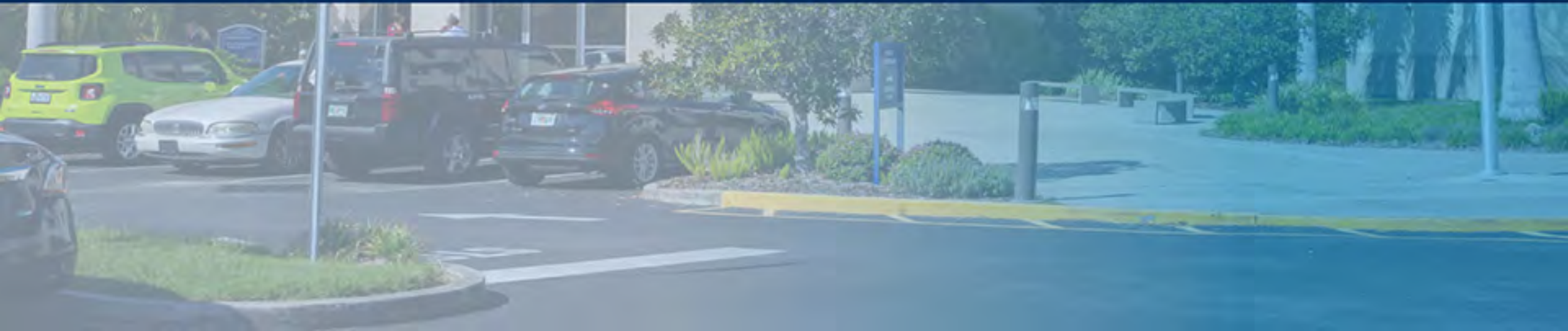


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The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College is dedicated to advancing academic excellence, community engagement, economic vitality and public understanding through high-quality, solutions-directed, non-partisan public policy 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

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KIMBERLY G. JACKSON, ESQ. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ISPS**

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 with 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 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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2021 - PRESS COVERAGE



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Column: Bill Young's legacy lives on in Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions

By Kimberly Jackson and Sam Jenkins Sep 17, 2021 Updated Sep 17, 2021

Art takes center stage at the latest mayoral forum

October 11, 2021

11 min



COMM VOICE

Community Voices: Overburdened mental health system needs our attention, commitment

Published 2 months ago on September 1, 2021
by Kimberly Jackson



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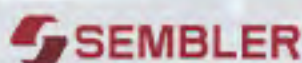
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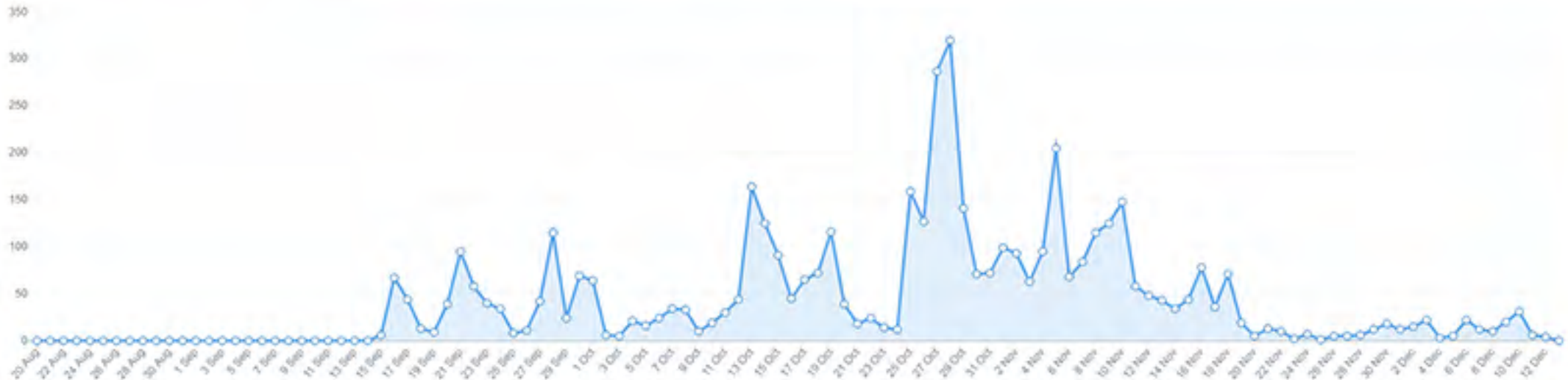
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1. Events Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	1,838
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5,861



