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OUR MISSION

The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College is dedicated to advancing academic excellence, community engagement, economic vitality, and public understanding through high-quality, solutions-directed, non-partisan public policy programs. Its purpose is to enrich the educational experience, engage with local government to promote unity and efficiency, facilitate economic activity, and involve citizens in their college and government.

ISPS seeks to educate the community in the following ways:

- Promote student engagement
- Enhance civic and community involvement
- Serve as a center for public discourse
- Identify economic initiatives



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The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions (ISPS) at St. Petersburg College aims to ENHANCE understanding, EDUCATE students and citizens, and ENGAGE conversation in support of effective, solution-oriented public policy. Housed on SPC's Seminole Campus, ISPS provides a forum to explore local, state, national, and international issues.

The vision for the Institute originated in the mid-2000s when, in recognition of late Congressman C.W. Bill Young's leadership in Washington and Tallahassee as well as his commitment to educational and economic development initiatives, the Florida Legislature designated funds to establish the Institute.





Kimberly Jackson, Esq.
Executive Director

Kimberly is a native of Crete, Illinois. She has her B.A. from Spelman College in Political Science, J.D. from Stetson University College of Law, and MIPP from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Sciences. She practiced locally in St. Petersburg and gained a passion for nonprofit advocacy with family-oriented agencies. Following her daughter's diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome, she transitioned from her legal career to education.

Her journey at St. Petersburg College was largely based on her commitment to equity. She held the position of Political Science Chair prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions (ISPS).

Kimberly is dedicated to generational equity in all areas. She serves on the boards of Academy Prep, The Florida Civic Advance, the Florida Economic Club, Gulfport JFCS, The St. Petersburg Chapter of the YMCA, The St. Pete Arts Alliance, The St. Petersburg Public Arts Commission, and The Council for Parents, Attorneys, and Advocates for those with Disabilities (COPAA).

Kimberly is active with the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Links, Inc., and The Suncoast Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc. She is a 2004 Graduate of Leadership St. Pete.



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2023 MEDIA COVERAGE



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2023 MEDIA COVERAGE



- **Aron Bryce – January 1st**

https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/aronbryce/?fbclid=IwAR0WkLdCjOmSNlrzNb61FBAR0qN3dmVHokfw6-3OpZdLLPg0Ty3hS_R9t8s

- **Community Voices: Making change with the ISPS – January 20th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/community-voices-making-change-with-the-isps/>

- **Hometown astronaut Nicole Stott mixes art and science at Leepa-Rattner – February 7th**

<https://www.83degreesmedia.com/forgood/Local-NASA-astronaut-Nicole-Stott-blends-art-and-science-at-Leepa-Rattner-Museum-of-Art-020723.aspx>

- **Home ownership and the affordable housing puzzle – February 17th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/home-ownership-and-the-affordable-housing-puzzle/>

- **Food insecurity solutions reviewed at SPC panel – February 27th**

<https://www.wmnf.org/food-insecurity-solutions-reviewed-at-spc-panel/>

- **‘SISTER TAKEOVER’ EVENT CONNECTS ECKERD CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS – March 3rd**

<https://www.eckerd.edu/news/blog/sister-takeover-community-influencers/>

- **Local leaders discuss female challenges, triumphs – March 4th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/local-leaders-discuss-female-challenges-triumphs/>

- **Experts To Discuss The Nursing Workforce Dilemma In Florida – April 3rd**

https://patch.com/florida/clearwater/s/imw2r/experts-to-discuss-the-nursing-workforcedilemma-in-florida?utm_term=article-slot-1&utm_source=newsletterdaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=emailtest_E1:c0&user_email=d4a12691f80534270

- **Mayors to address state of beaches – April 12th**

https://www.tbnweekly.com/beaches/article_ba9a4cf2-d87b-11ed-930f-438690c9a879.html

- **State of the Beaches – April 15th**

<https://thegabber.com/state-of-the-beaches>

- **50 ways to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day in Tampa Bay – April 18th**

<https://www.tampabay.com/life-culture/entertainment/things-to-do/2023/04/18/51-wayscelebrate-earth-day-arbor-day-tampa-bay/>



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2023 MEDIA COVERAGE (continued)



- **Storm prep a key as Pinellas communities deliver State of the Beaches - April 27th**

https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2023/04/25/state-of-the-beaches---pinellas-county/?cid=app_share

- **Mayors in Pinellas hold 'State of Our Beaches' - April 27th**

<https://www.fox13news.com/news/mayors-in-pinellas-discuss-concerns-in-state-of-our-beaches-meeting>

- **Fla. senate passes bill that would change how some cities police vacation rentals - April 27th**

<https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/fla-senate-passes-bill-that-would-change-how-some-cities-police-vacation-rentals>

- **How the beach mayors are keeping their cities afloat – April 29th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/how-the-beach-mayors-are-keeping-their-cities-afloat/>

