

# Outstanding Staff Award

## Reid Lesperance

Administrative Specialist, College of Arts and Sciences

---



Reid Lesperance joined USFSP in January 2016. She has worked in multiple areas of the university, including Cashier's and Parking, Financial Aid, and most recently the College of Arts and Sciences. In her free time, Reid enjoys playing softball, traveling, and cooking. She recently rescued a Rottweiler named Penny. Go Bulls.

# Outstanding Staff Award

## Thomas Gay

Program Assistant/Coordinator, Center for Civic Engagement

---



Thomas Gay is a graduate of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, having majored in economics & political science. Prior to joining USFSP, he worked as a Congressional Assistant for Representative Kathy Castor specializing in military and Veterans Affairs Constituent Assistance. He currently serves as the Program Assistant/Coordinator with the Center for Civic Engagement where he has helped launch the statewide Civic Fellows partnership with the Florida YMCA, assisted in drafting the university's successful application maintaining its Carnegie Community Engagement status, and actively tracks and facilitates faculty and student community/civic engagement. He also advises USFSP's Civil Liberties Union as well as Ethics & Debate where he coaches the award-winning speech & debate team.

# Outstanding Administration Award

## Summer Smith

Assistant Director, Enrollment Management

---



As the Assistant Director for Enrollment Management, Summer (Finck) Smith, M.Ed., runs the Orientation and Campus Visitation programs at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. For the past seven years, she has planned and implemented all undergraduate First-Year and Transfer Orientation sessions, in addition to coordinating the daily Campus Tours and Admissions special events such as Anchor, Honors Banquet, Scholars Brunch, and Open Houses. Her greatest professional joy is in the recruitment, supervision, and training of the Orientation Team and Navigator Tour Guides. She earned her B.A. in History from the College of William and Mary before completing her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina State University.

When she's not working, she is trying new restaurants, hanging out with family, playing kickball or soccer, volunteering in the community, or watching movies/TV with her husband, Taylor.

# Outstanding Administration Award

## **Solitaire Kelly** Advisor, Academic Advising

---



It can't be overstated that the students make all the difference in the advising profession. I've worked in the advising office at USFSP for almost 20 years and can say for certain that I've lasted this long because of all the positive experiences I've had helping our students. Maybe it was fate or luck, but I consider myself very fortunate to have been offered a job during freshmen orientation, that led to working everyday with the most caring people, on the best campus! Go Bulls!!

# Outstanding Team Award

## Casey Plastek

Assistant Director of Operations, Campus Recreation

---



In her role as the Assistant Director of Operations with Campus Recreation Casey Plastek finds value in creating work flows, establishing consistency and gaining traction through organization and developing intentional support initiatives. She works to establish a community of support that adapts to change and builds trust to ensure students are successful at USFSP. Casey does what she does to help the USF community build lifelong healthy habits and create a sense of calm when so much can be uncertain.

# Outstanding Team Award

## Daniel Marshall

Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, Campus Recreation

---



Captain Dan Marshall is our Outdoor Recreation Coordinator. He oversees the boathouse, sailing and power-boating courses, and adventure trips. He is passionate about creating exciting and inclusive programs for the USFSP community. He especially enjoys taking groups out sailing in Tampa Bay. Dan can be found upstairs in the boathouse, which you should visit to schedule your next adventure.



UNIVERSITY of  
**SOUTH FLORIDA**  
ST. PETERSBURG

# Outstanding Team Award

## Al Gentilini

Director of Campus Recreation

---



As the Director of Campus Recreation, Al Gentilini enjoys leading and guiding his team members to reach their professional and personal strategic goals and aiding them in creating visions for their individual program areas. Al has been employed in the USF system for 15 years with the last 3 years at USF St. Pete. He is proud to be working with a team that is passionate about their roles, have students at the forefront their decisions and who continue to provide excellent services even in this time of uncertainty.

# Outstanding Team Award

## Ben Pazian

Assistant Director of Programs, Campus Recreation

---



Benjamin Pazian is the Assistant Director of Programs for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus Recreation. He has been a part of the University of South Florida's Recreation and Wellness team since 2011 at both the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses. Benjamin has over a decade of experience as an American Red Cross Professional Rescuer and Water Safety Instructor, teaching courses throughout the country, and is passionate about student and programmatic development. He enjoys the ability to provide facilities and programs that give patrons an ability to socialize, participate in wellness activities, learn a new skill, and de-stress.