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HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

World Affairs Conference Returns to Campus



(left to right) St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman, USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Ambassador Doug McElhaney, Dr. Thomas Smith and presenter and sponsor George Hamilton, Chairman of National Payment Corporation (NatPay)

USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman and Douglas L. McElhaney, Ambassador (ret.) opened the second annual **St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs** on Thursday, welcoming dozens of distinguished diplomats, military, media, and academic experts to the University Student Center. The group will be on campus until Saturday afternoon discussing critical international issues of the day, including global warming, cyber-terrorism and emerging political powers.

"As we look to our future, there are many ambitious but attainable goals for our campus, and one of them is enhancing opportunities for global initiatives," said Chancellor Wisniewska. "It is my hope that USFSP will be the region's leader in diversity and globalization."

More than 500 area residents, students and faculty registered for the conference, which is free and open to the public. Read the **full program**.

USF Day Draws Hundreds of Students

Dozens of USFSP students boarded buses well before dawn on Wednesday and headed up to Tallahassee to participate in USF Day at the Capitol. Students worked to place USF at the forefront of lawmakers' minds as they make critical decisions about higher education. Organized by the Student Government Association, the students showcased USF programs, meeting with legislators to discuss priorities for the university system,

including a new **College of Business** for USFSP.

"The College of Business is widely supported by not only the entire USF community, but also the entire St. Petersburg community," said Mark Lombardi-Nelson, student government president and USF System trustee. "Providing proper infrastructure for an expanding college at USFSP will not only benefit the students, but the local community that hires the students after graduation."



"The legislators were particularly impressed by our sense of unity," said Franklin Alves, Student Government treasurer, pictured here with Rocky the Bull.

Strategic Planning Update: Learning Journeys



(left to right) Gardiner "Tuck" Tucker, Interim Dean of Students; Anita Sahgal, Clinical Director Wellness Center; Lesa Shouse, Assist. Director Career Center; Julie Wong, Reg. Assoc. Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; and students Karla Infanzon and Cody Boyer

Following a series of insightful input forums, the USFSP Vision 20/20 strategic planning team has embarked on Learning Journeys, the next phase of data gathering in the process. By March, team members will have visited a variety of businesses and institutions to study best practices.

A team co-led by student Cody Boyer traveled to the University of Tampa recently to take a look at campus culture. A trip to C1 Bank in St. Petersburg provided insights into branding and identity in a competitive marketplace.

The vision team comes back together at the end of the month to share findings. Read more about [Vision 20/20](#).

Professor Presents at National Educators Conference: Teaching Math With Technology Shows Higher Learning

How can innovative classroom technology combined with well-researched curriculum materials and intensive teacher training affect a middle school teacher's ability to teach math concepts? How can it improve a student's ability to learn them?

The answers to those questions were among research findings Vivian Fueyo, Ph.D., USFSP professor of Childhood Education and interim regional vice chancellor for academic affairs, delivered last week at the national meeting of the Association of Mathematics



Teacher Educators in California. Fueyo and fellow researcher George Roy, P.h.D., University of South Carolina, presented "Teaching With Technology: Two Tiers of Professional Development," pointing to their research on how the methods of **SunBay Digital Mathematics** can make a difference in middle-school mathematics instruction. [Read more.](#)

Left to right: Dr. George Roy, USFSP's Phil Vahey, Nicole Miller and Dr. Vivian Fueyo

Happy Valentine's Day to *and* From the Long Board Club



Longboard Club member Will Harris (left) and Club Treasurer Mark Van Sluytman were sharing the love this week by handing out Valentines to unsuspecting students.

It was a good week for USFSP students who commute to campus by longboard: The City Council voted unanimously to repeal an existing ordinance that prohibits longboards in bike lanes on a number of city streets in downtown St. Petersburg. "Feedback was generally very positive," said boarder Will Harris, who attended the Council session. "We should know something in about 60 days."

Upcoming Events

USFSP Baseball Club

"Battle of the Bay"

Saturday, Feb. 15

2:00 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

Student Research Colloquium

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Noon

Florida Studies

Freedom Riders Lecture

Sunday, Feb. 16

2:00 p.m.

Writers in the Preserve

Friday, Feb. 21

7 p.m.

Honors Program

The Arabic Legacy in Western Thought

Monday, March 3

3:30 p.m.

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