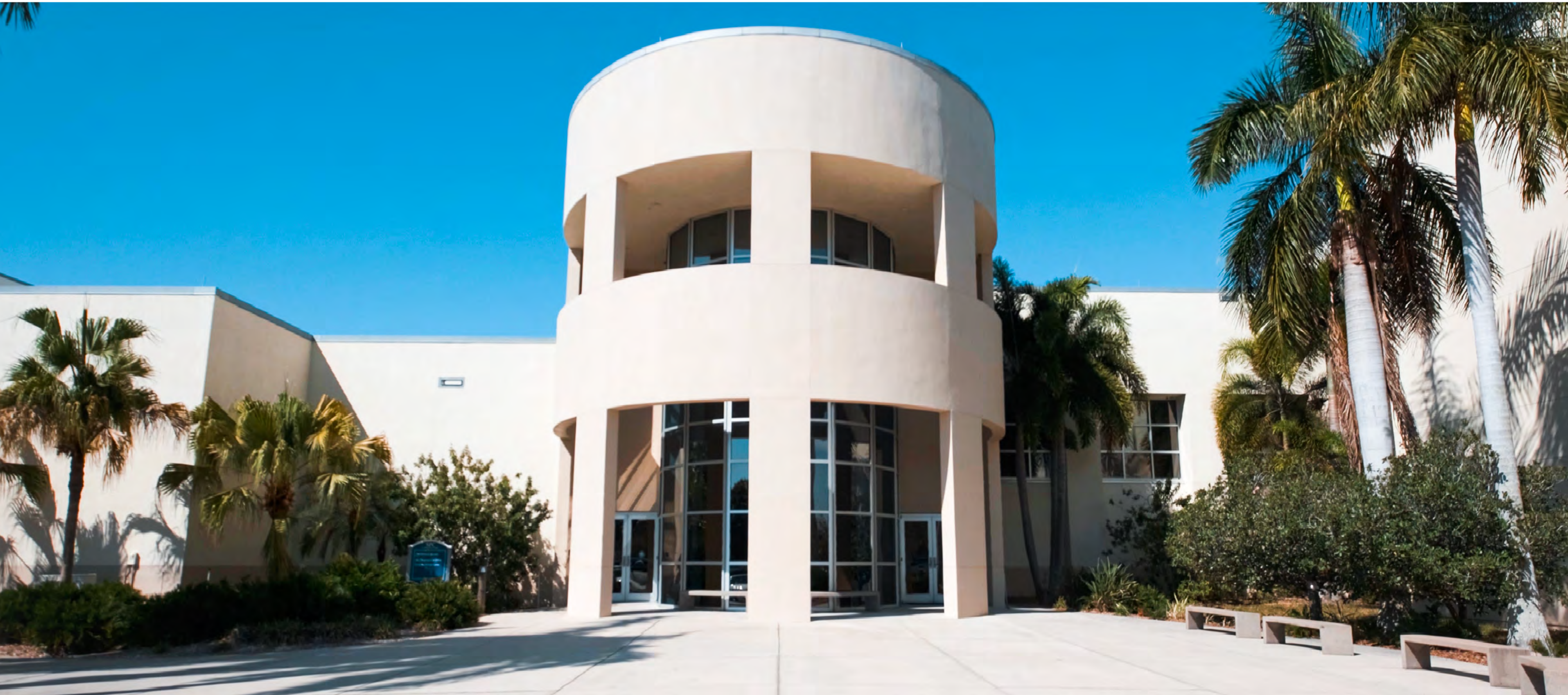


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INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC POLICY SOLUTIONS

END OF THE YEAR REPORT | 2024



ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions (ISPS) at St. Petersburg College (SPC) aims to ENHANCE understanding, EDUCATE students and citizens, and ENGAGE conversation in support of effective, solution-oriented public policy. Housed on the SPC 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 the 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.

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*



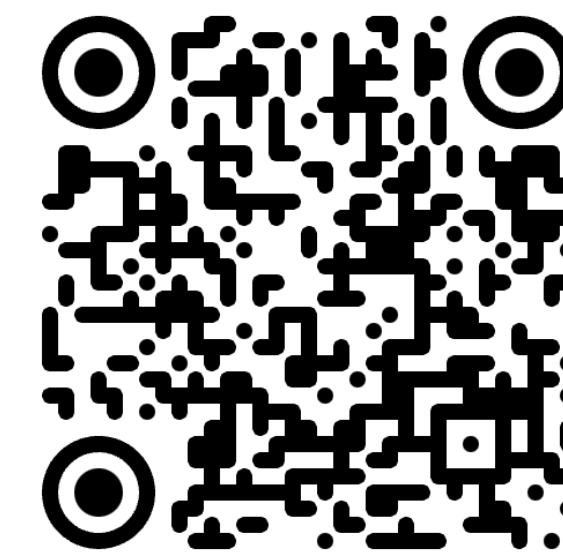


LATE CONGRESSMAN C.W. BILL YOUNG

The vision for the Institute originated in the mid-2000s with the late Congressman C. W. Bill Young and then St. Petersburg College President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. In recognition of Congressman Young's leadership in Washington and Tallahassee as well as his commitment to educational and economic development initiatives, the Florida Legislature in 2007 and 2008 appropriated a one-time \$7.5 million endowment to establish the government institute.

Based at SPC, it is designated as an institute serving the entire Florida College System. It was envisioned as a way to offer a broad array of research, training, educational, and policy analysis to support activities at the local, state, regional, and national levels of government. The Institution came to fruition in 2010 under the former College President, Dr. Bill Law.

