

**Stetson University**

**Academic Affairs**

**Student Highlights**

**October 2014-February 2015**

**Valentine Agranovsky**, class of 2017, won first place in a piano competition hosted by the Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida (National Federation). Valentine was also a finalist in the 38th Annual Glenn Miller Birthplace Society Competition and was invited to his hometown in Clarinda, Iowa to compete in the finals.

**Samantha Akl**, class of 2015, **Kort Braeutgam**, class of 2015, **Jessica Butler**, class of 2017, **Anja Erwin**, class of 2016, **Christopher Goolsby**, class of 2015, **Charles Lane**, class of 2016, **Ross Morison**, class of 2015, **Callan Piazza**, class of 2016, **Amanda Ponce**, class of 2015, **Jennifer Stone**, class of 2016, and **Katherine Tonner**, class of 2015, along with their professor Dr. **Erin Moore**, had abstracts accepted for presentation at the spring meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in Hilton Head, SC. Accepted abstracts include:

Moore, E. and Tonner, K. "Staying together: Influence of love styles and jealousy-evoking behavior.";

Erwin, A., Goolsby, C., Moore, E., Lane, C., Piazza, C., Stone, J., and Morison, R. "Promoting healthy eating among students at a liberal arts university."; and

Ponce, A., Machado, A., Akl, S., Moore, E., Butler, J., and Braeutgam, K. "Does in-person matter?: Evaluating an exercise promotion intervention's delivery method."

**Tommye Barie** B.B.A. '83 was elected Chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mrs. Barie is the second Stetson accounting alumni to serve in this capacity, a proud distinction given the small size of our program.

**Sebastian Benhnke** B.B.A '10, M.Acc. '11 of Protivity, Inc. spoke to Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary organization for accounting, finance, and business system analysis students.

**Cole Binkley**, class of 2015, **Alexandria Bocco**, class of 2018, **Emily Frier**, class of 2017, **Omar Lawand**, class of 2017, **Nathalie Maldonado**, class of 2015, **Trey Moore**, class of 2016, **Ian Morin**, class of 2015, **Ryan Morrison**, class of 2015, **Ashley Oliveto**, class of 2015, **Emilio Rosario**, class of 2015, **Jeremy Rumsey**, class of 2017, **Erich Schwarz**, class of 2015, all members of the Stetson University Symphonic Band, were selected to perform in the 2015 Florida Intercollegiate Band during the Florida Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference held in Tampa, January 14-17, 2015

**Shannon Bowerson** M.B.A. '14, **Anna Evans** M.B.A. '14, **Rachael Farrell** M.B.A. '14, and **Jennifer Goodenow** M.B.A. '14, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Florida Southern University's MBA Business Strategy Case Competition in November, led by **William Andrews**, Associate Professor of International Business.

**Erin Brennan**, second year law student, **Melaina Tryon**, third year law student, and **Nick Sellars**, third year law student, were finalists at the 33rd Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law. Ms. Tryon was a member of the team that won the competition in the previous year.

**Ellen Broetzmann**, class of 2016, **Erin Coatney**, class of 2015, **Haywood Dunston**, class of 2016, **Sean Hileman**, class of 2016, **Ryan Kirk**, class of 2018, **David Peralta**, class of 2017, **Alexandra Martinez Uresti**, class of 2017, **Ashley Nuñez**, class of 2016, **Michael Vlach**, class of 2016, participated in the Vero Beach Opera production of Puccini's opera *Il Tabarro*, directed by Professor **Russell Franks**. The students performed in small roles and in the chorus as professional singers.

**Raveena Budhu**, class of 2016, **Rachel Read**, class of 2016, **Sydney Schless**, class of 2015, and **Ashley Yony**, class of 2016, have been invited to perform at the Vandoren National Clarinet Festival in Mobile, Alabama in March 2015.

**Emma Campbell**, class of 2016, and **David Sawyer**, class of 2015, placed third in the national Collegiate Ethics Case Competition held in October at the Eller School of Management at the University of Arizona. The Stetson team, coached by **Dr. Beasley** and **Dr. Tichenor**, competed against 27 other universities from around the U.S. and Canada. The Stetson team won the Eastern Regional bracket against six other teams (<http://www.stetson.edu/today/2014/11/su-wins-3rd-in-collegiate-ethics-case-competition/>).