- **As Pinellas hears another no on beach-erosion fix, what's next? – May 6th**

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/pinellas/2023/05/06/florida-beaches-army-corps-sand-erosion/>

- **Illumination - Spring 2023 – May 16th**

<https://www.flipsnack.com/spcollege/illumination-spring-2023.html>

- **PHSC Nursing Program Celebrates Graduates, Remains Atop Rankings – May 31st**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/local-leaders-discuss-female-challenges-triumphs/>

- **Movers & Shakers – June 8th**

<https://www.tampabay.com/sponsored/2023/06/08/graduatesgraduationmovers-shakersst-pete-chamber-commerceleadership-st-pete/>

- **Tampa Bay area Sens. Ed Hooper, Darryl Rouson to recap 2023 Session – July 26th**

<https://thetampabay100.com/politics-category/2023/07/26/tampa-bay-area-sens-ed-hooper-darryl-rouson-to-recap-2023-session/25519>

- **Why the savviest donors practice trust-based philanthropy – July 31st**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/trust-based-philanthropy/>

- **Brett Bina – August 2nd**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/brett-bina/>

- **Dr. Tom Furlong – August 14th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/dr-tom-furlong/>



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2023 MEDIA COVERAGE (continued)

- **Matthew Lee – September 5th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/shuffle/matthew-lee-2/>

- **Jo-Lynn Brown – September 11th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/jo-lynn-brown/>

- **Hispanic Heritage Month events in the Tampa Bay area – September 14th**

<https://tbaytoday.6amcity.com/events/hispanic-heritage-month-events-in-the-tampa-bay-area>

- **West St. Pete event highlights area, promotes unity – September 16th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/west-st-pete-event-highlights-area-promotes-unity/?fbclid=IwAR1qjATQ0-EbsESuJ19myklffdl6YJSPmjq-Qr29jlap0KJo6NHnd2VlnzE>

- **Why is this US Constitution Week? – September 19th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/why-is-september-17th-constitution-day/>

- **Valerie Ellis Lavin – September 20th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/valerie-lavin/>

- **Mark Strickland – September 28th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/dr-mark-strickland/>

- **Jeff Johnson – October 3rd**

<https://tbaytoday.6amcity.com/events/hispanic-heritage-month-events-in-the-tampa-bay-area>

- **Hispanic heritage: Part of Tampa's tapestry – October 3rd**

<https://www.ccdaily.com/2023/10/hispanic-heritage-part-of-tampas-tapestry>

- **Reflecting on Congressman Young's legacy – October 18th**

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/reflecting-on-congressman-youngs-legacy/>

- **Pinellas community calendar – October 31st**

https://www.tbnweekly.com/local-events/article_aaca952a-77fe-11ee-9993-b3f847a8e981.html

- **St. Petersburg institute reflects on the legacy of Congressman C.W. Bill Young documentary – November 20th**

<https://tbbwmag.com/2023/11/20/st-petersburg-institute-reflects-on-the-legacy-of-congressman-c-w-bill-young-documentary/>

- **ISPS at SPC Reflects on the Legacy of Bill Young – November 29th**

<https://newsspc.wordpress.com/2023/11/29/isps-at-spc-reflects-on-the-legacy-of-bill-young/>



