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Stetson to Unveil Matt's Point Tribute at Homecoming 2026

The public dedication ceremony for Matt's Point Living Shoreline is Sunday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m., at the Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center.

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Stetson Named Among Best National Universities

The university has achieved a significant institutional milestone — now ranked among the best nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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NIH Grant Funding Undergraduate Cancer Research

The faculty-led research is evidence of not only the real-world experience Stetson is known for but also uncommon scientific exploration into the unknown.

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Stetson Welcomes First Cohort of S-STEM Scholars

The new program, funded by the National Science Foundation, is rolling out its first cohort of students this fall on campus.

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Alumna Reaches Pinnacle of Public Health

Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos '94, an award-winning board-certified family medicine physician, serves as the Acting Surgeon General of the United States.

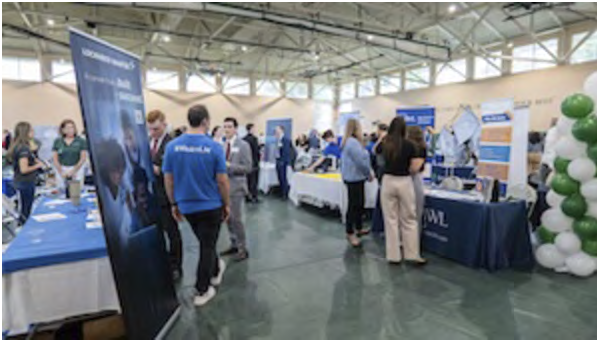
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Opening Doors: AdventHealth Day Connects Students with the Future of Health Care

Students across multiple majors attended events on campus to learn and network.

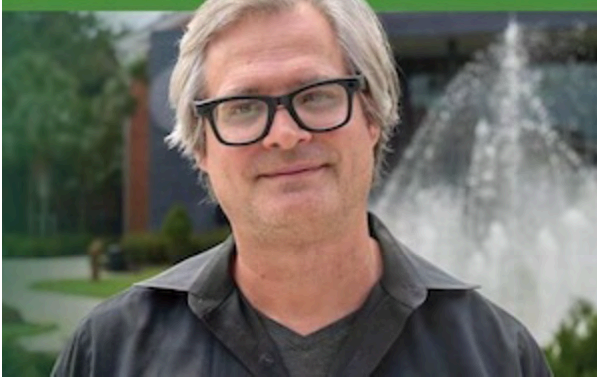
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2026 Fall Internship & Career Expo: 'Energy ... Like No Other'

More than 470 students, alumni and guests met with nearly 60 organizations.

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Faculty Forward: Josh Rust, PhD

Shining the spotlight on Stetson's outstanding educators and their lasting impact.

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In the News

Making headlines — from a Hatter-turned-dancing Savannah Banana to other seriously impressive media coverage.

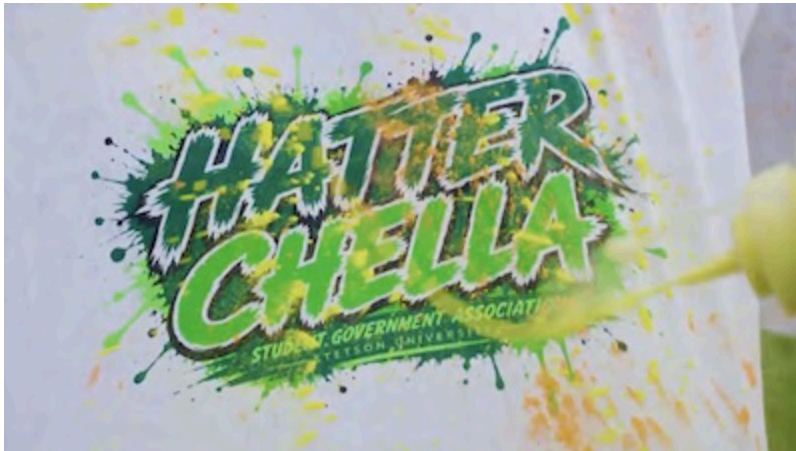
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Spotlight

Stetson Gets You Ready for It!

This education is both relationship-rich and real-world.

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HatterChella 2026

Students celebrate themselves with a colorful, high-energy mix of music, activities and *fun*.

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AdventHealth Takeover Day

Students saw the future of health care — and maybe even their own future.

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Development and Alumni Engagement

Countdown to Homecoming 2026

Alumni come together for their annual rite of passage: a weekend of traditions, celebrations and unforgettable moments back on campus.

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