New Facebook Page Likes 🌐

213



Facebook Page Visits 🌐

1,509



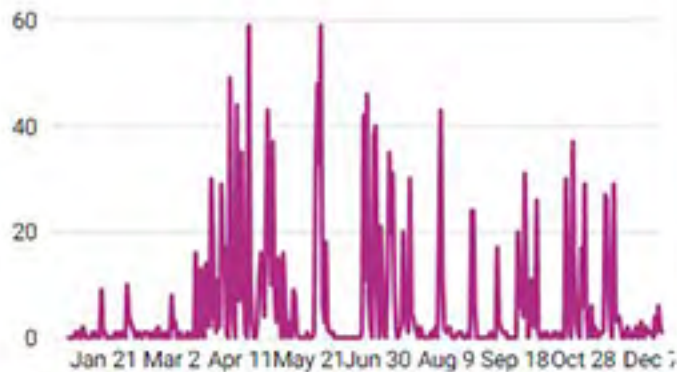


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The screenshot shows the Instagram profile for 'spcisps'. The profile includes the iSPS logo, a bio stating 'iSPS at St. Petersburg College' and 'The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions helps people better understand the complex social, political & environmental issues of the day.', and a website link 'ips.college.edu'. Below the bio are navigation tabs for 'POSTS', 'VIDEOS', and 'TAGGED'. A grid of six posts is visible, including a welcome message for Dr. Mark Strickland, a thank-you message for Congressman Gus Bilirakis, and a 24th birthday celebration for the USMC.

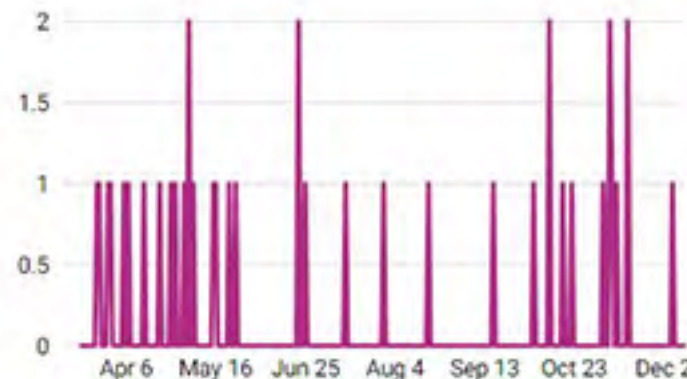
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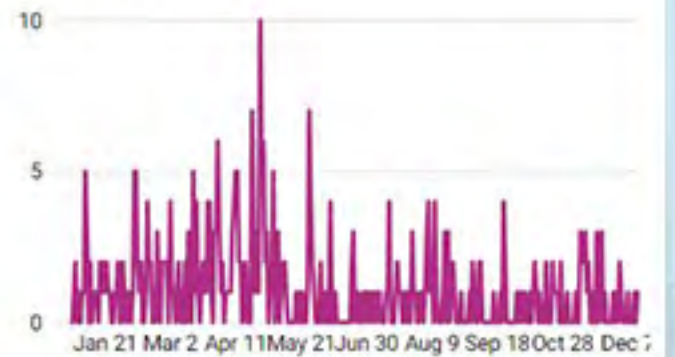
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2021 - PAST BOD REPORTS

January 2021

Programs

January 29, 2021 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**Economic Series I- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions and Institute for Economic Evolution
What's next for U.S. and Global Climate Policy and Action**

Join us as Representative Kathy Castor discusses the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act (H.R. 4447). Rep. Castor is serving her seventh term representing Florida's 14th Congressional District. She will provide prospects and insights on clean energy and what it means under the Biden administration. You can view the flyer [here](#).

February 18, 2021 (Time TBA)

**Economic Series II- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions and Institute for Economic Evolution
Cultivating B Corps for people, planet, and prosperity**

With more than 3,500 B Corporations in the world and two successful B Corp initial public offerings in 2020, the "business as a force for good" movement is growing. B Corp Certification empowers corporate improvement through metrics that address long-term profitability, climate impact and social justice among others. How can Florida harness this momentum and compete globally by building an economic climate that promotes human flourishing and environmental health.