Watch our short documentary highlighting Congressman C.W. Bill Young and the history of ISPS by scanning our QR code.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2024 has reached its' conclusion. The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions (ISPS) team and leadership express our profound gratitude to our partners, sponsors, community participants, and to all that support our mission to engage in non-partisan, public-policy dialogue on critical issues of the day. Hence, was the vision of the late Congressman C.W. Bill Young, the visionary and inspiration behind ISPS.

This past year, we've hosted a plethora of programs and initiatives centered on economic development, workforce, emerging technologies and career pathways involving cybersecurity and artificial intelligence (AI), empowering our Florida College System students by hosting the third annual Grand Debate, and traveling across Florida to leverage new partnerships and create meaningful opportunities to our students, communities and beyond.

Our end of the year report highlights the work we've done throughout 2024. At ISPS, we are committed to transparency and growth in our organization and warmly welcome new ideas and feedback so we may better serve you. It would be our organization's privilege to have your support and participation as we prepare for 2025.

With gratitude,
Kimberly G. Jackson, Esq. | ISPS Executive Director





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Student Fellow



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Senior Administrative Services Specialist

ISPS STAFF AND FELLOWS

The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions (ISPS) fellows initiative is an internship opportunity available to students within the Florida College System. Our purpose of having student fellows is to add value to their academic and professional careers while supporting ISPS's mission of fostering growth through student and community engagement.

The Fellowship program does not currently offer compensation. Updated: November 5th, 2024

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NEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- YMCA appoints new Board of Directors Chair – January 5th
- Scenes from TBBW’s Women Who Win panel presented by ISPS (PHOTOS) – July 9th
- Tim Scott – July 25th
- Michael Ballard – August 27th
- Katie Algarin – August 28th
- Kimberly Jackson, Executive Director ISPS at SPC 9-24-24 – September 23rd
- "The Grand Debate" Nov 21; Kimberly Jackson, Executive Director ISPS at SPC – October 24th
- PBSC student Augustin Gervasio wins College’s Grand Debate competition – October 25th
- 2024 News Service of Florida Impact Awards – December 5th



