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Entrepreneurship Program named best emerging program in the U.S.



Program Director William Jackson (center) shows off the award with Creative-In-Residence Nathan Schwagler (left) and Associate Director Daniel James Scott.

The **Entrepreneurship Program** at the USF St. Petersburg **College of Business** has been named the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program in the United States. The award was presented last weekend to Program Director William Jackson, Ph.D., by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship at its annual conference in San Francisco. The honor comes less than three years after the program was founded. The program "reflects innovation, quality, potential viability, comprehensiveness, depth of support, sustainability and impact." The breadth and scope of the Entrepreneurship Program seemed to impress the judges, Jackson said. It includes innovative curriculum that crosses all disciplines and colleges at USFSP, a small-business development center, a business accelerator called **Gazelle Lab**, the **Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship**, an advisory board of experienced entrepreneurs and extensive community outreach that brought dozens of Tampa Bay leaders into classrooms to interact with students. [Read More.](#) | [Read Robert Trigaux's Column.](#)

Hundreds of students turn out, sign up during Get On Board Day



Student organizations and non-profit groups line Harborwalk during Get On Board Day.

Harborwalk filled with students Wednesday for Get On Board Day, a highlight of the beginning of each semester. Student organizations and non-profit community groups set up tables along Harborwalk to encourage students to "get on board" and participate in everything from the *Crow's Nest* student newspaper to the juggling club. A Civic Engagement Fair was held in conjunction with Get on Board Day, with 20 community partners offering students volunteer opportunities.

J. Michael Francis to discuss 500 years of *La Florida* at Town and Gown



Dr. J. Michael Francis at the Castillo de San Marcos, in St. Augustine.

USF St. Petersburg History Professor J. Michael Francis, Ph.D., one of the nation's leading experts on the Spanish colonial experience in Florida, will discuss the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival during the **Town and Gown** Winter Luncheon Friday, Jan. 25. Dr. Francis, the Hough Family Endowed Chair in Florida Studies, will deliver a talk titled "Imagining La Florida: History, Myth, and Commemoration." The luncheon meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall Gallery, 1000 3rd Street S. The luncheon costs \$20 and is open to the public. Please call Alexis Searfoss at (727) 873-4519 by Tuesday, Jan. 21, to reserve your spot. **Read more.**

Civic Engagement Luncheon connects faculty, community partners



More than 50 community partners and faculty members attended a luncheon Wednesday sponsored by the **Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement** at the **Student Life Center**. The luncheon was designed to explore new ideas for partnerships and citizen scholar courses, which get students out of the classroom and to working on community projects. Sixty-six citizen scholar courses are underway this semester alone. Among those at the luncheon were (photo above, left to right): Fred Bennett, College of Education; Dean Bill Heller, Ed.D., College of Education and Director of the Bishop Center; Kama Conrad, social worker; Amanda Dryden, coordinator of the Fairmount Park Elementary School Children's Initiative; Cooper Dawson, Fairmount Park Elementary Principal; Charlie Vanover, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Education and Bishop Center COE Liaison, and Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Bishop Center.

Experts discuss community-based solutions for tackling diabetes



A panel discussion focused on the fine points of the growing diabetes epidemic and treatment options.

A distinguished panel of experts gathered at the University Student Center Tuesday for a community forum titled, "The Preventable Epidemic: Community-Based Solutions for Tackling Diabetes." The forum was sponsored by United Healthcare and the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg. Experts included: Henry Rodriguez, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director, USF Diabetes Center; Chet Evans, MS, DPM, Chairman, Florida Diabetes Advisory Council; Catherine Howard, Ph.D., MSPH, Medical/Health Care Program Analyst, Florida Department of Health; David W. Jezek, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg; Dr. Kenneth D. Lanier, PharmD, Pph, Winn Dixie; David Lewis, CEO, UnitedHealthcare of Florida; and Kathy Mulcahy, Chair, Florida Alliance for Diabetes Prevention and Care. The **University Student Center** offers space to rent for meetings and events. For more information, contact Kerrin Naeff at (727) 873-5188.

Upcoming Events

January 24
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Blood Drive

**January 25
11:30 a.m.**

Town and Gown Winter Luncheon with J. Michael Francis

**January 26
10 a.m. - noon
MBA Open House**

**January 27
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Undergraduate Admissions Open House**

**January 28
9 a.m.
Regional Chancellor Search Committee Meeting**

**January 29
9 a.m.
Regional Chancellor Search Committee Meeting**

**January 29
6 p.m.
Transfer-A-Bull**

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