February 19, 2021 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Guardianship Series I- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, Fisher and Sauls and the Brennan Law Firm

What is a Guardianship and when is it appropriate?

Part I of the series would explore the following issues regarding what is a guardianship, the types of guardianship, when it is appropriate and alternatives to guardianship. Most importantly it will evaluate policy issues related to guardianships.

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

ISPS, the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, and Urban League completed a summary of needs on Pinellas County in light of COVID. The summary addresses non-profit concerns. We will present this information to [the Legislative Delegation on January 19, 2021](#). You can view the COVID Summary of Needs [here](#).

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February 2021

Programs

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February 25, 2021 (11:00 am to 12:00 pm)

What Does Justice Mean?

In partnership with Student Life and Leadership, ISPS will host Justice Peggy Quince for a discussion of what justice means and the impact of COVID-19 on the criminal justice system for Black History Month.

[Register Here](#)

ISPS- News

ISPS welcomes new board members: Daniel Mageras, CFP, a certified financial planner; Jo-Lynn Brown, managing editor for Tampa Bay Business and Wealth magazine; and Elizabeth Sembler, retired educator and school administrator. We are also proud to collaborate with The Factory St. Pete located at 2622 Fairfield Avenue So, St. Petersburg, to expand our footprint in the County.



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March 2021

Programs

March 5, 2021 (8:00 pm-9:00 am)

Health Equity Series I- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions and Leadership St. Pete Alumni Association

Understanding Population Health Amid COVID

Join us as speaker Stephanie Reed, Ph.D. examines what makes up population health disparities and the factors that impact health equity. Tim Dutton of Unite Pinellas will contribute to the conversation on the specific factors that impact our health.

March 19, 2021 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Guardianship Series II- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, Fisher and Sauls and the Brennan Law Firm

Continuation of Guardianship issues

Part II of the series would explore the more specific issues regarding guardianships or guardian advocates for young people who are reaching adulthood and have a disability that impacts their ability to make decisions about their care and their property.

March 25, 2021 (1:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Cyber-Security and the Case of Oldsmar? What Happened!

Speaker, John Just is a national leader in eLearning and has provided expert advice to many enterprises across the United States, including Fortune 500 and nonprofit firms. He is currently the Senior Vice President of KnowBe4. Speaker James McQuiggan, CISSP, is a 20-year security veteran and Security Awareness Advocate for KnowBe4. James is also a part time faculty professor at Valencia College in the Engineering, Computer Programming & Technology Division. The speakers will discuss what hacking is, why it happened in our small area and the greater impact.

March 26, 2021 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Regional Economic Outlook 2021

ISPS partners with the Seminole Chamber of Commerce to host the Regional Economic Outlook with Jerry Parrish.

ISPS- News

ISPS welcomes [three new employees](#) Sam Jenkins, Jacqueline May and student Eylenid Sanchez



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April 2021

Programs

April 1, 2021 (virtual viewing on website) and April 5, 2021 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)

St. Petersburg College's Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions

ISPS will share views from the experts and those who impact those with Autism on April 1, 2021 and host a Golf Fundraiser for World Autism Awareness Month at the Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club.

April 9, 2021 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Guardianship Series III- Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions, Fisher and Sauls and the Brennan Law Firm

The Last Series, Part III, will explore guardianships for parents, elderly loved ones, or disabled adults who are incapacitated, including issues related to minor guardianships, incapacity and elder protections.

April 13 (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

The Reality of Running for Office

Join the conversation with elected officials on the realities and obstacles of running for office. Featured speakers include Connor Donovan, Tarpon Springs City Commission, Debra Prewitt, former State Representative and Mayor of New Port Richie, and Lorraine Duffy Suarez, former candidate for the Safety Harbor City Commission. The forum is in partnership with the College of Public Policy and Administration Baccalaureate Program.

April 20, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

A Conversation with U.S. Ambassador Delano Lewis

ISPS will host a conversation with former U.S. Ambassador Delano Lewis to South Africa Delano Lewis to learn about his experience as an Ambassador.

April 28, 2021 (8:0 am to 12:30 pm)

SPC's Social Justice Institute

Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Super Bowl LV-Join St. Petersburg College as they launch their inaugural Social Justice Institute (SJI). The program is a half day conference culminating a semester's worth of events focused on social justice, education and engagement.

