

## Beard Parking Garage death identified

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The University Police Department (UP) received a notification at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Friday about a non-student female who fell from an upper level of the Beard Parking Garage.

UP confirmed Saturday afternoon that the person was a 25-year-old Port Richey resident who was pursuing a graduate degree at UF and completing her studies at Moffitt Cancer Center hospital. After the investigation, there were reasons to believe that personal stressors "might have led her to the decision to take her own life," according to the police report.

The report also said foul play was not suspected in the investigation and UP is currently awaiting the medical examiner's report.

Dean of Students Danielle McDonald sent an email out Friday night urging any witnesses or impacted individuals to utilize campus resources if needed.

Some of the resources listed included the Counseling Center (813-974-2831) and Victim's Advocacy (813-974-5756).

"It is important when tragedy occurs, that you all know there are resources here for you," McDonald said in the email. "I want to remind you to utilize these resources, activate your support systems and take care of yourself."



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After much pushback on the consolidation plan presented last month, USF President Steve Currall took the criticism into consideration.

On Sept. 10, Currall presented the consolidation preliminary framework plan to the Board of Trustees (BOT) and was told by state and USF representatives that too much authority was being given to the Tampa campus.

The "2.0 consolidation blueprint," shared with the USF community Thursday, provides the branch campuses — St. Pete and Sarasota-Manatee — with the ability to preserve its local campus identities like the representatives hoped for.

The consolidation update was sent in a systemwide email

explaining the branch campus administrative responsibilities.

"There have been many deliberations among key stakeholders, including our regional chancellors; deans, department chairs and members of the faculty, staff and students from all three campuses; community supporters and legislators," Currall said in the email. "We have welcomed the feedback and have been encouraged by many productive ideas."

The updates granted USF Sarasota-Manatee Regional Chancellor Karen Holbrook and USF St. Pete Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock more involvement in academic and budgetary decisions.

There will be more academic authority available at the branch campuses with the expansion of "nursing, public health, architecture and community design and engineering" at those locations.

This is in lieu of the branch campuses having to report to the Tampa campus as proposed last

## Back to the consolidation drawing board



Currall will present refinements to the consolidation framework at the BOT meeting Dec. 3. ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM

month.

The revised plan also discussed programs and fees for students.

Advising, student advocacy, mental health counseling, financial aid and career services will still be provided at each individual campus at a local level. The plan said this will be done

to "ensure that all students have expedient and equitable access to the support they need, wherever they may be."

In regards to student fees, all students will pay the same amount post-consolidation. But, the plan said students will not

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## Campus Safety Week to fund UP K-9 program



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STAFF WRITER

As part of Campus Safety Week 2019, the USF Police Department (UP) is holding a fundraiser to fund a new K-9 program.

From Oct. 21-25, the events will consist of training courses to prepare USF students and faculty for dangerous situations. Courses include SAFE (Sexual Assault

Fundamental Escapes Course), a self-defense program aimed at women, and SKYWARN storm spotting, a program to teach people how to detect approaching bad weather and alert others around them, according to UP.

"The event provides an opportunity to educate the

campus community on safety, disaster preparedness and crime prevention," said the USF Campus Safety Week page.

This is the second annual Campus Safety Week.

On Oct. 24, UP will host Campus Safety Day from 10

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a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sessums Mall, located near USF Genshaft Drive. Students and faculty will have the chance to drop a responder into a dunk tank after making a donation to support funding the program.

The K-9 unit will be used to detect drugs both on and off campus. UP believes this new addition to the department will get them up to date compared to other police departments in the Tampa Bay area.

Physical resources, such as specialized vehicles, dog training and certain equipment are needed for the program to begin.

The funds raised will go toward obtaining these resources.

"Almost anywhere you look, police agencies are using K-9 resources as an industry standard," said USF Police Chief Chris Daniel. "Once the K-9 program is up and running, it will be fairly easy to maintain."

The K-9s will also be working with local agencies, according to Daniel.

