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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 education 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

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College provides a forum to help people deal with the uncertainty around them. Housed on the Seminole Campus, the Institute seeks to be a major participant in public policy debate. The Institute addresses real-world problems and the needs of the community served by St. Petersburg College in a strategic and technologically savvy way. The Institute also prepares its students for careers in a global marketplace and builds on SPC's reputation as a source of innovation, academic excellence and community involvement.



**Kimberly G.
Jackson, ESQ.**

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Kimberly G. Jackson 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. Ms. Jackson practiced locally in St. Petersburg and gained a passion for non-profit advocacy with family-oriented agencies. She transitioned from her legal career to education after her daughter was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome. 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 the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, The St. Petersburg Chapter of the YMCA, Academy Prep, The Arts Alliance, The St. Petersburg Arts Advisory, and The Council for Parents, Attorneys and Advocates for those with Disabilities, (COPAA). Kimberly is active with the Fred G. Minnis Bar Association, and is a member of 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 2004 Graduate of Leadership St. Pete. While advocacy is her passion, she travels whenever she has the opportunity.

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August Report for Summer/Fall 2020

INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC POLICY SOLUTIONS

Summer-Fall 2020

July

Pinellas County Judicial Candidates

On July 13, 2020, ISPS partnered with local organizations to present an online forum for Pinellas County Judicial Candidates. Partners include the League of Women Voters, Community Law Program, St. Petersburg Chapter of NCNW and Gulfport Legal Services. Please see the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/434839669>

Pinellas County School Board Candidates

On July 23, 2020, ISPS partnered with local organizations to present an online forum for Pinellas County School Board Candidates. Partners include the Pinellas Education Foundation, the Pinellas County Council PTA, and the League of Women Voters. The host for the event was long time community anchor, Al Ruechel.

<https://solutions.spcollege.edu/pinellas-county-school-board-2020-candidates-forum/>

Fall

Partnership with Workforce and SLR Collaborative

September 23, 2020 -12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Speaker: TBD

Subject: Duke Energy Grant

The Sea Level Rise Collaborative, in conjunction with the Workforce Education plans to offer a fall program on Green Energy, Green Jobs and the Green Economy. Proposed speakers include an economist, a business sector representative and an educator for a discussion via zoom or in combination with an in-person program, if possible. The intention is to expand interest in and awareness of the opportunities for employment in green sector, with the goal to build opportunities for local employers and SPC students at the Workforce Education.

SLR Lunch and Learns

The Sea Level Rise Collaborative will also host a **series of Lunch and Learns** with our SPC students. We hope all who are able will support these brief virtual chats. Each program will take place from 12:20 pm to 1:15 pm. The programs are as follows:

On August 27, 2020, **Joe Borries, Operations Manager for the Pinellas County Emergency Management** will present on Hurricane Planning in the times of COVID 19.

On October 15, 2020, **Dr. John E. Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator, Pinellas County Environmental Management**, will present on the elements of beach erosion in Pinellas County. **Hank Hodde, Pinellas County's Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator** will present on the County's programs including the Federal Projects to repair/restore the beaches.

In November, it is our goal to work with the Jenée Priebe, Associate Director of the Shine Mural Festival. We will provide an update in our next report.

Veteran's Resource Fair –Reinvented

Given the current circumstances of COVID-19, a traditional Veterans' Resource Fair hosted by Congressman Gus Bilirakis is no longer suitable. The virtual reinvented Veterans' Resource Fair will provide access to veterans in Pasco and Pinellas County. We will record the program on August 28th and provide it as a resource tab on our website along with Congressman Bilirakis' office.

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

From September -November in recognition of the passage of the 19th Amendment, ISPS will present an online program series tentatively titled, 'Florida and Pinellas Women's Early Activism: Voting Rights, The Equity Struggle, and Public Service.' Expert on the Florida suffrage movement and Adjunct Professor of History at Stetson University, Dr. Peggy MacDonald (pending confirmation) will share the fascinating legacy of Florida's suffragettes. She will be joined by Dr. Ashley Robertson Preston of the University of Florida and Dr. Kimberly Brown of Florida A&M. The panel will include other civic leaders for women's rights and equity.