ISPS- Executive News

Kimberly G. Jackson was selected as a [2021 First Lady in African American History Honoree](#) by the board and staff of the Carter G. Woodson African American Museum for her role as Executive Director at ISPS.



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May 2021

Programs

April 26-30, 2021

Earth to Autism Social Media Takeover

Earth to Autism “took over” our social media channels to share content in support of Autism awareness.

May 7, 2021 (8:00 am to 9:00 pm)

**Understanding Quality Care Amid COVID Series III – Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions and Leadership
St. Petersburg Alumni Association Physical and Health Environment**

In the final series Dr. Frederic Guerrier of Rosa Park Medical Center and Bayfront Physician will lead the discussion on health and physical behaviors that impact different populations in our county.

May 10, 2021 (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

2021 Pinellas County Legislative Wrap-up

Members of the Pinellas County Delegation will reflect and answer questions on the 2021 Legislative Session.

May 11, 2021 (12:30 pm to 1:30 pm)

Election Laws in Florida and their Implications

Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer, and Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus will join us for a discussion of election laws in Florida, including updates from the 2021 Legislative Session and implications for voting.

May 26, 2021 (12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

Food Insecurity from an Intergenerational Standpoint

Families and communities struggle daily with food insecurity. Panelists including Duggan Cooley, CEO of the Pinellas Community Foundation, and Jennifer Yeagley, CEO and Shaina Bent, COO of St. Petersburg Free Clinic, will examine national trends in food access as well as what is happening in Pinellas County to address this issue. AARP will sponsor this conversation.

ISPS- Executive News

Kimberly G. Jackson was selected as a Lightning Community Hero (Mrs. Jackson asked not to share this publicly until May 7th). Additionally, Mrs. Jackson was selected as a 2021 First Lady in African American History Honoree by the board and staff of the Carter G. Woodson African American Museum for her role as Executive Director at ISPS.

ISPS Statewide Coordinator, Jacqui May, Ph.D. represented ISPS at the Florida State College Student Government Association Annual Conference and presented at the annual John D. Calandra Institute International Conference on the role of historic urban ethnic enclaves in shaping national public policy regarding housing and education.



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June 2021

Programs

Our May programs were successful as 23 people attended “Understanding Quality Care Amid COVID Series III” and 72 people attended the “2021 Pinellas County Legislative Wrap-up.” The *St. Pete Catalyst* [covered](#) “Food Insecurity from an Intergenerational Standpoint.”

June 25th, 2021 (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System

Join ISPS for conversation about how mental health and the criminal justice system are connected, including the policies, programs, and services. Panelists include Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, NAMI Executive Director Denise Whitfield and Ashley Najar Roura, the Senior Assistant Public Defender and the Director of Mental Health for the Public Defender’s office. Commissioner Kathleen Peters will moderate the discussion.

ISPS- Executive News

On May 24th, ISPS hosted its second Board of Directors’ meeting of the year at the EpiCenter with Collaborative Labs. We welcomed Deveron Gibbons to the Board and thanked Bridgette Bello and Debra Prewitt for their service on the Board.

Kimberly G. Jackson spoke at the Florida Economic Club Community Leader Social on June 2nd about her personal story and the mission of ISPS.



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August 2021

Programs

June 25th, 2021 (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System

Judge Steve Leifman, Ashley Najjar Roura of the Public Defender's Office and Sheriff Bob Gualtieri spoke about how mental health and the criminal justice system are connected, including the policies, programs and services in a conversation moderated by Pinellas County Commissioner Kathleen Peters. 149 people attended virtually.

July 8, 2021 (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Criminal Justice Reform with Senators Brandes and Rouson

State Senators Jeff Brandes and Darryl Rouson shared their assessment of criminal justice reform in Florida in a conversation moderated by Judge Dee Anna Farnell. 30 people attended the program in person while 40 attended virtually. The *St. Pete Catalyst* [covered](#) the program as well.

July 13, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

2021 St. Petersburg City Council Forum

Residents of St. Petersburg learned more about the candidates for St. Petersburg City Council in a forum moderated by Al Ruechel. 50 people attended the program in person while it has 1,173 views online.