The Hillsborough County sheriff's office K-9 unit is comprised of 22 dogs. They train German shepherds, Belgian malinois, German shepherd/Belgian malinois mixes and bloodhounds.

Each dog has a specialty, such as bomb or narcotics detection

or fugitive apprehension. UP is looking to add explosive detection dogs as the program grows.

"We hope by the first of the year to have a couple of dogs in service and either completed with training or finishing their training," Daniel said.

K-9 demonstrations will be one of the available events to watch and participate in during Campus Safety Day.

"We've gone many years without [K-9s] as a resource," Daniel said. "It's time for us to have that resource in the department. It will create a safer environment for our students, staff and faculty."

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be responsible for paying for services that are not available at their home campus.

The plan states that "student fees at the branch campuses shall not be used to pay for a disproportionate share of fixed costs or otherwise be used to subsidize the costs of services being provided primarily to students on the parent campus."

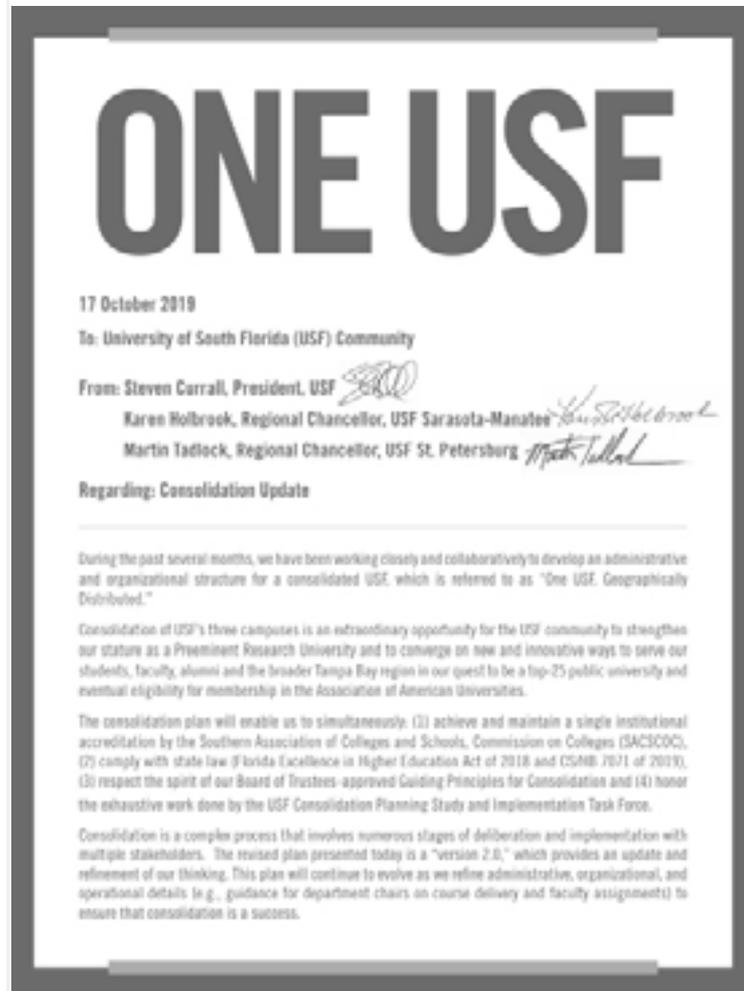
This begs the question of how campus-specific fees will be consolidated.

For example, Tampa and St. Pete students currently pay a transportation fee whereas Sarasota-Manateestudents don't.

Also, only Tampa students pay a \$1.50 per credit hour fee to fund the Marshall Student Center.

Currall will present refinements to the consolidation framework at the BOT meeting Dec. 3.

USF has to be completely consolidated by the July 1, 2020 deadline.