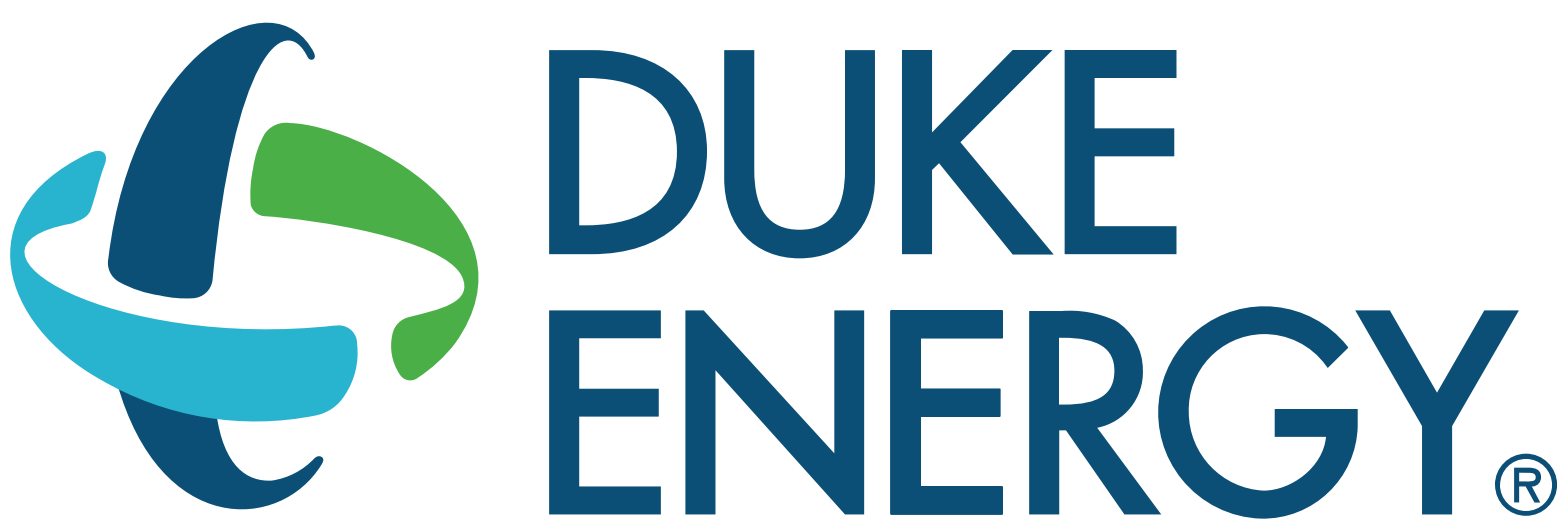
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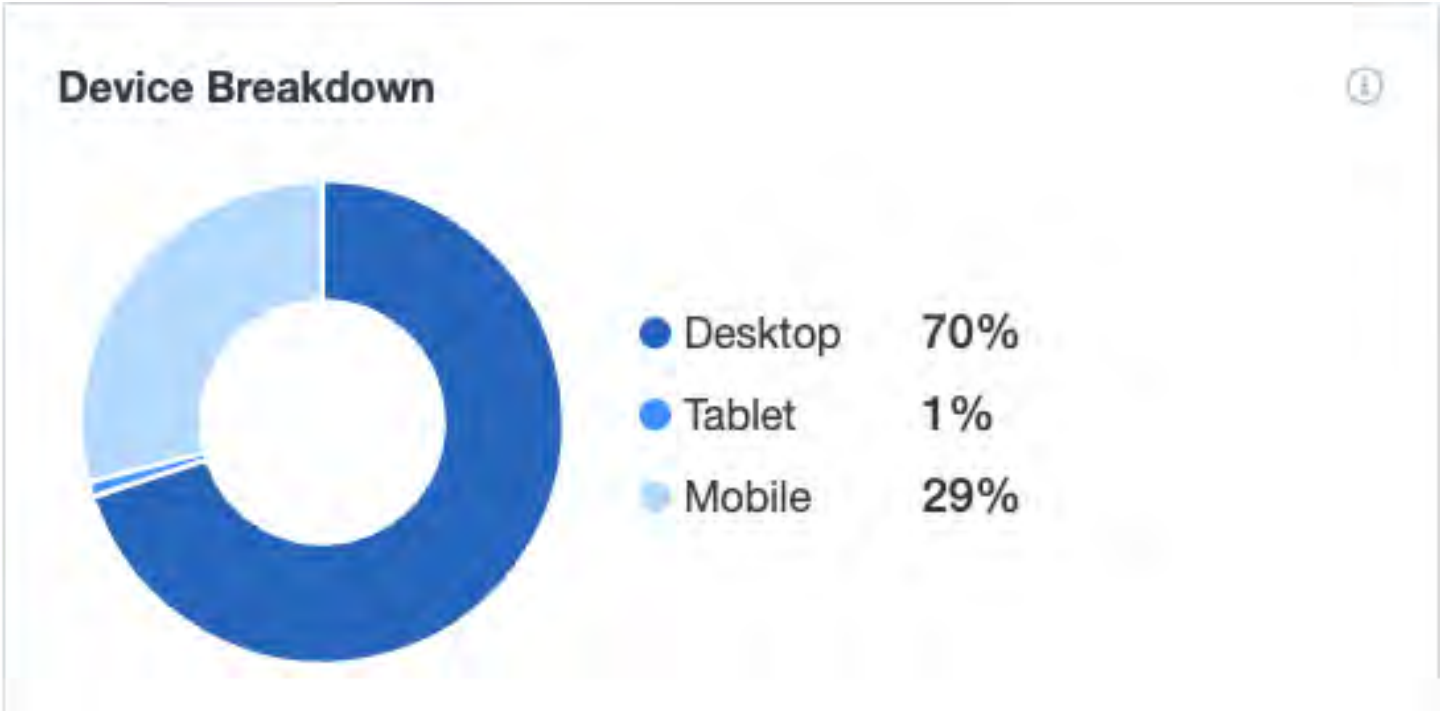
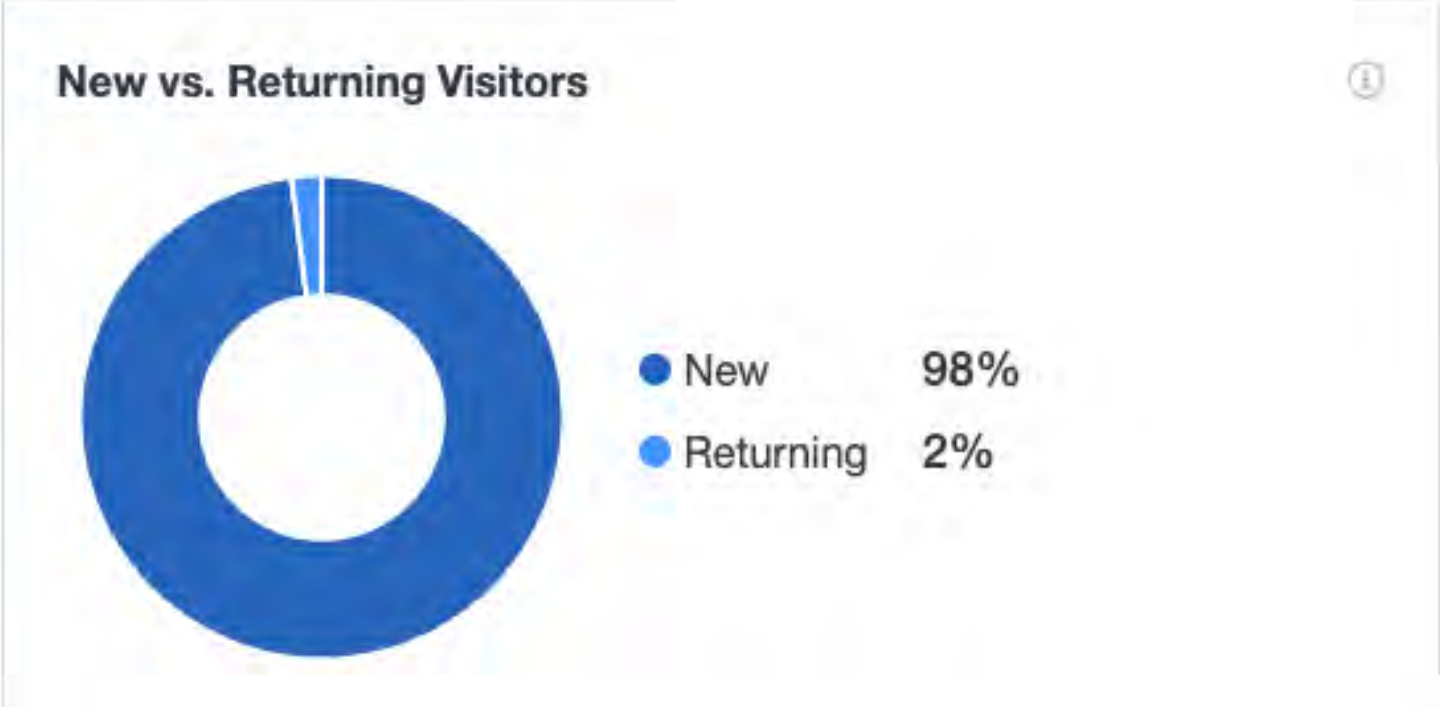
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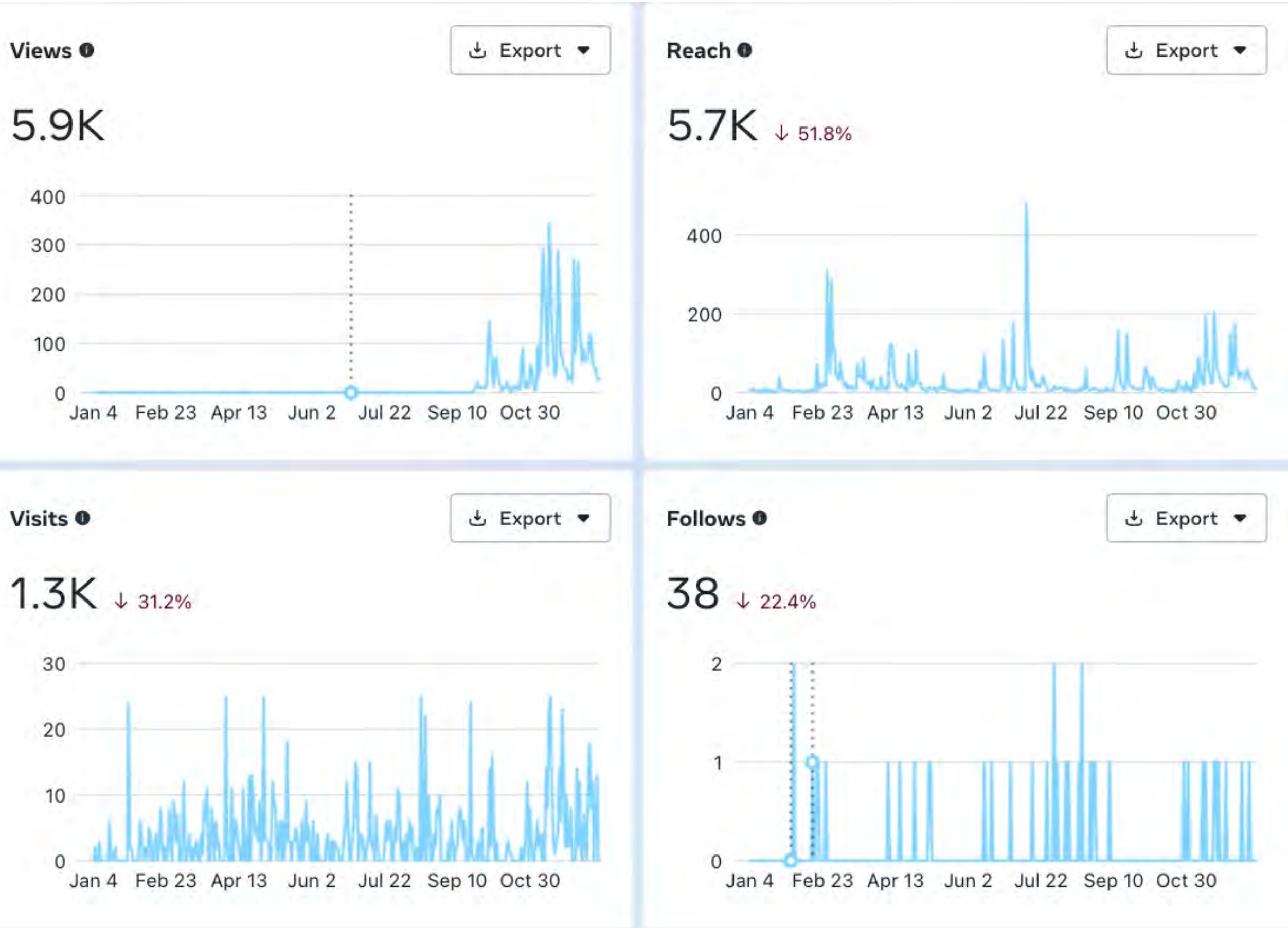
Top Posts/Pages	
1. Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions Enhance. Educate. Engage.	2,620
2. Events Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	1,086
3. 2024 3rd Annual Grand Debate Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	672
4. About the Institute Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	491
5. Contact Us Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	404
6. Board of Directors Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	395
7. The Grand Debate Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	389
8. C.W. Bill Young Reflection Documentary Showing Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	360
9. Executive Director Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	305
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Page Titles	Visits	Avg. Duration	Bounce Rate
1. 2024 3rd Annual Grand Debate Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	690	1m 49s	44.35%
2. Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions Enhance. Educate. Engage.	478	1m 28s	36.4%
3. Events Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	223	1m 55s	25.56%
4. The Grand Debate Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	149	2m 26s	38.26%
5. Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence in the Legal System Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	135	2m 29s	36.3%
6. Contact Us Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	128	2m 8s	39.06%
7. About the Institute Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	100	2m 10s	35%
8. Workforce Initiatives in Florida Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	82	1m 27s	58.54%
9. Contribute Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	60	9s	73.33%
10. Board of Directors Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions	53	1m 25s	24.53%