July 14, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

2021 St. Petersburg Mayoral Forum

Residents of St. Petersburg learned more about the candidates for Mayor of St. Petersburg in a forum moderated by Al Ruechel. 75 people attended the program in person while it has 795 views online. *Florida Politics* [covered](#) the forum as well.

ISPS - Executive News

David Klement, the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions' first Executive Director, passed away in early June. ISPS shared the following [statement](#).

Kimberly G. Jackson spoke to the Florida Economic Club - Tampa Bay on June 2nd and to the New Port Richey Rotary Club on June 30th.

Jacqui May, Statewide Coordinator, participated in the Florida Department of Education's end-of-year assessment review. Sam Jenkins, Project Coordinator, and Jacqui May, Statewide Coordinator, provided an overview of ISPS to the June 17th Academic Affairs Town Hall.



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September 2021

Programs

September 28th, 2021 (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Growing Jobs in Florida: Workforce Development

Many Florida business owners have struggled over the past year with finding qualified and reliable employees. Join ISPS for an in-depth forum discussing Florida's workforce. Representative Chris Latvala and the panel will provide insight into both recruiting businesses to relocate to the state of Florida and the current trends in Florida's workforce.

ISPS - Executive News

September 13th, 2021 (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

LIFELINE: "Shield of Faith" Equity and Advancement of Law Enforcement in Minority Communities

Pasco-Hernando State College's Linking in Faith and Education (LIFE) program is designed to provide faith communities with educational opportunities. ISPS will be attending their program on September 13th to discuss the intersections of law enforcement, mental health and the faith communities.

September 14th, 2021 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

CEOs Unplugged

The CEOs Unplugged Lunch is part of the Quarterly Luncheon Series presented by the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce. The event gives members and the community a peak into the minds of Pinellas County's most successful CEO's & Entrepreneurs in a relaxed, conversational environment. The CEO panel currently consists of the following individuals: Dr. Jeffrey S. Grove CEO of Paxton Medical Management, Marianne Fisher CEO of Safe Harbor Eldercare, Kimberly Jackson of the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions.

Kimberly Jackson will interview Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus about the St. Petersburg Primary Election on September 3rd.

ISPS will acknowledge and celebrate the history of Constitution Day with published content.



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October 2021

Programs

September 28th, 2021 @ SPC Clearwater Campus (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Growing Jobs in Florida: Workforce Development

ISPS hosted an in-depth forum discussing Florida's workforce. Representative Chris Latvala and Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Director of Pinellas County Economic Development, provided insight into both recruiting businesses to relocate to the state of Florida and the current trends in Florida's workforce. SPC's Acting Dean of Workforce Belinthia Berry moderated the conversation.

October 19th, 2021 @ Tarpon Springs Distillery (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

The Minimum Wage and Florida's Businesses

Small business leaders will discuss the minimum wage and how recruiting and retaining the workforce has changed in 2021.

October 28th, 2021 @ SPC Seminole Campus (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

The Terri Schiavo Case with Judge Greer

Participants will engage with George Greer, the judge of the Terri Schiavo case, about his role and the case's legacy.

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October 5th, 2021 (6:00 pm to 7:15 pm)

Mayor's Arts Forum

Kimberly Jackson moderated the Mayor's Arts Forum, which covered the following topics: arts funding, advancing the City as an arts and cultural destination, affordable housing for artists, main street programs, arts as an economic driver, arts & tourism, diversity, equity & inclusion within our arts culture, along with audience questions.

ISPS and Kimberly Jackson will partner on the following programs throughout October: 1) USF's Presentation with Dr. Robert Bullard on October 20th, 2) St. Pete Free Clinic's Talkback on October 21st, 3) [Academy Prep's Breakfast](#) on October 21st and 4) SPC's Discovery Day on October 26th.

To celebrate Constitution Day, Kimberly Jackson [interviewed](#) Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus about the City of St. Petersburg's Primary Election. ISPS will publish interviews with Congressman Gus Bilirakis and Corporal Bryan Banner of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office soon.



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November 2021

Programs

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The Minimum Wage and Florida's Businesses

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November 9th, 2021 @ SPC Bay Pines STEM Center – Silverberg Room (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

Clean Energy in Florida

Solar energy and green energy are technologies that provide important tools to reduce carbon emissions and strengthen our economy.