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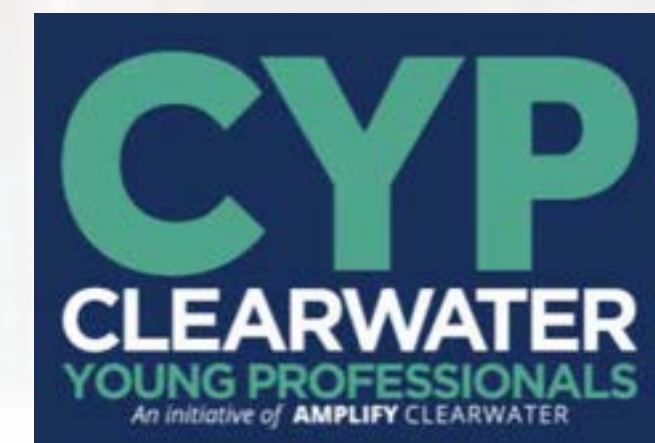
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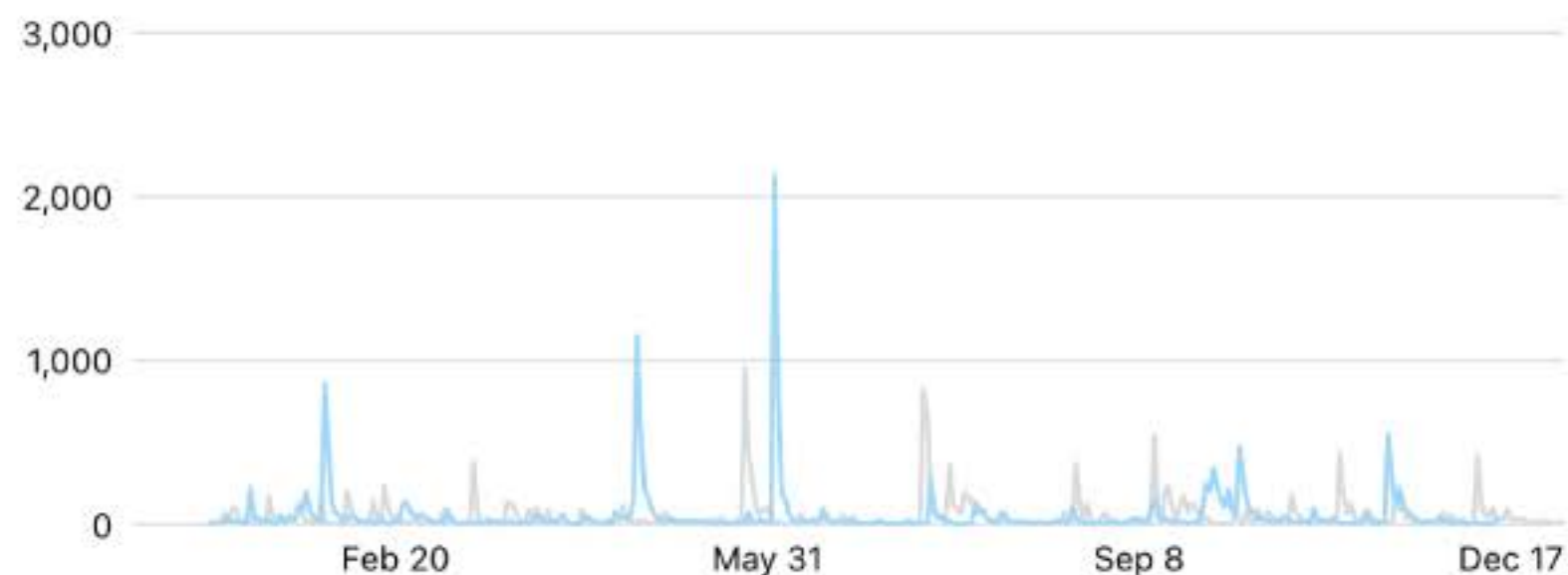
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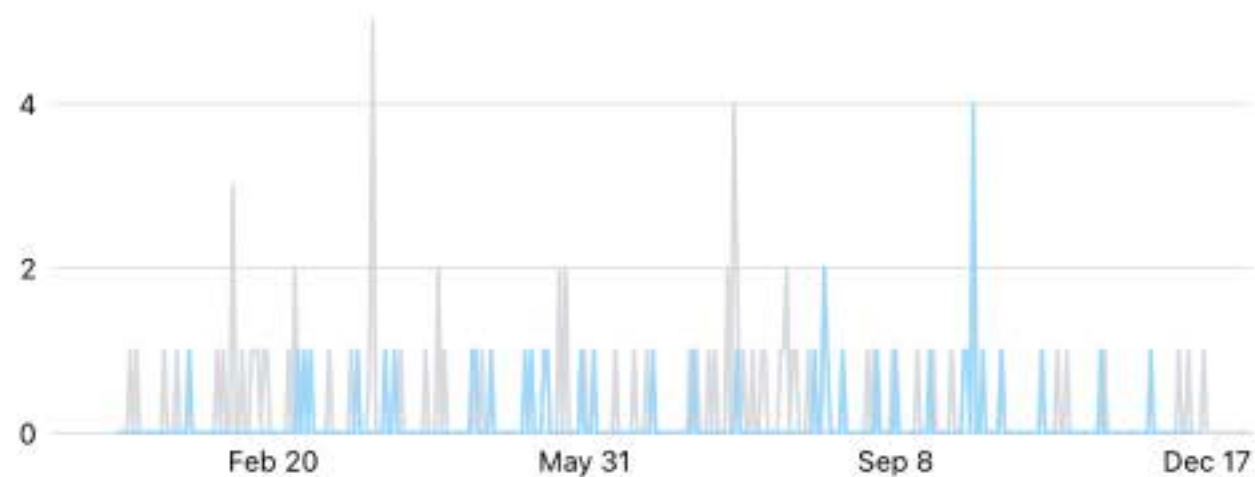