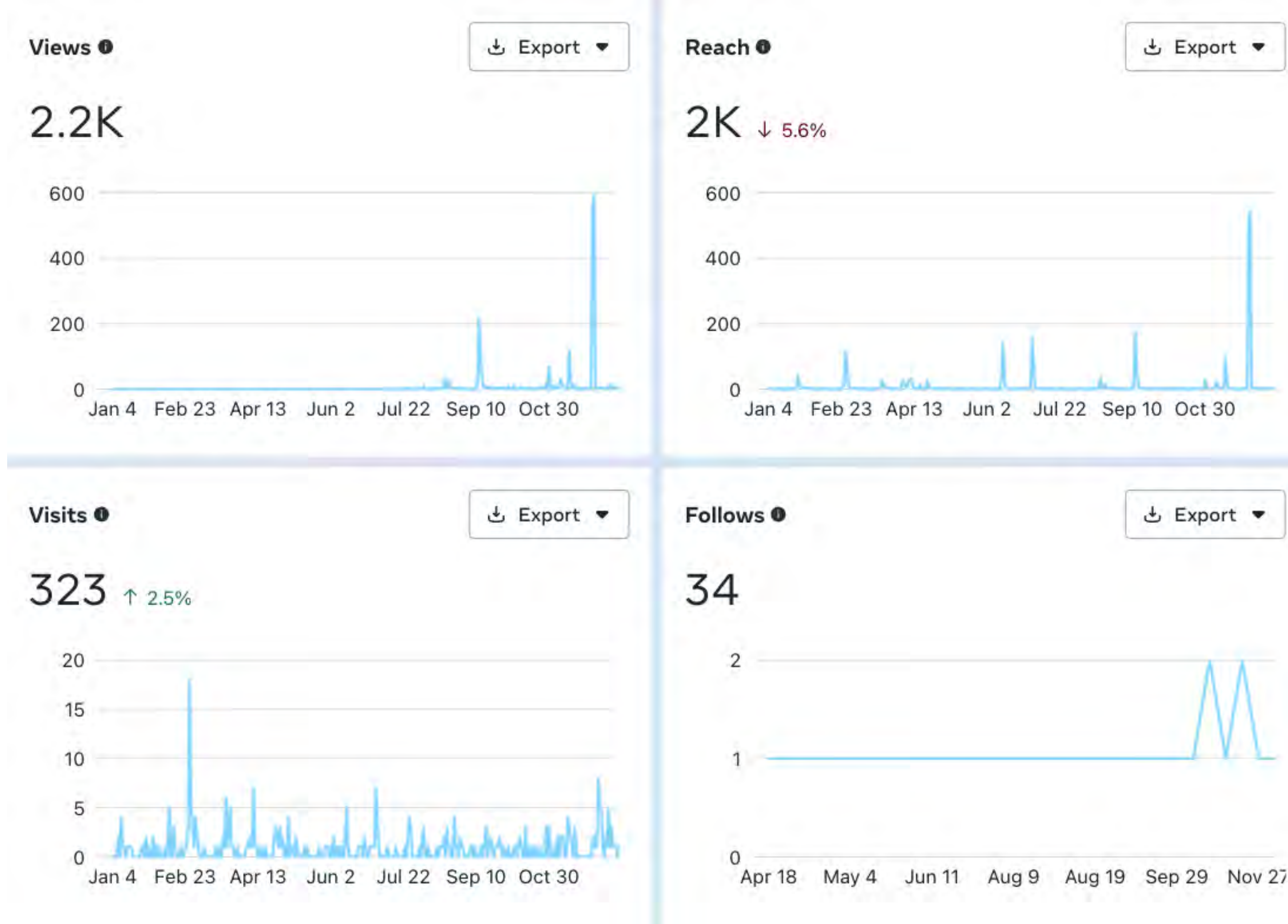


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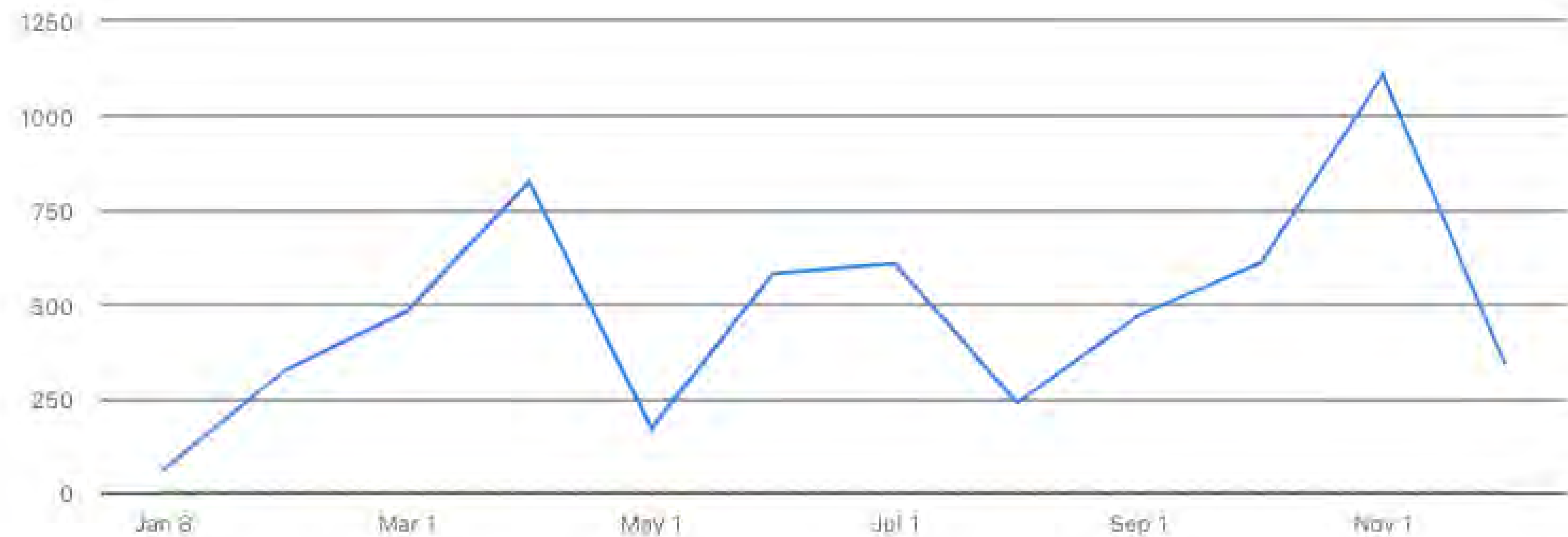
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COMPLIANCE - STATE AND INSURANCE FILINGS