**Alexis Campos**, third year law student, **Leon Hunter**, second year law student, **Hamilton Kemp**, third year law student, and **Andrenette Sullivan**, third year law student, won the Golden Gate University Criminal Mock Trial Competition. Mr. Hunter was named Top Advocate in the competition. The team was coached by **Joseph Murray J.D. '08** and **Erika Wilson J.D. '12**, Assistant Director for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

**Kyrsten Chambers**, class of 2015, was named a winner in the Daytona Beach Choral Society Vocal Competition in 2014.

**Alyssa Cory**, third year law student, **Ryan Hedstrom**, second year law student, and **Ashley Panaggio**, third year law student, swept the regional round of the New York City Bar's 65th Annual National Moot Court Competition. Stetson's team not only won the regional, but the team also won the best brief award and Ms. Panaggio won the best oralist award. The winning Stetson team will also advance to the National Finals of the New York City Bar National Moot Court Competition. A second Stetson team of **Madison Kebler**, third year law student, **Paige Lacy**, second year law student, and Jeremy Rill, second year law student, advanced to the quarterfinals of the competition. **Michael Allen**, Associate Dean and Professor of Law, coached the Stetson teams.

**Taylor Duguay**, class of 2016, **Gabrielle Healy**, class of 2017, **Kyle Maley**, class of 2017, **Brittany Mericle**, class of 2015, **Danielle Mottier**, class of 2015, and **Rachel Sheehan**, class of 2015, were selected to present at the IMPACT National Conference in February 2015 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. The Impact National Conference focuses specifically on Community Service, Service Learning, and Civic Engagement. Presentations include:

- Duguay, T. and Maley, K., "Socializing Service: What We Can Learn from Fun and Games"
- Mottier, D., "Greenfeather: Service Starts at HOMEcoming"
- Mericle, B., "Empowering Students and the Community through Service Learning"
- Sheehan, R., Healy, G., and Shankar-Brown, R., "Reviving the Curriculum: Advocating for Creativity in Public Schools"

**Regine Etienne**, third year law student, **Daniel Kavanaugh**, second year law student, **Kathleen Logan**, second year law student, and **Harold Velez**, second year law student, won the Florida Justice Association Mock Trial Competition. This team was coached by **Judge David A. Demers J.D. '72** and **Arturo (Art) Rios J.D. '06**.

**Chad Florin** and **Daniel Miles**, third year law students, and **Candice Rojas J.D. '14** and **Lisa Ungerbuehler J.D. '14** represented the College of Law and placed second in the 13th Annual National Civil Trial Competition. Ms. Rojas was named Best Advocate in the Final Round and Mr. Miles was named Best Advocate in the Preliminary Round. **Michele Joiner**, Stetson University Trial Advocacy Coordinator and Associate Professor of Legal Skills, and **Lee Coppock J.D. '96** coached the Stetson team.

**Christopher Hickey**, class of 2016, was selected as a semi-finalist for the National ACDA Student Choral Conductors Competition in February 2015, held in Salt Lake City.

**Christopher Hickey** and **Janani Shanmuga**, both class of 2016, attended the Oregon Bach Festival (the world's premiere festival of its kind) in July 2014 and participated with professional conductors from around the world, including Helmuth Rilling, Edward McClary, and Anton Armstrong.

**Thomas Ingui**, class of 2015, was appointed organist at Trinity United Methodist Church of DeLand. He is also a finalist in two national organ performance competitions: The Taylor Competition, sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the Rogers Organ Competition, to be held at the Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix, AZ.

**Dan Kavanaugh**, second year law student, accepted a position on the board of directors for a charitable non-profit, *Brothers for Adversity*.

**Andres Norris**, class of 2016, accepted an internship with Kaleo. Special thanks to **A.C. Chan**, Stetson Board Member and Kaleo Vice President who developed this opportunity on Stetson's behalf.

**Ashley Nuñez**, class of 2016, won both the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Orlando & Winter Park Vocal Competition and Daytona Beach Choral Society Vocal Competition.

**Brent Pafford B.M. '13**, Stetson MBA student and School of Music Concert Hall Manager, presented lecture recital on the J. S. Bach's chorale preludes transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni, the results of his work from this past summer at the Orfeo Festival, made possible by a grant from the Apgar Foundation.

**Anisha Patel J.D. '14** won the Best Oralist Award at the Mercer Moot Court Competition on Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Ms. Patel, along with teammates **Brittany Cover**, second year law student, and **Yaffi Hilili**, third year law student, were semifinalists in the competition.

**Katelyn Pomfret**, class of 2015, was named the recipient of the Davis Brand Capital gift to sponsor undergraduate marketing research. Ms. Pomfret is working with **Dr. DeMoss** on a project entitled, "Influence of Eco-labeling and Product Claims on Consumer Perceptions of Brand Attitudes and Intentions". She and Dr. DeMoss are planning to submit their paper to the 2014 Academy for Business Research Conference. In addition, Ms. Pomfret will be presenting the paper at the Stetson Showcase in the April.