Partisan or Populist: Why what we do Matters

On September 24, 2020, ISPS will host a political update on politics in Pinellas County and Nationally after the August 13th primary with Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce. The program will focus on the Sheriff, Board of County Commissioner and School Board Member races.

Board of County Commissioner Forum

On October 6, 2020 ISPS will host a virtual Board of County Commissioner Forum with our SPC Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. Our SPC community and students may submit questions in advance. The program will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

ISPS Annual Great Debate 2020

On November 13, 2020, ISPS will host its annual Great Debate with our SPC students. We will meet with faculty later this month to discuss topics and our new virtual format for the event.

Other

Finances-ISPS completed and our Board of Directors approved our Financial Audit and 990.

ISPS COVID Statement- The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, ("ISPS") remains committed to the health and safety of our supporters and community partners. ISPS will follow the College guidelines as well as the county guidance for all programming. <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Adopted-ORD-20-14.pdf> As noted in our July report, for the remainder of 2020 ISPS will host virtual programs, or hybrid programs at our Seminole Campus Digitorium. We will re-evaluate face to face programming for 2021.

Speaking Engagements

Executive Director Kimberly G. Jackson, Esq. is a featured speaker with Inclusivity's, "Actors, Allies, Accomplices" program August 7, 2020. She will also speak before the St. Petersburg Bar Association on August 27, 2020 on Criminal Justice Reform and at the Seminole Chamber Monthly Luncheon on September 24, 2020. Ms. Jackson will speak at the Diversity & Inclusion Matters in the Workplace webinar on September 30, 2020.

ISPS Highlights

Our next Board of Director Meeting is August 10, 2020. At the Board Meeting ISPS will welcome our two new student board members, Aron Bryce and Adam Johnson along with Nikki Capehart, Director of Urban Affairs, Gershom Faulkner, Deputy District Director and Jeff Johnson, AARP Florida State Director. We will also formally welcome Briana Harper to our team as our new Social Media Specialist.

September Report for Fall 2020

INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC POLICY SOLUTIONS

August and September 2020

August

ISPS Sea Level Rise-Series I

On August 27, 2020, ISPS held its first fall series on environmental issues and the impact on our community. We are partnering with the Sea Level Rise, (SLR) Collaborative on these meaningful projects. **Joe Borries, Operations Manager for the Pinellas County Emergency Management** provided an in depth examination on Hurricane Planning in the times of COVID 19. ISPS will post the video link on our website and share with our SLR Collaborative this month.

Veteran's Resource Fair –Reinvented

On August 27, 2020 we also had the pleasure of interviewing Congressman Gus Bilirakis on why he has been helping veterans through a community fair for 14 years. ISPS teamed up with the Congressman's office to host a virtual reinvented Veterans' Resource Fair in light of COVID. We had the pleasure of interviewing 10 community leads on the various services they are providing to veterans in Pasco and Pinellas County. The program was recorded on August 28th and ISPS will provide it as a resource tab on our website along with Congressman Bilirakis' office and the VA fair partners.

September

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

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Partnership with Workforce and SLR Collaborative-Series II

On **September 23, 2020** we will have our second program series of our Sea Level Rise Collaborative, in conjunction with the Workforce. Melissa Seixas, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Duke Energy Corporation will lead a discussion on Green Energy, Green Jobs and the Green Economy. ISPS hopes to engage our Workforce SPC students.

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Candidate Forum- Dunedin Chamber of Commerce

On **September 29, 2020**, ISPS, The Dunedin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dunedin will host the candidates for the City of Dunedin's November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election. The City of Dunedin has

two active political races for the November 3rd, 2020 general municipal election; Commission Seat #3 and the Mayor's Seat. Please join us for our online non-partisan informative event.

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ISPS Highlights

ISPS published a white paper on Criminal Justice Reform in the Clearwater Bar Journal. Please see the link below. Special thanks to our Social and Behavioral Sciences, Adjunct Patrick Luce, for his significant contribution.

<https://solutions.spcollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ISPS-Criminal-Justice-Reform-Clearwater-Bar-Journal.pdf>

We finally completed our ISPS Website. We are extremely grateful to the SPC Marketing Team and our Tech Lead, Kyle Bell of Event Bids for their support, time and talent. Please like our Facebook page and visit our website.