2024 STATE REPORTING:

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FL DEPT OF AG & CONSUMER SVCS (FDACS)	Renewal registration RE: Solicitation of Contributions Act Lic # CH36119	3/12/2024	2/12/2024	2/22/2024	mailed 3/6/24	3/18/2024	2/15/24				
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FL DEPT OF STATE	Annual Report Doc #N11000008969	1st of Year; late fee after 5/1/2024	2/14/2024	2/22/2024	mailed 3/6/24	active status on FDOS	2/15/24				
FL DEPT OF FIN SVCS	Public Depositor Report	11/30/2024	10/1/2024	NA	11/19/2024 T. Scott			no charge			

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US Liability Insurance Co. (USLI)	Liability; Policy NPP1615210A	11/3/2024	9/24/2024	10/29/2024	ck cleared	9/24/24				

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

2023 Grand Debate

ISPS produced a multi-college competition where students engaged in debate about crucial topical issues and compete for cash. ISPS hosted five different colleges, including SPC, Hillsborough Community College (HCC), Polk State College, Eastern Florida State College and Miami Dade College. Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Debate: 1) Simeon Sanders (\$1200) – HCC, 2) Kiara Crumby (\$500) – HCC and 3) Diamond Jamal (\$250) – SPC.

November 29th, 2023 @ SPC Seminole Campus Digitorium (UP-160) (5:00 pm to 6:00 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 celebrated and reflected on his legacy, including ISPS's history, through a video reflection. *Tampa Bay Business & Wealth* [previewed](#) the showing of the documentary.

News

- Board Updates
 - ISPS will host a [quarterly](#) Board of Directors' meeting on February 12th at the SPC Clearwater Campus.
 - Jeff Johnson was [included](#) in Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders.
 - Nikki Gaskin-Capehart was profiled in [The Weekly Challenger](#) & the [Leadership St. Pete Alumni Association](#) (LSPAA).
 - Adam Johnson made the Dean's List at Harvard.
 - Tarruck Wheeler started with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an AI Prompt Engineer Executive Officer through an internship program.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [November](#) and [December](#) newsletters.
 - Kimberly G. Jackson was presented with the LSPAA President's Award.
 - ISPS will launch a collaborative government mentoring program in the Spring semester with seasoned government leaders and members from the SPC Public Policy and Administration Baccalaureate Program.
 - ISPS is working on our 2023 End of the Year Report. A preview of our achievements include:
 - Produced over 20 programs both hybrid and in-person.
 - Advanced the statewide mission by connecting with the Florida College System Activities Association.
 - Enhanced our statewide voter education series by providing state resources for students.
 - Onboarded six new board members from around the state of Florida.

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Programs

February 2024

Economic Development in Florida

ISPS will host a program with business leaders to discuss economic development in Florida.

March 2024 @ University of South Florida (USF) - Tampa Campus - C.W. Bill Young Hall

Congressman Bill Young Documentary

ISPS will host a second showing of the Congressman Young documentary in partnership with USF's Joint Military Leadership Center.

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 - Nikki Gaskin-Capehart was profiled on [WMNF](#) radio.
 - *Tampa Bay Business & Wealth* announced [Valerie Ellis Lavin](#) as a finalist for its 2024 Women Who Win Awards.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [January](#) newsletter.
 - Kimberly Jackson, Executive Director, and Sam Jenkins, Associate Director, met with Tony Carvajal, the CEO/Executive Director of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC), in Tallahassee to discuss statewide collaboration. ISPS is an [affiliate member](#) of AFC.
 - ISPS's mentoring partnership was [featured](#) in SPC's Public Policy and Administration Baccalaureate Program's *Leader* newsletter.
- Staff Updates
 - Aron Bryce, Statewide Coordinator, was elected President of St. Petersburg's Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA).
 - Aron Bryce and Sam Jenkins joined the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club's Board of Directors.

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February 28th, 2024 @ SPC Clearwater Campus ES-104 (11:00 am to 12:00 pm)

Economic Development in Florida

ISPS will host a program with business leaders, including Jamal Sowell, Former Florida Secretary of Commerce, Joe Lugo, Chief of Staff, Amplify Clearwater, Suzanne Christman, Director of Business Development, Pinellas County Economic Development, Mike Bishop, Senior Vice President, Pasco Economic Development Council, Steven Cover, Director of Planning, City of Bradenton and Christie Bruner, Vice President of Advocacy, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce (moderator), to discuss economic development in Florida.

March 20th, 2024 @ University of South Florida (USF) - Tampa Campus - C.W. Bill Young Hall (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm)

Congressman Bill Young Documentary

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News

- Board of Directors Updates
 - ISPS will host a [quarterly](#) Board of Directors’ meeting on May 13th.
 - The Board elected Dr. Alysén Heil, Dean of Workforce Development and Career and Technical Education at Pasco-Hernando State College and Daniel Mageras, Certified Financial Planner, as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, respectively.
 - Brett Bina participated in investors panel discussion.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [February](#) newsletter.
 - ISPS will present at the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Student Government Association (SGA) Advisors Conference at the College of Central Florida.

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March 27th, 2024 @ SPC Clearwater Campus ES-309 (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Importance of Messaging the Gift of Public Speaking

Author & Urbanist Peter Kageyama will speak to SPC Assistant Dean Douglas Rivero’s class and Model UN teams about public speaking.

