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## HarborNotes Weekly

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### Two USF St. Petersburg students win prestigious history awards



Elizabeth Southard (left) and Douglas Ponticos (right) with History Professor Emeritus Gary Mormino outside the Snell House, home of the Florida Studies Program at USF St. Petersburg.

Two USF St. Petersburg students have won prestigious Leland M. Hawes Awards in Florida history, adding their names to a string of previous winners from USFSP. Douglas Ponticos, a graduate student in the Florida Studies Program, received the prize for his paper, "Communities of Stone and Glass: Florida's Brooksville Ridge." Ponticos is a Brooksville native who was raised in Homosassa, and a graduate of Lecanto High School and Florida State University. He dreams of farming and teaching on the Ridge. Elizabeth Southard, an Anthropology major, received the prize for the best undergraduate paper, "The Cultural Importance of the Prehistoric and Historic History of Weedon Island." Southard is a Memphis native who moved to Florida in 2003. She recently helped curate the W.R. "Butch" Evans artifact collection at the **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**. Evans was a beloved student in the **Florida Studies Program** and an avid amateur archaeologist. Both Southard and Ponticos wrote their seminar papers in History Professor Emeritus Gary Mormino's Florida history seminar. Mormino is a co-founder of the Florida Studies Program.

Pinellas County History Day returning to USF St. Petersburg



Hundreds of students from across Pinellas County will converge on USF St. Petersburg Saturday for the 16th Annual **Pinellas County History Day**. This is the fifth year in a row the event has been held at USF St. Petersburg, which co-sponsors the gathering with Pinellas County Schools. USFSP professors and graduate students serve as judges, including College of Education Dean Bill Heller, Ph.D.; Visiting Assistant History Professor David McMullen, Ph.D.; Associate Journalism Professor Robert Dardenne, Ph.D; Daun Fletcher, Florida Studies program assistant; and Florida Studies graduate student Karen Rhodes. Middle and high school students display their class projects, papers and multi-media presentations in five categories: exhibits, performances, documentaries, research papers and websites. "Seeing kids running around with shirts that say 'history geek' really excites history professors," said McMullen, the faculty coordinator for the event.

## Alpha Mu Gamma, the Foreign Language Honor Society, forms at USFSP



A chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the foreign language honor society, has been established at USF St. Petersburg through the World Languages Program in the **Department of Society, Culture and Language**. It is the eighth honor society at USFSP and the 350th chapter of Alpha Mu Gama. "This is excellent news for our campus and for our students in Spanish, French and Arabic who will be recognized for their efforts in learning world languages and cultures," said Martine Fernandes, Ph.D., associate professor of French. The society's primary purpose is honoring students for outstanding achievement. Membership is available to students who have a 3.0 grade point average and have earned 2 A's in one world language at USFSP. Students of American Sign Language and English as a Second Language may also apply. Initiated members receive a parchment certificate of membership and may wear the scroll-shaped gold key or pin. Members also qualify for exclusive scholarships.

## Poynter Library presents professor's talk on Cuban art and political satire





The **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library** will present a thought-provoking lecture March 21 by Narciso J. Hidalgo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature and Culture in the Department of Society, Culture and Languages. Dr. Hidalgo will discuss his new Spanish-language book, *Choteo: Irreverence and Humor in Cuban Culture*. Long used in Cuban art, culture, and daily life, *Choteo* is a form of political mockery. In this talk Dr. Hidalgo will use scenes of art and culture to elucidate the agonizing but creative conflicts that still cross the Cuban nation today. The lecture will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Poynter Corner at the library. Copies of *Choteo* will be available for purchase, courtesy of the **USFSP Barnes and Noble Bookstore**.

Spring Break time is here, and the students were celebrating early



Students celebrated in a variety of ways Wednesday as part of Spring Fling, an annual event presented by the Harborside Activities Board to prepare students for Spring Break. This year they teamed up with

the Wellness Center to help promote health and a safe Spring Break. There will be no classes next week because of Spring Break, though the campus will be open, including the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, which will have [reduced hours](#). HarborNotes Weekly also will observe Spring Break. [Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg](#) returns March. 22.

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## Upcoming Events

March 9

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

[Pinellas History Day 2013](#)

March 11-16

[Spring Break](#)

March 21

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

[Nelson Poynter Memorial Library:](#)

Irreverence and Political Humor in the Cuban Culture

March 28-29

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[USFSP Honors Program Presents:](#)

[St. Petersburg in the World - Conference on International Affairs](#)

March 26

[Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Transfer Information Session

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

[USFSP Honors Program](#)

April 2

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Reconciling With Former Oppressors