November 18th, 2021 via Zoom (7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

The United States and China: International Engagement

ISPS will lead a discussion with the Guangzhou College of Technology and Business and other partners as students explore each other's cultures, social media habits and the global economy.

ISPS also plans to record two programs for release at a later date. The first program -- the Economic Impact of the Arts in Pinellas County -- will be filmed at The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art and will include the following speakers: Laura Hine, Bob Devin Jones, Alex Harris, Terry Marks and Barbara Hubbard. In the second program, former Congressman David Jolly will give an update about Congressional legislation.

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December 2021

Programs

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<https://stpetecatalyst.com/service-providers-agree-that-relief-needs-are-escalating/>

Kathy Castor: Climate crisis presents challenges but also opportunities - January 30, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/kathy-castor-climate-crisis-presents-challenges-but-also-opportunities/>

Panel discussion delves into rise of B Corps - February 10, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/panel-discussion-delves-into-rise-of-b-corps/>

Economist delves into the numbers behind state's post-Covid recovery - March 26, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/economist-delves-into-the-numbers-behind-states-post-covid-recovery/>

Impact Catalyst ISPS - March 30, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/impact-show/ep-56-institute-for-strategic-policy-solutions/>

ISPS: World Autism Awareness Day Hosted by Kimberly Jackson - April 1, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/isps-world-autism-awareness-day-hosted-by-kimberly-jackson/>

Catalyst Influencers - April 14, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/influencers/kimberly-jackson/>

Pinellas County lawmakers reflect on legislative session - May 10, 2021

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/pinellas-county-lawmakers-reflect-on-legislative-session/>

'The need is real:' Experts weigh in on food insecurity in Pinellas County- May 27th

https://stpetecatalyst.com/the-need-is-real-experts-weigh-in-on-food-insecurity-in-pinellas-county/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Spark%205-27-2021&utm_content=Daily%20Spark%205-27-2021+CID_4e9c56e330cc72b616edf7f55111b8b4&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20softwa

[re&utm_term=The%20need%20is%20real%20Experts%20weigh%20in%20on%20food%20insecurity%20in%20Pinellas%20County](#)

Criminal justice reform gets bipartisan support from senators at forum – July 9th

[https://stpetecatalyst.com/criminal-justice-reform-gets-bipartisan-support-from-senators-at-forum/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Spark%207-9-2021&utm_content=Daily%20Spark%207-9-2021+CID_64fb9deaa38c230a3133bb9bf6fcbd67&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Criminal%20justice%20reform%20gets%20bipartisan%20support%20from%20senators%20at%20forum](#)

‘Threat of having a dead zone’: St. Pete mayoral candidates talk red tide – July 15th

[https://floridapolitics.com/archives/441457-threat-of-having-a-dead-zone-st-pete-mayoral-candidates-talk-red-tide/?fbclid=IwAR1zeHeJitS-PbN7_DyWUYEjTSR9tuijSphQddUTmdFYVC9dUKnhaZgw7P0](#)

Community Voices: Overburdened mental health system needs our attention, commitment -- September 1st

[https://stpetecatalyst.com/community-voices-overburdened-mental-health-system-needs-our-attention-commitment/?fbclid=IwAR1Bxk7iNo8Fcw5rV4LagZrputXNytuQj4LPHd22ija5uMJemGnbn45jRNQ](#)

Column: Bill Young’s legacy lives on in Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions – September 17th

[https://www.tbnweekly.com/opinion/article_abb0a87c-17dd-11ec-85de-7f1555c21da5.html](#)

Mayoral candidates address the arts community – October 6th

[https://stpetecatalyst.com/mayoral-candidates-address-the-arts-community/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Spark%2010-6-2021&utm_content=Daily%20Spark%2010-6-2021%20CID_1da3bc25bb8b6ae2cbd251dcb1d0ffca&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&fbclid=IwAR09HzkiBUXFnQCnuAK8uGxaOtDHvuGN3S0VgEsnCQTS25hsuAo1SnpwUn4](#)

Art takes center stage at the latest mayoral forum—October 11th

<https://theweeklychallenger.com/art-takes-center-stage-at-the-latest-mayoral-forum/>

The Increasing Minimum Wage and Florida Businesses with Todd Unbehagen—Nov 5th

<https://unbehagenadvisors.com/the-increasing-minimum-wage-and-florida-businesses-with-todd-unbehagen/>

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2021 - PAST EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



The April 5th event was planned to generate support of student research to enhance Autism awareness and public education on connecting with the Autistic community. The tournament was held at The Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club. 44 participants enjoyed a four-player golf scramble. Even SPC students and former ISPS Fellows Ashley Rutenbeck and Cierra Howard got in on the game, courtesy of ISPS Board of Directors Chair Judge Irene Sullivan.