October Report for Fall 2020

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October 2020

Programs

ISPS partners with Social Behavioral Sciences Week to present the Pinellas County Commissioners Candidate Forum

On **October 6, 2020**, ISPS will host a virtual Board of County Commissioner Forum with our SPC Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. This is an opportunity to learn more about where the candidates stand on a variety of important issues in our community. Our SPC community and students may submit questions in advance. The program will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The forum will revolve around three commissioner races in Pinellas County. These races are:
Commissioner District 3: Charlie Justice vs Tammy Vazquez
Commissioner District 1: Larry Ahern vs Janet Long
Commissioner Dist. 7: Rene Flowers vs Maria Scruggs

Partnership with Workforce and SLR Collaborative-Series III

On **October 15, 2020**, we will have our third program series of our Sea Level Rise Collaborative, Dr. John Bishop, the Coastal Management Coordinator of Pinellas County Environment Management will discuss the history/legacy of Pinellas County's beach erosion and their ongoing efforts to mitigate the effects.

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

On **October 22, 2020**, in recognition of the passage of the 19th Amendment, ISPS will continue its series on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. University of Florida scholar, Dr. Ashley Robertson Preston will focus on Florida efforts pre-1920 and examine Activist Bethune Cookman's achievements. The last series with professor, Dr. Kimberly Brown of Florida A&M will take place on November 12, 2020.

ISPS COVID Statement-

The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, ("ISPS") acknowledges Governor DeSantis' recent Executive Order 20-244. ISPS remains committed to the health and safety of our supporters and community partners and will follow the College guidelines as well as the Pinellas County Ordinance and guidance for all programming. <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Adopted-ORD-20-14.pdf>
We will re-evaluate face to face programming for 2021.

Speaking Engagements

On September 16, 2020, ISPS Executive Director moderated a school board debate for the Carter G. Woodson Museum Voting is our Voice initiative. She led a discussion with the Seminole Chamber of Commerce on September 24, 2020. Ms. Jackson moderated a discussion with the National Forum for Black Public Administrators on September 26, 2020. She also was a panelist with Cal Jackson of Tech Data at the SPC College Student Career Services, Diversity & Inclusion Matters in the Workplace webinar on September 30, 2020.



October/November Report for Fall 2020 ~Board Meeting November 9, 2020

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October/November 2020

Programs

ISPS partners with the Carter G. Woodson Center to host the Your Vote Your Voice Matters with Dr. Roy Keith, former president of Morehouse College

On **October 29, 2020**, ISPS will host a voting forum, Your Vote Your Voice with **Former Morehouse President Dr. Roy Keith**. The program will specifically address African American Males and the power of voting. This program is in partnership with Voting is Our Voice sponsored by the Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, the Tampa Bay Rays and over 30 other local participants launched to strengthen our collective voice, creating energy around the importance of voting all while increasing civic engagement. Voting is Our Voice is a non-partisan initiative to promote real change in our communities.

You can register for the event at the following link below.

<https://isps.spcollege.edu/events/your-vote-and-voice-matters/>

ISPS Environmental Partnership with Shine Mural Festival -Series IV

On **November 5, 2020**, we will have our final environmental series with the Shine Mural Festival for their sixth annual SHINE Mural Festival. This festival includes a partnership with PangeaSeed Foundation's Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans program to present *Sea Walls: St. Petersburg*. The 10 new murals will explore the interconnectedness of human health and environmental health as we navigate an ongoing global pandemic. ISPS will host an intersectional conversation with Tré Packard, Founder & Executive Director PangeaSeed Foundation, Jenee Priebe-Associate Director/SHINE, Nneka Jones, Artist Creative Director, Art You Hungry, LLC, Daniel S. Padilla Ochoa, Florida Conservation Manager Ocean Conservancy, Jabari Reed-Diop, iBOMS Artist and Danni Washington, TV Host & Science Communicator, Big Blue & You. *The program will be streamed on our website and via Facebook live with our partners.*

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

On **October 22, 2020**, in recognition of the passage of the 19th Amendment, ISPS will continue final program on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Professor, Dr. Kimberly Brown of Florida A&M will lead this last conversation on November 12, 2020.

You can register for the event at the following link below.

