

# ROLKS REPORT

NEWS AND STORIES FROM HATTER NATION // SEPTEMBER 2025



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## **Stetson Receives \$2 Million National Science Foundation S-STEM Award**

The award will support 24 STEM scholars across two cohorts of 12 students, beginning next fall.

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## **The Princeton Review Selects Stetson as One of Nation's Best Colleges**

Stetson also is ranked highly for colleges with the "Most Politically Moderate Students."

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## **Once Again, Stetson Is a 'College of Distinction'**

"... Where students thrive not just academically, but as whole people," according to the independent college





guide.

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## Free Inquiry & Expression and the Future of Democracy Series Returns

The series continues this fall with 12 scheduled events for students, faculty, staff and the community.

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## Introducing the Department of Cultural, Civic and Community Engagement

The reorganization continues to strengthen the university's focus on relationship-rich learning for students.

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## Students Featured in Local Documentary, Collaborate with Visually Impaired Youth

"Postcards from Canaveral" premieres Sept. 26, showcasing Stetson's innovative Young Sound Seekers program.





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## Library's Soundproof Addition Creating a Buzz

The new cHatter Box provides a location to create audio recordings, streaming video podcasts, radio plays, oral histories and more.

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## Hatter Football Making a Community Impact

Stetson is broadening efforts to engage with its community and create lasting, positive influences with "High Five Fridays."

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## In the News

Student and staff military veterans, who honored lives lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, were among those appearing in





local, national and international media.

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## Spotlight

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### **President's Report, 2024-2025**

Debuting in a video format, the report looks back at the past academic year.

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### **Welcome, Class of 2029!**

As part of an annual tradition, the new class gathered as their Stetson journey begins.

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### **Convocation 2025**

"The beginning of something extraordinary."

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## Move-In Day 2025

New voices awaken the "Soul of Stetson."

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## Involvement Fair 2025

More than 100 student organizations opened their welcoming arms on campus.

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## Development and Alumni Engagement

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**Hatters Make History at Homecoming, Oct. 24-26**





It's time to celebrate and immerse yourself in Stetson spirit!

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