**Spence Purnell** B.A. '13 won a competitive internship with the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee. The internship comes with a funded place in the Master of Public Administration at Florida State University.

**Leonardo Arturo Quintero**, class of 2015, was awarded a 2014 SURE (Stetson University Research Experience) Grant, with which he researched Italian opera and fully explored its influence on Mauro Giuliani's *Rossiniana* No.1, Op. 119 for classical guitar. He worked closely with his mentor, **Dr. Stephen Robinson**, and also traveled to Italy to study with the guitar duo of Pasquale Rucco and Dr. Douglas James, specialists in 19th century guitar literature and Italian opera. Quintero will present his findings in recital lectures at Stetson University, GuitarSarasota Lecture Series, and the Guitar Foundation of America Regional Symposium.

**Brian Rodriguez**, class of 2015, was the 2014 H.M. Giffin Vocal Competition winner. He also led the Stetson Alma Mater at the 2014 Convocation. In addition, Brian sang the Star-Spangled Banner for the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony hosted by Stetson University in H. D. Lee Chapel. He also competes in the District Metropolitan Opera Auditions on January 17, 2015.

**Anabella Rojas** and **Ciara Willis**, second year law students, placed second in the William and Mary Law School Negotiation Competition in November.

**Joseph Rubano**, class of 2015, was selected for one of the rotating Principal Cello spots for the Brevard Music Festival in North Carolina this past summer.

**Amy Umlah**, class of 2015, traveled to the UK in August 2014 to attend the 9-day British Isles Music Festival (BIMF) held at Ardingly College, West Sussex, UK, and directed by world-renowned flutist Susan Milan. Ms. Umlah's travel and BIMF residency were made possible through grants from the Apgar Foundation and Stetson University. After the transformational experience, Ms. Umlah has already shared with Stetson's flute studio class some of the ways in which her participation in the BIMF provided inspiration, professional awareness and artistic understanding.

**Lohengrin Velasquez** B.M. '14 was asked to organize the music and musicians for the Appalachian Festival at the Deland Art Museum this fall. Ms. Velasquez has been interviewing in New York for many opportunities following her outstanding years of Music administration study with Patrece Robinson here at Stetson.

Many of our Vocal Performance students participated in the Southeastern Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Auditions at Columbus State College & University:

1<sup>st</sup> Place winners:     **Ashley Nuñez**, class of 2016, soprano  
                              **Brian Rodriguez**, class of 2015, tenor  
                              **Manuel Rodriguez**, class of 2016, tenor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner:     **Haywood Dunston**, class of 2016, tenor  
Semi-finalists:       **Erin Coatney**, class of 2015, mezzo-soprano  
                              **Kyrsten Chambers**, class of 2015, mezzo-soprano  
                              **Lucas Coura**, class of 2017, tenor  
                              **Maria Gikas**, class of 2016, soprano  
                              **Selena Masters**, class of 2017, soprano

### **Recent Graduates in Graduate Programs and Industry Positions**

**Maria Abreu**, class of 2015, was accepted and will be attending graduate school at the Stern School at New York University in the fall.

**Ryan Ashburn** B.B.A '14 accepted the position of Graduate Assistant Men's & Women's Golf Coach at Campbell University.

**Joseph Burns** B.S. '14 and **Veronica Hernandez** B.A. '14 are serving in AmeriCorps VISTA positions in the Center for Community Engagement as the Bonner Coordinator and Community Partnership Coordinator (respectively).

**Alyssa Collins** B.B.A. '14 recently accepted a position as Campus Organizer at University of California Irvine.

**Lauren Couturier** B.B.A. '14 accepted a position as Social Media Coordinator at Freewavz.

**Natalia DiFerdinand** B.B.A '13, M.Acc. '14 began at the Jacksonville office of Ernst and Young in January.

**Robert Edgcomb** B.A. '13 accepted a position with Anthem Motorsports as a Productions Editor.

**David Edwards** B.B.A. '14 recently began a position as Sales Agent at AAA Missouri in the greater New Orleans area.

**Amy Felock** B.A. '11 recently began a position with NBC Sports working within the Golf Channel's Sales and Partnership Initiatives division.