<https://isps.spcollege.edu/events/florida-and-pinellas-womens-early-activism-series-iii/>

The FINAL Great Debate

Each year we hold a campus wide Great Debate which culminates in the final Debate at ISPS. This year, we are re-imagining the debate as a virtual experience. **The topic is herd immunity vs. seclusion.** The campus debates took place the week of October 12-16. The final debate will take place virtually on November 13, 2020.

ISPS-Community Work- Partnership with the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and Urban League

ISPS held a cross-sector leadership convening collaborative with key community partners to discuss services and in Pinellas County in light of COVID. The collaborative will meet in November and December in an effort to address non-profit concerns. Please see the summary below

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a039eb2c201/4927581c-2ec3-4b11-b61f-23ee30824b94.pdf>

Pinellas County Non-Profit COVID Recommendations

Objectives for the Group Overall

- 1. Foster connections among organizations working in and/or serving the South St. Petersburg community**
- 2. Enhance support and access to relevant services for individuals in the community**
- 3. Promote cross-sector collaboration**

Participants

Nikki Capehart, City of St. Petersburg

Erik Smith, Inclusivity

Rebecca Nessen, Metro Inclusive Health

Tiffany Reddick, Well for Life

Jessica Estevez, Estrategia Group

Jessica Lews, Rep Jennifer Webb's Office, Rep. District 69

David Jezek, YMCA

Sylvia Acevedo, Gulf Coast JFCS

Karen Davis-Pritchett, Empath Health

Micki Thompson, 211 Cares

Duggan Cooley, Pinellas Community Foundation

Michael Jalazo, PERC

Michele Rayner-Goolsby, Rep. Elect District 70

Dorothy Myles, Pinellas Opportunity Council

Carl Lavendar, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg

Patty Sawyer, Pinellas Opportunity Council

Ronnell Montgomery, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce

Julie Rocco, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg

Jane Walker, Daystar

Beth Houghton, Juvenile Welfare Board

Dr. Bilan Joseph, Early Learning Coalition

Shaina Bent, St. Petersburg Free Clinic

Sheryl Zeitler, St. Petersburg Free Clinic

Lisa Brody, Bay Area Legal Services



- What are you seeing in terms of need at this stage of the COVID crisis?
- What are you doing to meet that need: same work, new work, more communication, additional funding, new initiatives, etc.?
- What do you need to continue effectively meeting current and emerging community needs?

Summary of Needs

- Providing rapid support to mitigate evictions
- Behavioral health supports for adults and children (esp. children who have been in unstable home environments during COVID and are now back in school)
- Food distribution partners and access to nutritious food
- Financial support for expenses related to home repairs and home improvements
- Affordable childcare
- Financial support for the payment of HOA fees to avoid eviction
- Art supplies for The Well for Life's child/youth programs
- Innovative virtual programming solutions involving youth and families (burnout for online platforms is taking its toll)
- Need to engage whole families (parents and children) in supports for youth and children
- Access to digital technology
- Volunteers to support/mentor small business owners
- Loosening up of guidelines in terms of who can qualify for different types of community support
- The concern about worsening circumstances as the pandemic continues and after CARES funding expires on 1/1 was expressed by multiple partners.

Summary of Meeting

- To view the meeting transcript, click [here](#).
- To view the live chat transcript, click [here](#).

PAST EVENTS

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SPC BAY PINES STEM CENTER
4723 BAY PINES TERRACE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL
Saturday, March 28, 2020 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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A program of the Suncoast Sea Level Rise Collaborative.



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World Autism Awareness Day

with Haley Moss, Esq.

April 2, 2020 – 12:30-2 p.m.

AMERICAN STAGE THEATRE

163 3RD ST. N., ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701



Haley Moss received her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law in 2018. After her admission to the Bar, Ms. Moss became aware that less than 1% of lawyers reported having a disability. To help revolutionize the practice of law, she founded her own company to lead the charge of working with businesses and law firms to hire and retain autistic and neurodiverse talent.

Ms. Moss is the author of *"Middle School: The Stuff Nobody Tells You About"* and *"A Freshman Survival Guide for College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: The Stuff Nobody Tells You About."* Her writing about autism, neurodiversity, and disability has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *ABA Journal*, *HuffPost* and *FastCompany* and she has been featured in major media including *TODAY*, *Forbes*, *CNN*, *USA Today*, *Yahoo!*, and *People*.