March 28th, 2024 via Zoom (3:30 pm to 4:30 pm)

Grand Debate Cohort - Navigating Innovative Career Paths

ISPS created the first ever Grand Debate Cohort, which includes the student finalists from the first two years of the statewide competition. This Cohort of the best and brightest in the Florida College System will have additional programming opportunities, professional development, exclusive networking and access to special events and high-profile speakers. Author & Urbanist Peter Kageyama will be the first guest speaker and will talk to students about innovative career paths.

April 20th, 2024 @ Archibald Park – Madeira Beach (8:00 am to 11:00 am)

Earth Week Beach Clean Up

Celebrate Earth Week with ISPS and Keep Pinellas Beautiful at Archibald Park by joining us in our yearly community cleanup.

News

- Board of Directors Updates
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 - The various working committees of the Board will host their quarterly meetings the week prior on May 6th, including a joint meeting between the Strategic Plan and Statewide committees in person at Collaborative Labs.
 - Nikki Gaskin-Capehart was honored as a First Lady by the Woodson African American Museum of Florida.
 - Valerie Ellis Lavin will speak on a panel of women veterans during Women’s History Month at the SPC Seminole campus.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [March](#) newsletter.
 - ISPS is registered to present at the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Student Government Association (SGA) Advisors Conference at Seminole State College.

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April 20th, 2024 @ Archibald Park – Madeira Beach (8:00 am to 11:00 am)

Earth Week Beach Clean Up

ISPS and Keep Pinellas Beautiful celebrated Earth Week at Archibald Park for our annual community cleanup. 51 attendees collected 54.25 pounds of trash from the beach. RBC Wealth Management generously sponsored the program.

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 - Valerie Ellis Lavin won [Tampa Bay Business & Wealth’s 2024 Women Who Win Award](#) in the Military, First Responders and Government category.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS published its [April](#) newsletter.
 - ISPS traveled to Seminole State College to meet with students, student life advisors and administrators at the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA) conference.
 - ISPS opened up [applications](#) for Student Fellow positions for all Florida College System students. Fellows serve as an ambassador of ISPS and work closely with faculty and staff to fulfill the Institute's mission of educating, enhancing and engaging students and community members around the state of Florida.
 - ISPS shared a [survey](#) for public input on potential programs, speakers, collaborations, volunteers and sponsors.
 - ISPS remembers and honors former U.S. Senator and Florida Governor Bob Graham, who worked closely with our founder, the late Congressman C.W. Bill Young, to improve civics around the state. Governor Graham gave the keynote address to ISPS’s [Raising the Bar Conference](#) in 2015.

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Programs

June 25th, 2024

Women in the Workforce

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth (TBBW) magazine and ISPS will host a program about women in the workforce. The panel features winners from TBBW’s 2024 Women Who Win Awards, including ISPS Board Member Valerie Lavin, Founder & CEO, Luminary, SPC’s own Dr. Jackie Skryd, Vice President of Workforce Development & Corporate, Partnerships, Kate Sawa, President, St. Joseph’s Hospitals Foundation and Dr. Sarah Combs, CEO, University Area Community Development Corp.

News

- Board of Directors Updates
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 - The various working committees of the Board will host their quarterly meetings the week prior on August 5th.
 - The Board enjoyed the quarterly meeting and social at The Hangar Restaurant & Flight Lounge on May 13th.
 - Thank you to Jo-Lynn Brown for her service as Chair of the ISPS Board.
 - Gershom Faulkner launched Faulkner Surety and Insurance.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS is publishing its first ever magazine. Written, designed and produced by Matthew Lee, ISPS’s Communication Coordinator, it features the organization’s accomplishments, recent projects, history and much more.
 - ISPS is collaborating with many partners over the Summer, including the Florida College System (FCS) Joint Councils, FCS Activities Association, SPC’s College of Business, University of Central Florida’s Lou Frey Institute, and the American Center for Public Leadership at Southeastern University.
 - ISPS published its [May](#) newsletter.
- Executive Director Update
 - Kimberly G. Jackson presented about ISPS to The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg.

Programs

June 25th, 2024 @ Salon Halo (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm)

Women in Business

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth (TBBW) magazine and ISPS hosted a program about women in business. The panel featured winners from TBBW’s 2024 Women Who Win Awards, including ISPS Board Member Valerie Lavin, Founder & CEO, Luminary, Kate Sawa, President, St. Joseph’s Hospitals Foundation, Dr. Kanika Tomalin, President & CEO, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg and Dr. Sarah Combs, CEO, University Area Community Development Corp.

September 27th, 2024 @ SPC EpiCenter (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Cybersecurity in Florida

In the digital age where sensitive information is accessible online, protecting yourself on the web is pivotal. ISPS, SPC Professor Laura Malave, and our panel of cyber security experts discuss staying safe online and exploring careers in the industry.

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 - Valerie Lavin was named a 2024 Tampa Titan 100 Inaugural Nominee.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS attained a clean audit for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
 - ISPS is excited to welcome our new Accountant/Business Manager, Timothy Scott, to the team.
 - ISPS is also pleased to welcome Michael Ballard to the team as a Student Fellow.
 - ISPS published its [inaugural magazine issue](#).
 - ISPS recently earned [Candid’s Platinum Seal of Transparency](#).
 - ISPS published its [June](#) and [July](#) newsletters.
 - ISPS attended the FCS Joint Councils meeting in Port Charlotte, Florida.
 - Matthew Lee earned a certificate in drone operation: CFR Part 107 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

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October 9th, 2024 @ USF’s Marshall Student Center - MSC 4100 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm)

The Future of Florida’s Transportation

ISPS and our panel of experts, including Vickie Chachere (Event Moderator), Journalist and Communications Consultant, Wade Elliot, Senior VP of Marketing and Business Development, Port Tampa Bay, Jason Jackman, Senior Research Associate, Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida and Gina Dew, Government Relations Director, Tampa International Airport, will discuss Florida’s infrastructure, emerging developments, and how it impacts our statewide workforce.