The consolidation update was signed by USF President Steve Currall, USF Sarasota-Manatee Regional Chancellor Karen Holbrook and USF St. Pete Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

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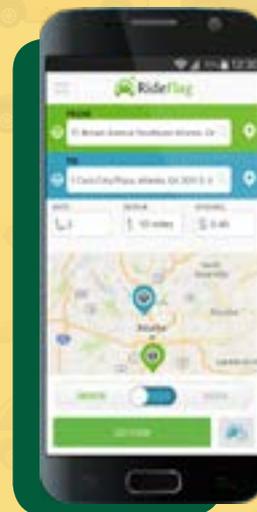
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## Poverty stifles success in Florida's K-12 schools



Nathaniel Sweet

COLUMNIST

Florida lawmakers looking to improve student test scores should consider child poverty one of their top priorities.

Looking at 2018-19 school grades from the Florida Department of Education, elementary schools with the largest share of low-income students — students on free or reduced school lunch — had the lowest passing rates for the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA) test. These results suggest that in Florida, poverty rates correlate substantially with poor performance in school.

The relationship between poverty and school success is well-documented in education policy literature. A 2011 study by Misty Lacour and Laura Tissington, professors of education at Southern Arkansas University and the University of West Florida, respectively, synthesizes well over a dozen studies on the subject.

They found that students living in poverty lacked a range of resources essential to school success, from basic material needs to parental support.

A 2009 report produced by the Miami-Dade County school district found similar effects. In



Safety, opportunity and enrichment matter just as much in students' homes and neighborhoods as they do in their schools. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

addition to resource barriers, students in poverty face also face family violence, exposure to pollutants, and hazardous neighborhoods with poor infrastructure and services. Each of these challenges either directly or indirectly makes it difficult for children from low-income families to succeed in school.

The consistency of these results raises provocative questions for Florida policymakers. School grades, principal placements and some teacher evaluations are based on student test scores, often leading to consequences for underperformance that are harmful to others besides the students.

Is it really justified to penalize students, teachers and schools for low test scores when they're so closely tied to circumstances outside their control?

Furthermore, these findings ask policymakers to expand their understanding of education beyond just what happens in the classroom. Safety, opportunity and enrichment matter just as much in students' homes and

neighborhoods as they do in their schools.

Equal opportunity in education is essential to a strong democracy and a fair economy. To get there, however, we need to invest in Florida's children, families and communities.

Any agenda for improving public schools thus needs a broader commitment to poverty reduction and shared prosperity. This means living wages for working parents, stronger social assistance for children and equitable development in underserved locales.

The scope of the child poverty challenge merits shared responsibility and cooperation across governments. School districts must collaborate with counties, cities, nonprofit organizations and the Florida Legislature to find solutions that will improve children's lives here and now. With consistent care and dedication, the effort will pay dividends for our state's future.

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## Florida leading in sustainability initiatives



Jared Sellick

COLUMNIST

The Tampa Electric Company (TECO) is set to begin production on two solar energy projects that are expected to finish sometime next year.

Hillsborough County is taking an important step toward diversifying their sources of energy production, bringing us ever closer to environmental sustainability.

Hillsborough County should continue this kind of investment in order to ensure we can transition away from our fossil fuel dependency. Both TECO's investments on the county level as well as USF's investments in the Student Green Energy Fund (SGEF) exemplify the success of transitioning to solar energy.

The additional projects will be paid for through a \$1 increase in the energy bills of Hillsborough County citizens.

The project will cost a total of \$26.5 million dollars and is projected to save TECO \$193 million in fuel costs, as reported by Florida Politics on Oct. 17. This is the kind of strategic planning that simultaneously makes economic sense and addresses environmental issues.

The USF Tampa campus has also made huge strides when it comes to investing in solar energy. The SGEF has demonstrated that USF's been investing in sustainable energy production since at least 2012.

There are eight different solar energy initiatives that take place right here at USF. Students pass these projects often without even realizing it — from discrete solar panels placed on umbrellas at Argos Exchange to panels covering the roof of the Marshall Student Center (MSC), which provide to the MSC the equivalent of powering 39 households annually.