In recognition of **World Autism Awareness Day**, Ms. Moss will share her journey from diagnosis as a child to becoming the first Florida Bar Association member to identify as autistic. She will address the importance of economic empowerment and workforce equity aligned with the missions of SPC and ISPS.



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Closing the Resilience Gap: What Will it Take?

April 15, 2020 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opening & Welcome

Kimberly G. Jackson, Esq.
Executive Director
Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions

The Science & Realities in the Tampa Bay Area

Davina Passeri, Ph.D.
Research Oceanographer
US Geological Survey

Economics & Equity of Climate Change

Patrick Luce, M.S.
Adjunct Professor, Economics
St. Petersburg College
& Economic Consultant

Ethics & Policy

Christian Moriarty, Esq.
Professor, Ethics and Law, and Academic
Chair of the Applied Ethics Institute
St. Petersburg College

Questions from the Audience

Through the Q & A Feature on Zoom

Closing Remarks

Kimberly G. Jackson, Esq.



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PINELLAS COUNTY NONPROFIT RESOURCE UPDATE

TAKE PART IN AN ONLINE FORUM WITH
KEY LEADERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY'S
MAJOR NONPROFITS FOR AN UPDATE
ON CRUCIAL RESOURCES AND
SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THE
COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020 | 11 A.M.-NOON

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO JOIN THE FORUM: <https://zoom.us/j/107761223>
or go to:

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OF INTERNATIONAL
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ALBANIA, GREECE,
INDIA AND VIETNAM.

Students are eligible to win gift
cards in a cultural Kahoot quiz.

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STUDENT VOICES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020
3-3:45 p.m.



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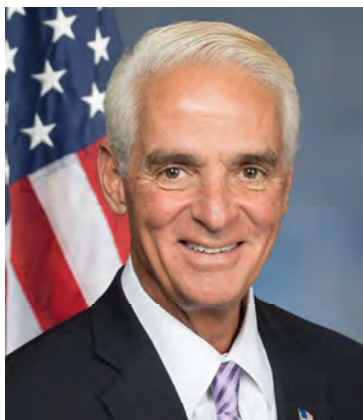
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JOIN AN ONLINE FORUM WITH
CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE CRIST (D, FL-13) AND
CONGRESSMAN GUS BILIRAKIS (R, FL-12)
WHO WILL ADDRESS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE
CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, VA HEALTHCARE, THE
IMPACTS OF ISOLATION, AND THE COMMUNITY AND
LEGAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 | 11 A.M.-NOON



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES



Benjamin Crump



Sara Mollo

JOIN IN AN ONLINE FORUM WITH NOTED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ATTORNEY, BENJAMIN CRUMP, COUNSEL FOR THE FAMILY OF AHMAUD ARBERY AND AUTHOR OF *OPEN SEASON: LEGALIZED GENOCIDE OF COLORED PEOPLE*. OFFERING A LOOK AT LOCAL STATISTICS, AS WELL AS PROGRESS AND EFFORTS FOR REFORM, WILL BE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER-ELECT SARA MOLLO.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 | 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

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HOW TO ACCESS FUNDS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

JOIN IN AN ONLINE FORUM TO LEARN HOW COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE STEPPING INTO THE GAP OF SERVICES CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK. ARTISTS, SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO FIND OUT ABOUT FUNDING AND OTHER HELP THAT IS AVAILABLE.

- Pinellas Cares Fund for Individuals AND Small Business Grants
- Pinellas County Urban League
- St. Pete's Business Resiliency Team and Arts Navigator
- St. Petersburg Fighting Chance Fund for Individuals AND Businesses
- St. Petersburg Free Clinic

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FORUM

6th Circuit Judicial Candidates and 2nd District Court of Appeals Judicial Candidates

July 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM - Facebook Live Event @LWVSPA

Meet the candidates for judge before you vote on August 18, 2020
(Remember to mail your ballot by August 8, 2020 or drop off)

Free and open to the public

Event will be recorded and made available on Facebook @LWVSPA after the event

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YOU can shape the future of education in Pinellas County!

Pinellas County School Board 2020 CANDIDATES FORUM

All parents, teachers and community members are invited to attend this important [online](#) event before casting their vote to learn more about the candidates' positions.

Please join us for this especially important, non-partisan civic event.

Primary is August 18th – VOTE!



