

# ROLKS REPORT

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## Three Students Receive Fulbright Awards

Three students applied — and all three were chosen in the nationally competitive program.

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## Students Win Awards at National Research Conference

Ten students and three professors attended the 2026 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology conference in Washington, D.C.

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## Aquatic and Marine Biology Major Receives Prestigious Hollings Scholarship

Genevieve Longmire was one of only 120 students nationwide picked to train under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## Stetson Named a Top Game Design School for Fourth Time

Once again, The Princeton Review selected the university for its list of Top 50 Game Design Programs.

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## Undergraduate Mock Trial Team 'Performed Admirably' in National Championship Tournament

Stetson's team didn't take the top prize, but it proved to be a big winner all year.

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## Two School of Music Students Heading to Aspen Music Festival

Aine Mullen '27 and Ashley Callari '26 beat the odds and earned entry into the renowned festival and school in July.

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## Brandon Lomas '26 Becomes Stetson's First U.S. Air Force Pilot Select

Born in Guatemala and raised in Orlando, the new graduate was tabbed for exclusive U.S. Air Force pilot training.

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## Stetson Showcase: 'One of the Most Exciting Yet'

Approximately 170 examples of student achievement were on display under the theme "Currents of Curiosity: Crossing Streams."

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## See Our Photo Gallery: Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement Ceremonies

The 140th Commencement in DeLand was poignant, powerful and prideful.

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## In the News

NASA's Artemis II caused the world — including Stetson Softball — to pause. Plus, professors shared their expertise, and alumni were profiled.

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## Cheers to the Class of 2026!

Seniors gathered for one final moment together to reflect, celebrate and toast.

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## Success Starts Here

Recent graduates exemplify a long tradition of academic excellence within a friendly, close-knit community.

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## JC Prince Entrepreneurship

The program prepares students to become innovative, benevolent leaders who use problem-solving, storytelling and value creation.

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## Theatre Arts: Where Creativity Takes Center Stage

Students don't just study theatre — they live it.



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## Development and Alumni Engagement

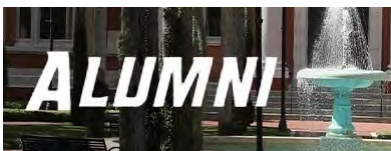
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### Stetson Summer Series!

Join us for our second annual series as we welcome the Class of 2026 into the Alumni Association with events all summer!

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