Investing in solar energy has also proven to be a job creator for Florida. As of 2019, there are over 10,000 jobs in the solar industry alone, according to data from the Solar Energy Industries Association.

The only state that has more solar jobs than ours is California, which has over 76,000 solar jobs, so there is still a lot of room for growth.

By investing in these local projects, we can ensure that Florida will continue to lead the country in promoting solar energy and environmental sustainability.

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"We thought about [pulling McCloud sooner], then he kept saying he's OK," Strong said, "and then you see one of the passes he threw, we knew he wasn't OK."

Another reason McCloud may have been left in the game longer was the lack of depth behind him.

Barnett came into the SMU game to start the second half after McCloud sustained the contusion, leading the Bulls to a few garbage-time scores.

In the process, he was hit hard due to poor protection from the offensive line and sustained a

passes in the South Carolina State game.

There's a good chance Rygol will be the guy under center against ECU, and Strong doesn't seem worried if it comes to that.

"Rygol will be OK," Strong said. "We've just got to get him enough reps."

Rygol threw for more than 3,000 yards and 36 touchdowns his senior year at Nation Ford High School (Fort Mill, S.C.), but has received limited playing time since. A transfer to USF from junior college ASA College (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Division II North Greenville University (Tigerville, S.C.) before that,

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and Navy's time of possession was just under two minutes. What separated the Midshipmen from the Bulls boiled down to Navy's efficiency with the ball.

**Navy's defense was devastating**

Over half of USF's offense was rushing, which was done to minimize the threat of Navy's blitz defense and protect its vulnerable quarterback.

But the Bulls' overall offense was stifled by Navy. It took USF until the second quarter to cross into Midshipmen territory for the first time. Redshirt freshman Jordan McCloud rushed for 20 yards to make it to Navy's 43.

The drive subsequently went nowhere, as the Bulls punted four plays later.

Following USF's field goal in the second quarter, the next two drives resulted in an interception and a turnover on downs.

**Defense finds weak link too late for it to count**

Defensively, the Bulls started off poor by allowing three consecutive scoring drives in the first half. But in the following five Navy drives, USF forced two interceptions, a fumble and a punt.

It seemed like USF started to catch on to Navy's offense as the Bulls kept Navy from scoring in the third quarter.

But the defense faltered in the fourth quarter and gave up two touchdowns, putting the nail into the coffin of a game that was already lost.

**McCloud was at risk**

It's no secret McCloud wasn't 100 percent prior to the game. He hasn't been since Sept. 28 against SMU. With senior quarterback Blake Barnett out with what is now confirmed as a season-ending ankle injury, the pressure has been on McCloud

to deliver.

And he's been banged up along the way ever since.

McCloud was deemed fit to play, although statistics show he wasn't.

He played more than three quarters before he was replaced by walk-on sophomore Kirk Rygol, who has been a part of 11 snaps this season, in the fourth quarter.

McCloud completed just over 47 percent of his passes, his worst completion percentage since SMU (42.1 percent). In 10 rushing attempts, McCloud ran for 26 yards, his worst rushing game since SMU.

It's clear McCloud was hurting, and the threat of Navy's blitz defense — which sacked him four times for a loss of 15 yards — didn't help.

By keeping McCloud in the game for so long, the Bulls ran the risk of further jeopardizing the health of their only "fit" scholarship quarterback.



Kirk Rygol (17) may have to start for USF against ECU on Saturday. **ORACLE PHOTO/LEDA ALVIM**

high ankle sprain. The sprain ultimately proved to be season-ending, as Barnett underwent successful surgery on the ankle Friday.

Now the Bulls are without a single healthy scholarship quarterback heading into another road game Saturday against ECU.

Walk-on sophomore Kirk Rygol replaced McCloud on Saturday, going 4-of-7 for 64 yards. Prior to Saturday, Rygol's only game action for USF came against South Carolina State on Sept. 14 and UConn on Oct. 5, though Rygol did not attempt any

Rygol only saw action in one game for North Greenville in 2017 and redshirted last year at ASA College.