JULY 23, 7 - 9 PM Facebook Live Event @LWVSPA

Event will be recorded and made available on Facebook@LWVSPA after the event

Register at SOLUTIONS.SPCOLLEGE.EDU . For more information call (727) 394-6942.



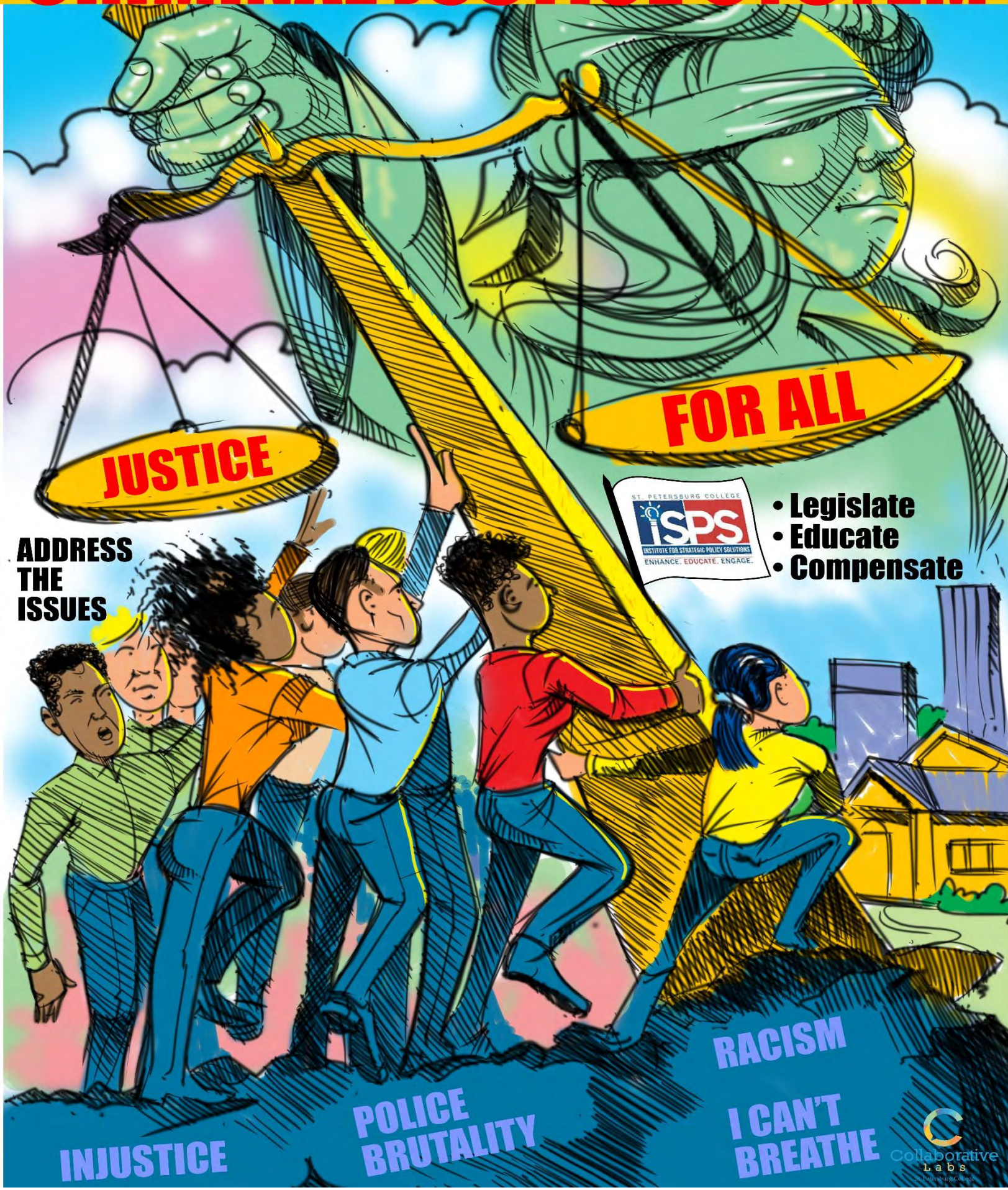
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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES HURRICANE PLANNING IN THE TIMES OF COVID

THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 2020
12:20-1:15 P.M.
LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT



Joe Borries, Operations Manager for the Pinellas County Emergency Management, will present on hurricane planning in the times of COVID-19.