2021 Golf Tournament Summary

Sponsorships: \$31,500

In-Kind Donations: \$1,815

Donations: \$ 1,130

Player fees collected: \$3,450

Silent Auction Proceeds: \$3,640

Total Income = 41,535.00



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ECONOMIC SERIES PART I

WHAT'S NEXT FOR U.S. AND GLOBAL CLIMATE POLICY AND ACTION?



U.S. Representative Kathy Castor
14th District of Florida

Join us and Rep. Kathy Castor as she discusses clean energy and jobs. Rep. Castor is serving her seventh term representing Florida's 14th Congressional district. She was originally elected in 2006, and is the first woman to represent Hillsborough and Pinellas counties in the U.S. Congress. Representative Castor will provide prospects and insights on clean energy economic opportunities and what it means next for the U.S.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 | 1:00 -2:00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 | 1:00 -2:00 P.M.

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Featured Speakers



Tonya Donati
Managing Partner
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Dan Bailey
Co-Founder
Amavida Coffee Roasters



Sirena Andras
Branding Consultant & Creative Guru
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WHAT DOES JUSTICE MEAN? FEATURING RETIRED FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PEGGY QUINCE

Join us and Justice Peggy Quince for a discussion of what justice means and the impact of COVID-19 on the criminal justice system.



Retired Florida Supreme Court
Justice Peggy Quince

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 | 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

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HEALTH EQUITY SERIES PART I

UNDERSTANDING POPULATION HEALTH AMID COVID



Join us as special speaker Stephanie Reed, PHD, examines what makes up population health disparities and the factors that impact health equity. Tim Dutton, of Unite Pinellas will contribute to the conversation on the specific factors that impact our health.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 | 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

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CYBER-SECURITY AND THE CASE OF OLDSMAR: WHAT HAPPENED?



Join us and guest speakers John Just, Senior Vice President and James McQuiggan, Security Awareness Advocate at Knowbe4 as they discuss what hacking is, why it happened in Oldsmar and the greater impact.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2021 WITH JERRY PARRISH



Dr. Jerry Parrish
Chief Economist & Director of Research
Florida Chamber Foundation

**SPC SEMINOLE CAMPUS
9200 113TH ST N, SEMINOLE, FL 33772**

Join us and Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research at the Florida Chamber Foundation, as he provides an economic outlook for the region. This event will be held in-person and virtually.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 | 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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HEALTH EQUITY SERIES PART II

SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS

WEDNESDAY, APR. 28, 2021 | 8 A.M.- 9 A.M.

Join us and Dr. Ulyee Choe- Director, Florida Department of Health, will lead the discussion on socio-economic issues and the impact of COVID amid the vaccine and the challenges embedded in disseminating a vaccine.

St. Petersburg College and ISPS present

THE INAUGURAL SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Moving Forward Together

April 28 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Virtual

Join St. Petersburg College for the inaugural Social Justice Institute (SJI) sponsored by the Tampa Bay Super Bowl LV Host Committee. SJI is a FREE virtual conference focused on social justice education. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and hear from thought leaders as they discuss:

- Socio-economic issues and the impact of COVID
- Advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community
- Unconscious bias
- Current realities of the undocumented community

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bakari Sellers
Best-Selling Author and
Political Commentator

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Dr. Ulyee Choe
Director at Florida
Department of Health
- Pinellas County



Dr. Devona Pierre
SPC Director of
Equity, Diversity
& Inclusion



Erik Smith
Founder & CEO
of Inclusivity, LLC.