However, when Strong was asked if Rygol will be the starter against ECU, it came back to McCloud's health.

"We've got to see where Jordan is and just try to get him healthy," Strong said. "He's not healthy ... we've got to get our best player out there on the field, and he, right now, he gives us the best chance to win."

**USF debuts new helmet against Navy**

The helmet worn Saturday is similar in color to the design worn in the Bulls' 48-22 victory against UConn on Oct. 5.

The main difference is the incorporation of an oversized 'Iconic U' logo rather than the alternate 'U-S-F' logo worn at UConn. The oversized 'Iconic U' helmet design has been used by USF in prior seasons. The helmet is entirely white with the exception of the outline of the oversized 'Iconic U' in green. The face mask is also green. **ORACLE PHOTOS/BRIAN HATTAB**

## InBrief

### Viens sets AAC goal-scoring record

Evelyne Viens has another record to her name, and she earned it on her senior day to boot.

Viens, who already held the USF women's soccer record for most career goals, set the AAC record for most career goals

when she scored her 62nd in the 25th minute of the Bulls' 2-0 victory over

Temple at Corbett Stadium

on Sunday. The previous record was held by UConn's Rachel Hill (2013-16).

The Bulls' star striker set the program record for both single-season (20) and career goals last season in a year where she also set the program record for most points in a single season (47) and tied for most goals in the nation.

Viens' game-winning goal Sunday came in the last regular-season home game for the Bulls in which she and four other seniors — including Andrea Hauksdottir, who scored on a penalty in the 71st minute — were honored before the game.

The outgoing senior class won the AAC regular-season championship last season, the AAC Tournament in 2017 and has been ranked in at least one poll every week this season.



Evelyne Viens  
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## Football

### Uncertainty at quarterback yet again



Brian Hattab

SPORTS EDITOR

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — USF found itself in yet another unplanned quarterback situation after its 35-3 loss at Navy on Saturday.

Jordan McCloud — who has taken the majority of snaps since replacing senior Blake Barnett as starter in Week 3 after USF's initial change — is hurt.

McCloud's injury woes began during a Sept. 28 loss to SMU when he sustained a wrist contusion on his throwing hand. They continued Oct. 12 against BYU when he injured his shoulder during the win over the Cougars.

Not that the redshirt freshman used any of that as an excuse Saturday.

"I'm good. That's no excuse,"



Jordan McCloud has sustained repeated injuries since USF's loss to SMU on Sept. 28. ORACLE PHOTO/BRIAN HATTAB

McCloud said when asked about his health. "I've just got to play better and help this team win."

But it was no secret McCloud was having trouble gripping the ball, especially after offensive coordinator Kerwin Bell said as much during his media

availability Wednesday.

During initial pregame warmups, McCloud was spotted wearing gloves on both hands. Later on in warmups and during the game, McCloud only wore a glove on his throwing hand.

McCloud was 11-of-23 for 50

yards before being replaced midway through the fourth quarter, a decision that didn't come lightly for coach Charlie Strong and his staff, especially since McCloud said he was fine.

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## Commentary

### Navy 35-USF 3: Postgame takeaways

That was the general consensus going into Saturday's game.

But a completely inefficient offense from USF wasn't the expectation.

USF (3-4, 1-2) failed to show it was capable of keeping up with Navy after a 35-3 loss to the Midshipmen (5-1, 3-1) at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

#### Bulls run over by Midshipmen

Simply put, Navy ran over USF. As expected, Navy relied heavily on the rushing game — 95 percent of its yards came on the ground. The Midshipmen gained a total of 457 yards. Senior quarterback Malcom Perry led all rushers with 188 yards, which was over 40 percent of Navy's total

offense.

Perry ran for two touchdowns, including a 67-yard rush to open the scoring for the Midshipmen.

The Midshipmen were effective when they had the ball by converting nine of their 12 third-down attempts, gaining 95 yards in the process.

The difference between USF

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Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Navy was bound to cause trouble for USF.