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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

USFSP Bulls Win First-Ever "Battle of the Bay"



St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman, here with freshman Alyssa Dwinston, threw out the first pitch at the first-ever "Battle of the Bay" baseball game.

And what a game it was. The USFSP Bulls won its first game against the USF Tampa Baseball Club on Saturday 14-4. The teams played at Al Lang Field in what they and their fans hope will be the first of many club games on the waterfront.

"The game was symbolic of the partnership between USFSP, USF Tampa and the local community," said Gardiner "Tuck" Tucker, Ph.D., interim director of Student Services. "We all came together to celebrate athletics as part of the learning process."



Photo: USFSP Connect

The USFSP Baseball Club was formed recently by College of Business students David Stern, Tyler Thomas and Jeremy Burger. For more about the team and a schedule of games, check out the Club's [Facebook page](#).

USFSP Wins Florida Society of Geographers Awards



Masters student Kimberly Lyons took home the top prize for her poster at the annual conference of the Florida Society of Geographers

Three USFSP graduate students from the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Geography (ESPG) were awarded prizes at the annual conference of the **Florida Society of Geographers** (FSG): Steven Douglas, Kimberly Lyons and Elizabeth Merton were recognized for their presentations.

Douglas received an Honorable Mention in the Best Graduate Award category for his presentation on "Modeling of Groundwater Contamination Potential from Septic Tanks and Golf Courses: An Integrated Geospatial Approach." Lyons and Merton won Best Poster awards.

"Of the 22 graduate students who presented at the conference-and where 80 percent of the grad students were Ph.D. students-three awards came to USFSP," said Barnali Dixon, Ph.D., associate professor of GIS and Remote Sensing and chair, Dept. of ESGP. "Other awards went to Ph.D. candidates from Florida Atlantic University and a University of Florida undergrad. I am really proud of our group." [Read more.](#)

Family Study Center Gears Up for "Listening to Babies"

Second Annual Event Slated for Feb. 28-Mar.1



Florida State Representative Dwight Dudley spoke at last year's "Listening to Babies" event.

The USFSP Family Study Center will host the second annual "Listening to Babies" workshop next weekend at the University Student Center. Presented in partnership with Concerned Organizations for the Quality of Education for Black Students (COQEBS), the workshop teaches local family service providers and infant caregivers the skills necessary to promote healthy social and emotional development of children.

"We are so pleased that national experts on best-practice childcare have agreed to partner with us to rethink how we are serving our most vulnerable children," said James McHale, Ph.D., director of the Center. "Last year, our theme was the importance of relationship-based caregiving; the audience was

enthralled but asked to learn more about problem behaviors. To address their requests, we designed this year's event to focus on 'developmentally-appropriate discipline,' to teach how relationships, interactions, and environments help to instill a sense of calmness and confidence in

even the youngest children."

Guest speakers this year include [Senta Greene](#) and [Deborah Greenwald](#). The workshop runs over three days, with sessions for both professional service providers and direct caregivers.

[Read more or register.](#)

Meet the Man Who Runs the Everglades (Really)

Dan B. Kimball, Superintendent of the Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks, will lecture on campus next week -- and you're invited to meet him.

WHAT: "Everglades National Park: People, Pythons and Billions for Restoration"

WHEN: Monday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: [Karen Steidinger Auditorium](#)

Superintendent Kimball is responsible for managing Everglades National Park, including restoration of the 1.5 million acre ecosystem, the largest restoration project of its kind -- ever. This is an opportunity to understand the significance of the Everglades, the extent of damage caused by humans and why we are investing billions to restore this natural wonder.



The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is presented by USFSP and the USF College of Marine Science. For questions or more information, email Dr. Heather Judkins, judkins@mail.usf.edu

Student Research Colloquium Features Austen, Woolf



(left to right) Dr. Amy Robinson, visiting assistant professor, College of Arts and Sciences; essayists and M.L.A. graduate students Ashlie Flanigan and Eleanor Eichenbaum; and Dr. Louis Simon, visiting assistant professor, College of Arts and Sciences

Famous females dominated this week's Student Research Colloquium at Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. Ashlie Flanigan and Eleanor Eichenbaum, both students in the Masters of Liberal Arts program, presented papers on their favorite authors: Jane Austen and Virginia Woolf, respectively.

"I've always loved Austen on a personal and recreational level," said Flanigan. "Study what you love, as they say."

Flanigan's paper, "The Empirical Austen: Finding Nature and Nurture in 'Pride and Prejudice,'" recently won a national award from the Jane Austen Society of North

America. Eichenbaum presented on "The Thing Itself: Virginia Woolf and Investigation of Poetic Form." For more information about Student Research Colloquiums, contact Kaya van Beynen, associate librarian, kayatown@usfsp.edu

Upcoming Events

Florida Studies
Writers in the Preserve
Friday, Feb. 21
7 p.m.

Office of Multicultural Affairs
Black History Quiz Bowl
Tuesday, Feb. 25
7:30 p.m.

USFSP Career Center
2014 Career Fair
Wed. Feb. 26
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Honors Program
The Arabic Legacy in Western Thought
Monday, March 3
3:30 p.m.

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