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 - The various working committees of the Board will host their quarterly meetings the week prior on October 28th.
 - Thank you to Trustee Katie Cole for remaining on the Board with us.
 - Kimberly G. Jackson received a [wonderful letter](#) from former ISPS Board Member Glen Gilzean in response to the ISPS magazine and recent achievements.
- Team Updates
 - ISPS is excited to welcome Katie Algarin to the team as a Student Fellow.
 - Student Fellows [Katie Algarin](#) and [Michael Ballard](#) were featured in the *St. Pete Catalyst*.
 - ISPS published its [August](#) newsletter.
 - ISPS is asking community members for their input via a [survey](#) to garner new support and identify potential partners for the upcoming year.

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- Kimberly G. Jackson appeared on [Radio St. Pete](#) to chat about ISPS with Joe Bourdow.

Team Updates

- ISPS is excited to launch our Economic Interview Series. ISPS will be hosting one-on-one interviews to discuss economic trends and initiatives with experts from different backgrounds across the state of Florida.
 - The first two episodes dropped with [Christie Bruner](#), St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce's Vice President of Advocacy and [Roy Kirchner](#), the CEO of Ultimate 3D Printing Store and Services.
- ISPS was announced as a [Silverberg Excellence Award Recipient from the SPC Foundation](#).
- Morgan Labita joined the ISPS team as a Student Fellow.
- ISPS published its [September](#) newsletter.

Staff Updates

- Sam Jenkins was accepted into the [Fall 2024](#) cohort of the Nonprofit Leadership Center's Certificate in Leadership.
- Aron Bryce joined the Radio St. Pete board and advanced as a finalist for Creative Loafing's Best of the Bay's "Best Activist."
- Katie Algarin was selected as the Head Delegate for the NMUN DC conference.
- Michael Ballard helped photograph the Hope in Action event hosted by Dr. Jane Goodall and the Roots & Shoots Alliance.

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In memoriam

ISPS mourns the [passing of Jacquelyn Schuett](#), a former employee of the Institute who made a lasting impact on our team and community. Kimberly G. Jackson shared the following [statement](#).

Programs

- Postponed to a later date due to the hurricane - [The Future of Florida's Transportation](#)

- November 7th, 2024 @ SPC Tarpon Springs Campus – Chris Sprowls Workforce Innovation Hub – WF-109 (1:40 pm to 2:40 pm)

Workforce Initiatives in Florida

Join ISPS to discuss workforce initiatives across Florida with our panelists.

- November 12th, 2024 @ SPC Clearwater Campus – ES-104 (12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence in the Legal System

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology that is rapidly evolving. Explore the emerging trend of AI with ISPS and our panel as we discuss the ethical implications of using AI in the legal system.

- November 21st, 2024 @ SPC Seminole Campus – Digitorium – UP-160 (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm)

Grand Debate

Watch as Florida College System students partake in our statewide debate. The topic is: Artificial Intelligence will positively impact Labor Market – Agree or disagree.

- Kimberly G. Jackson joined Joe Bourdow in the RadioStPete downtown studio to [discuss](#) the Grand Debate.

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- Team Updates
 - The [third episode](#) of the Economic Interview Series was released with Suzanne Christman, the Director of Pinellas County Economic Development.
 - ISPS shared exclusive content about cybersecurity in the legal field, featuring [Robert Shimberg](#), Attorney with Hill Ward Henderson ("Cybersecurity in Florida" program sponsor). Thank you to Trustee Katie Cole for her support.
 - ISPS is excited to move into The Poynter Institute as a satellite office space.
 - ISPS will travel to Orlando to attend the 2024 Joint Councils & Association of Florida College's Annual Meeting and Conference and to Tampa to present at the Florida College System Student Government Association's (FCSSGA) November Conference.
 - ISPS published its [October](#) newsletter.

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Join ISPS on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm with our panel of economic experts at the St. Petersburg College Clearwater Campus as we discuss economic development and initiatives in the state of Florida.

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C.W. BILL YOUNG REFLECTION DOCUMENTARY SHOWING

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

C.W. Bill Young Hall Auditorium | 12303 USF Genshaft Dr, 33620, Tampa, FL

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In honor of the late Congressman C.W. Bill Young, we invite you to join us at C.W. Bill Young Hall at USF Tampa to watch our documentary on the visionary that Congressman Young was and the history of ISPS.



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Saturday, April 20th, 2024 | 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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In the digital age where sensitive data is accessible, protecting yourself and organization secrecy on the web is pivotal.
ISPS and our panel of experts discuss current cybersecurity trends, current events and awareness.

Friday, October 4th, 2024 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Virtual Event via Zoom



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Join ISPS at the Chris Sprowls Workforce Innovation Hub at the SPC Tarpon Springs Campus to discuss building workforce initiatives across Florida with our panelists to support economic vitality.

Thursday, November 7th, 2024 | 1:40 pm - 2:40 pm

Chris Sprowls Workforce Innovation Hub | 600 E Klosterman Rd, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology that is rapidly evolving. Explore the emerging trend of AI with ISPS and our panel as we discuss the ethical implications of utilizing AI in the legal system.

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

SPC Clearwater Campus, Room ES-104 | 2465 Drew Street, 33765



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Thursday, November 21st, 2024 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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