**Lane Gauntt** B.A. '11 recently accepted a position with Halifax Health as a Marketing Specialist.

**Brett Hargarden** B.B.A. '14 is attending law school at Roger Williams University in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Bonnie Harper** B.B.A. '14, former finance department tutor and recipient of the 2014 honors award for contributions to the department, is working as an equity specialist for Raymond James in Tampa.

**Evan Jimmo** B.B.A. '14 is employed at CitiGroup in St. Petersburg.

**Kaitlyn Jones** B.B.A. '14 is enrolled in the University of South Florida Graduate Sport Business and Entertainment Management Program. She currently serves as Marketing Director for USF Men's and Women's Soccer teams.

**Nathan Kowal** B.B.A. '14 is employed as a Territory Manager for Moment Sports.

**Jules Nagle** B.B.A. '14 recently took a position as Project Specialist at Dyn.

**Zachary Nolette** B.B.A. '13 accepted a position as Account Executive at AAA National in Orlando, FL.

**Valeriya Popova** B.B.A. '14 is working for The Bank of New York Mellon.

**Samuel Randles** B.A. '13 received a full scholarship to the University of Iowa Law School.

**Hans Riseng** B.B.A. '14 is working in Norway as a trader for Fondsfinans.

**Alli Roseti** B.B.A. '14 is enrolled in the St. Leo Graduate Sport Business program.

**Justin Weber** B.M. '14 is attending NYU for his Masters of Music in music composition with an emphasis in film scoring.

**Jordan Schulz**, class of 2015, has already accepted an offer from Siemens in Orlando, where she will begin upon graduation in May.

**Shayn Sparks**, class of 2015, has accepted a position at Siemens in Orlando, where he will begin upon graduation in May; Mr. Sparks has previously worked as an intern for Siemens.

**Daniel Sprusansky** B.B.A. '14 is employed as a specialist at Merrill Edge in Jacksonville.

**Ryan Stanford** B.B.A. '13 serves as Development Representative for the NASCAR Charitable Foundation

**Matthew Taylor**, class of 2015, has accepted an offer as an equity analyst for MorningStar.

**Brooke Tressler** B.B.A. '14 is enrolled in the Texas A&M Graduate Sport Management program.

**Cathleen Vogelgesang** B.B.A. '14 recently took a position as Athletics Marketing Coordinator at Xavier University.

**Marquia Wimberly** B.B.A. '14 accepted a position as Product Marketing Analyst at Frontier Secure Communications.

**Travis Workman** B.B.A. '14 is working as an equity sector specialist at Raymond James Financial.

**Michael Zirkel** B.A. '13, previous AmeriCorps VISTA Bonner Coordinator for Stetson, was recently selected after a national search to be the next Bonner Program Coordinator at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

### **Notable work by Stetson student groups**

**ENACTUS**, Entrepreneurial Action Us, is a not-for-profit organization supported by individuals, foundations, and corporations whose mission is to build collegiate Enactus Teams who teach free enterprise in order to better individuals, communities, and countries. Stetson's ENACTUS student group is working actively in the community with several projects, including renovation and redesign of the kitchen of the PACE center in Ormond Beach and development of land at Southwester Middle School in DeLand for farmland use by the middle school students.

**Executive MBA students** in *MKTG 516 Marketing Strategy* worked with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida to design marketing plans for the organization's Hunger Awareness Month and 2014 Fall Virtual Food Drive.

**Stetson Entrepreneurial Group** sponsored the second annual "Idea Pitch" competition in November 2014. 73 unique student pitches were submitted with 18 selected for the final live presentation. Seven Central Florida entrepreneurs judged the event: Jim Atkinson, founder and executive director of PASS, an NPO based in Edgewater, FL; Jayne Rocco, current owner and operator of Calamity Jayne's Nightclub in DeLand, whose philanthropic cause is advocating for

domestic violence victims; Connie Bernal, associate director and site manager of the UCF Business Incubator at Daytona Beach International Airport; Walter (Marty) Cummins, Jr., an attorney devoting his time to developing and implementing the Enlightened Capitalism philosophy which advocates “doing well by doing good” in business; Clayton Louis Ferrara, current executive director of IDEAS for US and the director of Science at Ampersand, a K-12 Private School; Regina Henderson who recently sold AFC Global Logistics, a company providing freight forwarding services to Fortune 500 companies; and John Meyer, managing director/majority owner of Kermit’s Key West Key Lime Shoppe, that sells gourmet food with key limes as one of the main ingredients.

**Stetson University Women's Chorale**, led by Andrew Larson, performed in Jacksonville for an audience of over 2000, half of whom were professional musicians from 11 states. They attended after receiving a peer-reviewed invitation to perform.