported in the [Tampa Bay Newspapers Weekly.com](#).
- Sharon Whitehead, graduate alumna, was honored as Dean of Arts and Sciences at Somerset Community College, reported in Targeted News Service.
- On July 1, [Florida Politics](#) reported that the Trial Lawyers Bar honored Stetson Law Alumna Kathleen Passidomo as a Top Legislature.
- Stetson Law alumnus Richard Johnson was quoted on July 1 in [The Mount Airy News](#) about his unusual gift he gave to his father.
- On July 1 [Adams and Reese](#) reported that Stetson Law alumnus Tom Dart has been named to the Executive Council for the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.
- On July 3 the [Stuart News](#) reported that Stetson Law alumnus Jonathan Chane has announced his candidacy for Congress.