Nicole Luckett
USF Assistant Director
of Diversity Education in the
Office of Multicultural Affairs

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For more information, contact Dr. Luz Randolph at randolph.luz@spcollege.edu

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HEALTH EQUITY SERIES PART III

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH ENVIRONMENT



Dr. Frederic Guerrier

IN THE FINAL SERIES DR. FREDERIC GUERRIER OF ROSER PARK MEDICAL CENTER AND BAYFRONT PHYSICIAN WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSION ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL BEHAVIORS THAT IMPACT DIFFERENT POPULATIONS IN OUR COUNTY.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 | 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

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2021 PINELLAS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 | 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

JOIN US AS MEMBERS OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY DELEGATION REFLECT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS YEAR'S POLICY PRIORITIES AND GET INSIGHT INTO PINELLAS COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

JOIN ISPS FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE CONNECTED, INCLUDING THE POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 | 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.



Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM WITH SENATORS BRANDES AND ROUSON



VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON:

**SPC SEMINOLE CAMPUS DIGITORIUM
9200 113th St N, Seminole, FL 33772**

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 | 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

STATE SENATORS JEFF BRANDES AND DARRYL ROUSON WILL SHARE THEIR ASSESSMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN FLORIDA.

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SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR



Senator Jeff Brandes
District 24



Judge Dee Anna Farnell (Ret.)
Moderator



Senator Darryl Rouson
District 19



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*Please join us for this especially important, non-partisan civic event.
Primary is August 24th - VOTE!*



Al Ruechel
Moderator

JULY 13, 2021

7 - 8:30 PM

SPC Allstate Center - Florida Room

3200 34th St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Seating is limited to 50 people and is on a first come, first serve basis. Doors will open at 6:15 and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:45. The event will also be broadcast LIVE and a recorded version with closed captioning will be posted. Both will be available on Facebook Live and YouTube Live @LWVSPA. For more information please call (727) 394-6942.

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Chris Latvala
State Representative



Dr. Cynthia Johnson
Director,
Pinellas County
Economic Development

Representatives Chris Latvala, Dr. Cynthia Johnson and the panel will provide insight into both recruiting businesses to relocate to the state of Florida and current trends in Florida's workforce in a conversation moderated by SPC's Acting Dean of Workforce Development, Belinthia Berry.

ATTEND VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON:

SPC Clearwater Campus - ES 104

2465 Drew St, Clearwater, FL 33765

September 28, 2021 | 6:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.

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FEATURING SPEAKERS



BARRY RUBIN

President of
Treasure Island
&

Madelra Beach Chamber



DAN JENKIN

Proprietor of

Tarpon Tavern & The Bistro



TODD UNBEHAGEN

Business Advisor, CPA

THE MINIMUM WAGE AND FLORIDA'S BUSINESSES

Small business leaders will discuss the minimum wage and how recruiting and retaining the workforce has changed in 2021.

ATTEND IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Tarpon Springs Distillery

605 N Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

October 19th, 2021 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Judge George Greer

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SPC Seminole Campus - Digitorium

9200 113TH St N, Seminole, FL 33772

October 28th, 2021 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

THE TERRI SCHIAVO CASE

— WITH JUDGE GREER —

Participants will engage with George Greer, the judge of the Terri Schiavo case, about his role and the case's legacy. Seating is limited (and subject to change based on the venue's rules).

Advanced registration is required. A limited number of walk-in spaces might be available on a first-come first serve basis the day of the event but no guarantees. Doors will open at 5:15 and we ask that everyone be seated by 5:45.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS
IN PINELLAS COUNTY

RECORDED NOVEMBER 1ST; PUBLISHING IN DECEMBER

JAMES MUSEUM

Terry Marks, Alex Harris, Bob Devin Jones, Barbara Hubbard and Laura Hine discussed arts and their economic impact in Pinellas County.



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ECONOMIC SERIES

CLEAN ENERGY IN FLORIDA

FEATURING SPEAKERS



LISA PERRY

Senior Manager, Energy Services
Walmart Inc.



EMILY NIPPS

Senior Manager of Communications
Tampa International Airport

Solar energy and green energy are technologies are important tools to reduce carbon emissions and strengthen our economy. Join ISPS as we examine this high growth and impactful industry.

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SPC BAY PINES STEM CENTER - SILVERBERG ROOM

4723 Bay Pines Terrace, St. Petersburg, FL 33708
Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 | 1:00 PM -2:00 PM

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THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA: INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT VIRTUAL



Join ISPS for a discussion with participants from institutions in China and Florida.

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Session 1: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Cultural Exchange

Session 2: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Chinese vs. American Social Media

Session 3: 9:00 PM -10:00 PM: The American and Chinese Economies

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