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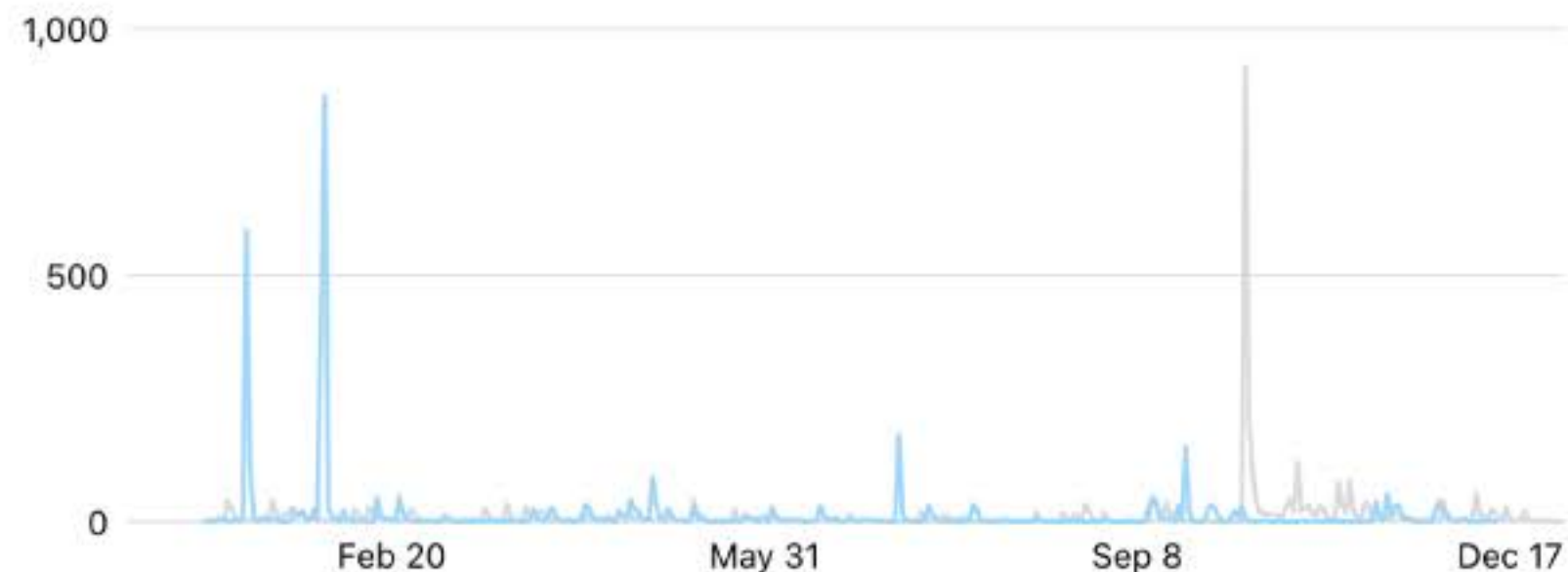
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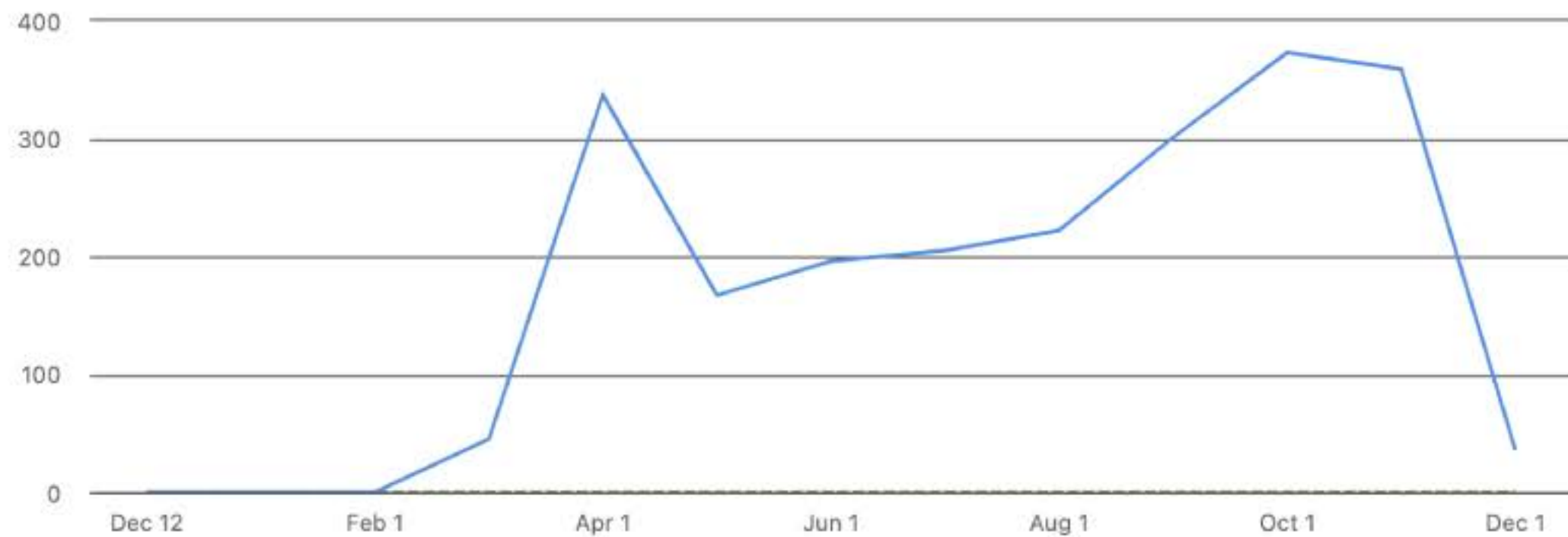
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2023 BOT REPORTS



January Report for Spring 2023 ~

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January 2023

Programs

- December 7th, 2022 @ SPC Bay Pines STEM Center (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Foundation for The Future: Building our Housing Landscape

ISPS, the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce, the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership and Amplify Clearwater discussed housing solutions in Pinellas County. Jason Mathis, CEO, St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership hosted the conversation with Sean King, Vice President of Government Relations, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties, Evan Johnson, Housing and Community Development Department, Pinellas County Government and Barclay Harless, St. Petersburg Market Leader, Vice President for Bank OZK. About 45 people attended in-person, which included VIPs such as State Representative Lindsay Cross and School Board Member Dawn Peters.