A Program of the Suncoast Sea Level Rise Collaborative

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VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR



CONGRESSMAN GUS BILIRAKIS
REPRESENTING FLORIDA'S
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MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES VETERANS
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THIS VIRTUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR WILL
PROVIDE ACCESS TO VETERANS IN FLORIDA'S
TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

CONGRESSMAN BILIRAKIS IS COMMITTED TO LINKING VETERANS
IN NEED OF HELP TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY.
IF YOU ARE A VETERAN OR KNOW A VETERAN WHO NEEDS HELP,
PLEASE ATTEND THIS VIRTUAL FORUM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28, 2020 | 9 A.M.-NOON

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 | 4-5:00P.M.

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Melissa Seixas

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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

GREEN ENERGY, GREEN JOBS AND THE GREEN ECONOMY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
12 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

JOIN US AND LEARN ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
GREEN SECTOR WITH MELISSA SEIXAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF
GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT DUKE ENERGY.

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WHY WHAT WE DO **MATTERS!**

SPEAKER



Kimberly G. Jackson, ESQ.
Executive Director, ISPS

JOIN US FOR A BIPARTISAN LOOK AT THE CURRENT
POLITICAL LANDSCAPE AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT
NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL POLICY AND VOTING.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2020
11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

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DUNEDIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CANDIDATE FORUM

List of candidates:

MAYOR

Julie Bujalski
Heather Gracy

COMMISSIONERS

Mike Quill
John Tornga

MODERATOR

Al Ruechel

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF DUNEDIN'S UPCOMING GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOV. 3, 2020. THE CITY OF DUNEDIN HAS TWO ACTIVE POLITICAL RACES FOR THIS ELECTION: COMMISSION SEAT #3 AND THE MAYOR'S SEAT. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS NONPARTISAN, INFORMATIONAL EVENT.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 2020 | 7-8:30 P.M.

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PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DEBATE FORUM

List of candidates:

DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Justice
Tammy Vazquez

DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONERS

Larry Ahern
Janet Long

DISTRICT 7

COMMISSIONERS

Rene Flowers
Maria Scruggs

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE PINELLAS COUNTY'S
UPCOMING GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOV.
3, 2020. PINELLAS COUNTY HAS THREE ACTIVE
POLITICAL RACES FOR THIS ELECTION: COMMISSION
SEAT #3, #1 AND #7. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS
NONPARTISAN, INFORMATIONAL EVENT.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 P.M.

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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

BEACH EROSION: RESTORING PINELLAS COUNTY'S SHORELINE



Dr. John E. Bishop

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 12 P.M.- 1P.M.

JOIN US AND LEARN ABOUT ELEMENTS OF BEACH EROSION AND SHORELINE NOURISHMENT WITH DR. JOHN E. BISHOP, COASTAL MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR PINELLAS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020 | 12:30-2 P.M.

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POST-ELECTION TALK WITH DAVID JOLLY



David Jolly

JOIN US TO DISCUSS WITH DAVID JOLLY THE RECENT 2020 ELECTION RESULTS AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. DAVID JOLLY IS A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND A POLITICAL ANALYST FOR THE NETWORKS AND MEDIA PLATFORMS OF NBC UNIVERSAL.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 | 4 P.M.- 5 P.M.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: ADVOCACY THROUGH ART

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
5PM - 6PM EST**

Join us for a community conversation about environmental justice, local impacts of climate inequities and the role of artists as advocates for change.

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Nneka Jones
Artist



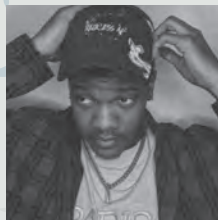
**Daniel Sebastian
Padilla Ochoa**
Ocean Conservancy



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Jenée Prlebe
SHINE Mural
Festival



**Jabari
Reed-Dlop**
Artist



Danni Washington
Big Blue & You



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Dr. Kimberly Brown

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THE GREAT DEBATE FINALS



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

The SPC Great Debate is a multi-campus competition that offers students an opportunity to engage in debate about crucial topical issues. The best two debaters from each campus advance to the Great Debate Final Competition to compete for cash and prizes.

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