- December 8th, 2022 @ John Hopkins All Children's Hospital (8:00 am to 9:00 am)

Autism Awareness Breakfast

ISPS and John Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) hosted breakfast as autism experts from different areas -- Dr. Lauren Gardner from John Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Kaylin Villeme from the MacDonald Training Center and Keli Mondello Co-Founder and Board Chairman, Learning Independence For Tomorrow Inc. (LiFT) -- discussed current trends and perspectives in the field in an intimate conversation. This installment part of the [Autism Awareness series](#) that was made possible by the generous donors from the ISPS Autism Awareness Golf Fundraiser.

- January 31st, 2023 @ Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

"eARTh from SPACE" with Nicole Stott, Astronaut and Artist

Astronaut and artist Nicole Stott will give a special presentation "eARTh from SPACE" which will address the connection between art and space.

News

- ISPS published its [2022 End of the Year Report](#).
- Kimberly Jackson, ISPS Executive Director, was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Greater Tampa Bay Area Council Mary Evertz Distinguished Service Award.
- Aron Bryce, ISPS Statewide Coordinator, was accepted as a member of the Leadership St. Pete 2023 Class.
- Completing his Titan to Bull journey, Matthew Lee, ISPS Graphic Designer, recently graduated from the University of South Florida.
- Sam Jenkins continues his role as Associate Director as he helps construct the vision and strategy of the Institute.
- The ISPS Board of Directors will meet on February 13th at 6pm in Collaborative Labs.
- ISPS recently published its [December](#) newsletter.



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February Report for Spring 2023 ~

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February 2023

Programs

January 31st, 2023 @ Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

[“eARTh from SPACE” with Nicole Stott, Astronaut and Artist](#)

In collaboration with the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, ISPS and Dr. Sid Martin, astronaut and artist Nicole Stott gave a special presentation “eARTh from SPACE,” which addressed the connection between art and space. Around 160 people attended the event in person with another 15 watching online.

February 23rd, 2023 via Zoom (12:30 pm to 1:30 pm)

[Agriculture in Florida](#)

Join ISPS virtually for a panel discussion to delve into agriculture policy in Florida, workforce issues and challenges in the industry.

News

- ISPS published its [2022 End of the Year Report](#), [Executive Director Report](#) and [Spring 2023 Save the Dates](#).
- Matthew Lee, ISPS Graphic Designer, recently published an [article](#) in the St. Pete Catalyst chronicling his ISPS and SPC journey.
- The ISPS Board of Directors will meet on February 13th at 6pm in Collaborative Labs.
- ISPS recently published its [January](#) newsletter.



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March Report for Spring 2023 ~

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March 2023

Programs

February 23rd, 2023 via Zoom (12:30 pm to 1:30 pm)

Agriculture in Florida

ISPS hosted a panel discussion to delve into agriculture policy in Florida, workforce issues and challenges in the industry. Mark Trujillo of the Humana Foundation moderated the conversation with Catherine Campbell, PhD, Community Food Systems Specialist, UF IFAS, Monica Petrella, Food Systems Program Coordinator, UF IFAS and Javier Garces, DPM, Professor and Program Director, Valencia College. Around 45 people attended the program live.

March 29th, 2023 @ SPC Veterinary Technology Center (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)

Community Conversation: Why Dogs are more important than ever before.

Join ISPS and Peter Kageyama, writer, and urbanist from St. Petersburg, Florida as we engage in a community conversation at the SPC – Veterinary Technology Center on the importance that dogs have in our communities.

News

- On March 22nd, ISPS, along with Professor Kelli Stickrath, Chair of the Natural Science Department, will co-host a movie screening of “Dear Tampa Bay, Stories from the Gulf Coast” on the SPC Tarpon Springs Campus LY-156 from 6-7:30pm.
- The ISPS Team recently tabled at Volunteer Rush ’23, a collaboration with the Gulfport Senior Center and non-profit Seniors in Service to get the 55+ community involved in civic engagement. This collaboration stems from our April 1st, 2022 program, “[Engaging Seniors in Civic Life](#),” and our convening of non-profit stakeholders in the aging community on June 29th, 2022.
- Recent Program Coverage:
 - 83 Degrees: [Hometown astronaut Nicole Stott mixes art and science at Leepa-Rattner](#)
 - St. Pete Catalyst: [Home ownership and the affordable housing puzzle](#)
 - WMNF: [Food insecurity solutions reviewed at SPC panel](#)
- ISPS published its [February](#) newsletter.
- ISPS Executive Director Kimberly G. Jackson will moderate a [Suncoast Tiger Bay conversation](#) on March 1st at the St. Peterburg Museum of History with Brandi Gabbard, St. Petersburg City Council Chair, USF St. Petersburg campus Chancellor, Dr. Christian Hardigree, and Lisa Cane, Chair of Pinellas County School Board around Women’s History Month, family, careers and change.



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April Report for Spring 2023 ~

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April 2023

Programs

March 29th, 2023 @ SPC Veterinary Technology Center (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)

Community Conversation: Why Dogs are more important than ever before.

Join ISPS and Peter Kageyama, writer, and urbanist from St. Petersburg, Florida as we engage in a community conversation at the SPC – Veterinary Technology Center on the importance that dogs have in our communities.

April 4th, 2023 @ Pasco-Hernando State College -- Instructional Performing Arts Center (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

The Nursing Workforce Dilemma in Florida

Join ISPS and our panel of experts as we explore the intersection of nursing and the workforce with a statewide scope. Our panelists will discuss the trends, challenges, and solutions for those in the nursing field as well as the state of nursing education in Florida.

April 22nd, 2023 @ Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce (8:30 am to 10:00 am)

Earth Day Beach Clean Up

Join ISPS and our partners, Keep Pinellas Beautiful and the Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up Madeira Beach!

April 27th, 2023 @ Madeira Beach City Hall (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)

State of the Beaches – Mayors' Town Hall

ISPS and the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce will host a conversation about the state on the beaches with several beach mayors. Each mayor will have the opportunity to share what is happening in their respective cities. This informative session will be followed by a reception in which you can meet and greet your mayors.

News

- ISPS published its [March](#) newsletter.
- ISPS Executive Director Kimberly G. Jackson and ISPS Associate Director Sam Jenkins visited Tallahassee during the Legislative Session. They attended the Joint Legislative Meeting between the Council of Presidents and the Trustees Commission, along with other stakeholder meetings, including Dr. Larry Tyree, Interim Executive Director of the Association of Florida Colleges, and Tallahassee Community College Associate Dean Summer Dusek.



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May Report for Spring 2023 ~

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Programs

March 29th, 2023 @ SPC Veterinary Technology Center (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)

Community Conversation: Why Dogs are more important than ever before.

Peter Kageyama, writer and urbanist, from St. Petersburg, Florida spoke to veterinary students and community members on the importance that dogs have in our communities. About 30 people attended in person and 10 people virtually.

April 4th, 2023 @ Pasco-Hernando State College -- Instructional Performing Arts Center (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

The Nursing Workforce Dilemma in Florida

ISPS and a panel of experts explored the nursing industry's workforce with a statewide scope. About 40 people attended in person and 30 people virtually.

- Program Coverage: [Patch](#)

April 22nd, 2023 @ Archibald Beach Park (8:30 am to 10:00 am)

Earth Day Beach Clean Up

ISPS, Keep Pinellas Beautiful and about 25 volunteers celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up Madeira Beach.

- Program Coverage: [Tampa Bay Times](#)

April 27th, 2023 @ Treasure Island City Hall (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)

State of the Beaches – Mayors' Town Hall

ISPS and the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce hosted a conversation about the state on the beaches with several beach mayors. This session was followed by a reception in which the attendees could meet their mayors. About 110 people attended in person and 60 people virtually.

- TV Coverage: [Bay News 9](#), [FOX 13](#), [10 Tampa Bay](#), [ABC Action News](#)
- Print Coverage: [TBN Weekly](#), [The Gabber](#), [St. Pete Catalyst](#)

News

- ISPS published its [April](#) newsletter.
- Liz Sembler, ISPS Board Member, was named one of [Academy Prep's Five Fabulous Females for 2023](#).
- Jeff Johnson, ISPS Board Member, was [recognized](#) as a top influencer in Florida health care politics.
- ISPS created an official [LinkedIn account](#).
- ISPS will host its next quarterly [Board of Directors' meeting](#) on May 8th at SPC Epi Center Collaborative Labs.



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June Report for Summer 2023 ~

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News

- Board Updates
 - ISPS hosted their quarterly Board of Directors' meeting, along with a workshop/retreat, on May 8th at SPC Epi Center Collaborative Labs.
 - ISPS hosted a virtual Special Board of Directors' meeting on May 17th.
 - Alysén Heil, ISPS Board Member, lent her workforce expertise on a panel for a Pasco 50 event (50 of Pasco's influential companies based on their impact on the local economy through capital investment, employment, and industry leadership).
 - The Florida Board of Governors named Deveron Gibbons, ISPS Board Member and SPC Trustee, to serve on the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [May](#) newsletter.
 - ISPS is traveling to Indian River State College to attend the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Student Government Association (SGA) Advisors Conference on June 14th. ISPS is presenting at Wednesday's Lunch and Learn in hopes of further collaboration with students and advisors.
 - ISPS provided an update about our projects to Seminole City Council.
 - ISPS is collaborating with many community partners over the Summer, including the Westshore Financial Group, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, SPC's Workforce Development Department, SPC's College of Business, The Mainframe, Florida Nonprofit Alliance, Florida Civic Advance and the Association of Florida Colleges.
- Staff Highlights
 - Kimberly Jackson, ISPS Executive Director, was appointed to the Florida Bar Citizens Advisory Committee.
 - Aron Bryce, ISPS Statewide Coordinator, graduated from Leadership St. Pete – Class of 2023. Kimberly Jackson, Sam Jenkins, Matthew Lee and ISPS Board Chair Jo-Lynn Brown attended the ceremony.



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Programs

July 27th, 2023 via the ISPS Website (12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

Tampa Bay Area Legislative Wrap-Up

Join ISPS and the Tampa Bay Partnership for a reflection on the 2023 Legislative Session. Al Ruechel will host the conversation with Senators Ed Hooper and Darryl Rouson.

News

- Team Updates
 - ISPS attained a clean audit for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Prida Guida Perez, P.A., ISPS's independent auditors, stated, "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Institute as of March 31, 2023 and 2022."
 - ISPS traveled to Indian River State College to attend the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA) Advisors Conference on June 14th. ISPS presented at the conference's Lunch and Learn session and connected with advisors from across the state.
 - ISPS enjoyed meeting with former Congressman Dennis Ross, the Director of the American Center for Political Leadership at Southeastern University.
 - ISPS started to document the history and development of the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, including interviews with Commissioner Janet Long, Judge George Greer, Dr. Tom Furlong, former St. Petersburg Council Member Herb Polson, and Seminole Councilor Jim Olliver.
 - ISPS continues to update and improve our [Voter's Education Page](#) – a one-stop-shop for Florida's voters, including and especially students, with resources, helpful information, and educational videos.
 - ISPS published the [June](#) and [July](#) editions of its newsletter.
- Board Updates
 - Jeff Johnson, AARP Florida State Director, was [featured](#) in the latest issue of *Florida Trend's* magazine.
 - Adam Johnson shared his experiences on an International Careers panel organized by The St. Petersburg Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.
- Staff Updates
 - Matthew Lee's photography graced the front cover of [SPC's Illumination Magazine](#).



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July 27th, 2023 via the ISPS Website (12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

Tampa Bay Area Legislative Wrap-Up

ISPS and the Tampa Bay Partnership reflected on the 2023 Legislative Session. Al Ruechel hosted the conversation with Senators Ed Hooper and Darryl Rouson. *The Tampa Bay 100* [spotlighted](#) the program ahead of the premiere.

September 21st, 2023 @ Hillsborough Community College Ybor City Campus – Ybor Room

Hispanic Heritage Month

Join ISPS, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay, Hillsborough Community College, and a group of Tampa Bay Area Hispanic leaders as they share about the role their heritage has played in their personal and professional lives. Moderated by Josh Rojas from Bay News 9, the panel includes: Lisset Hanewicz, the first Hispanic St. Petersburg City Council Member, Diane Cortes, President of Acumen Strategist, Laurimar Paniagua, Somos HCC Chair, Maria Bermudez-Torres, President of Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc., Maribel Garrett, City of Tampa's Community Engagement Coordinator & Hispanic Liaison and Myriam Irizarry, the first Hispanic Pinellas County Judge.

September 28th, 2023 @ SPC Downtown Center (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

Keeping Community in Community College

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News

- Board Updates
 - ISPS welcomes Trustee Katie Cole to the Board of Directors. Thank you to Trustee Deveron Gibbons for your service and support.
 - ISPS additionally welcomes Valerie Ellis Lavin and Tarruck Wheeler to the [Board of Directors](#).
 - ISPS hosted a quarterly Board of Directors' meeting on August 7th at the SPC Seminole Campus.
 - Board Chair Jo-Lynn Brown, Tampa Bay Business & Wealth Magazine's Managing Editor, won a Florida Magazine Association Charlie Award for a [December 2022 cover story](#).
 - [Brett Bina](#) and [Dr. Tom Furlong](#) were featured as Catalyst Influencers.
- Team Updates
 - The new vote-by-mail rules were added to the [Voter's Education Page](#). ISPS plans to further cover these vote-by-mail updates in later video content.



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September 27th, 2023 @ Hillsborough Community College Ybor City Campus – Ybor Room 124 (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

Hispanic Heritage Month

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 - [Jo-Lynn Brown](#) and [Valerie Ellis Lavin](#) were featured as Catalyst Influencers.
 - Nikki Gaskin-Capehart was [appointed](#) as President and CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS presented at the Florida College System Student Government Association's (FCSSGA) Presidents' Assembly virtual meeting.
 - ISPS interviewed former Senator Dennis Jones, Congressman Young's former District Director (and former Clearwater Mayor) George Cretekos, Congressman Young's family and former SPC President Bill Law as part of our documentary on the history of the organization.
 - ISPS published its [August](#) and [September](#) newsletters.
 - Matthew Lee, ISPS Communication Coordinator, [interviewed](#) Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, for our [Voter Education Series](#).
- Staff Updates
 - Matthew Lee was promoted to Communications Coordinator. The *St. Pete Catalyst* highlighted his promotion in the [Shuffle](#).
 - Aron Bryce was accepted onto the 2023-2024 Tampa Bay Watch Leadership Council.
 - Sam Jenkins co-created a new Young Professionals Group with SPC's College of Business and the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce.



Thank you for the acknowledgement at September's BOT meeting. Kindly follow us on:



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October 5th, 2023 @ SPC Gibbs Campus Student Success Conference Center (SU-236) (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm)

Young Elected Officials in Florida

Tampa Bay area elected officials spoke about their roles in government, their professional experiences, and how they're serving their Florida communities. Speakers included, Copley Gerdes, St. Petersburg City Council, Richie Floyd, St. Petersburg City Council, Tyler Payne, Treasure Island Mayor, Erik Arroyo, Sarasota City Commission, Berny Jacques, State Representative and Al Ruechel (moderator).

November 16th, 2023 @ SPC Seminole Campus Digitorium (UP-160) (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm)

2023 Grand Debate

Join ISPS for a multi-college competition where students will engage in debate about crucial topical issues and compete for cash. This year ISPS will host five different colleges, including SPC, Hillsborough Community College, Polk State College, Eastern Florida State College and Miami Dade College. The Grand Debate returns to an in-person format as we have acquired a room block at the Cambria Hotel on Madeira Beach for students and staff.

TBD - November 28th, 2023 @ The Poynter Institute (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Congressman Bill Young Documentary

October 18th, 2023 marked 10 years since the passing of Congressman Bill Young, the visionary and inspiration behind the Institute. ISPS will celebrate and reflect on his legacy, including ISPS's history, through a video reflection.

News

- Board Updates
 - ISPS will host a [quarterly](#) Board of Directors' meeting on November 13th at the SPC Gibbs Campus.
 - [Dr. Mark Strickland](#) and [Jeff Johnson](#) were featured as Catalyst Influencers.
 - Valerie Ellis Lavin's company, Luminary Global, [donated](#) more than \$100,000 in medical bags to Tampa Bay organizations, including SPC.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [October newsletter](#).
 - The [Hispanic Heritage Month program](#) was featured in [TBAYtoday](#), [Community College Daily](#) and Spectrum Bay News 9.
 - Kimberly Jackson's Community Voices article was published in the *St. Pete Catalyst*: [Reflecting on Congressman Young's legacy](#).



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**"EARTH" FROM SPACE
WITH NICOLE STOTT,
ASTRONAUT AND ARTIST**

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Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Leepa Rattner Museum of Art | 600 E Klosterman Rd, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689-1299



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Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Virtual Event | Attend via livestream

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Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

SPC - Veterinary Technology Center | 12376 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774

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Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Pasco-Hernando State College Instructional Performing Arts Center
8657 Old Pasco Rd, Wesley Chapel, FL, 33544

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EARTH DAY BEACH CLEANUP

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 | 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Archibald Park – 15100 Gulf Blvd, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

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STATE OF THE BEACHES: MAYORS TOWN HALL | 2023

Thursday, April 27th, 2023 | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Treasure Island City Hall - 120 108th Ave, Treasure Island, FL 33706

TAMPA BAY AREA 2023 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP



Darryl Rouson
Florida Senator of District 16



Ed Hooper
Florida Senator of District 21

PREMIERING JULY 27TH, 2023 12:00 PM

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SPC Gibbs Campus Student Success Conference Center (SU-236) | 6605 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg FL, 33710

Join ISPS and our Tampa Bay elected officials as we join in a conversation about their roles in government, their professional experiences, and how they're serving their Florida communities!

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Josh Rojas
Bay News 9 Reporter | Moderator



Lisset Hanewicz
First Hispanic St. Petersburg City
Council Member | Panelist



Diane Cortes
President of Acumen Strategist,
Business Leader | Panelist



Laurimar Paniagua
Somos HCC Chair | Panelist



María Bermúdez-Torres
President of Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.



Mercedes Young
President of the Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay | Panelist

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Hillsborough Community College Ybor Campus Room 124 | 2001 N. 14th St, Tampa FL 33605

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KEEPING COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Peter Kageyama
Author and Urbanist



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St. Petersburg College Downtown Campus | 244 2nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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GRAND DEBATE

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The 2nd annual Grand Debate is here! Join ISPS and our neighboring Florida Colleges as we engage with students, faculty, and staff from across Florida for an in-person, competitive debate.



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SAVE THE DATE: CONGRESSMAN C.W. BILL YOUNG DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

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