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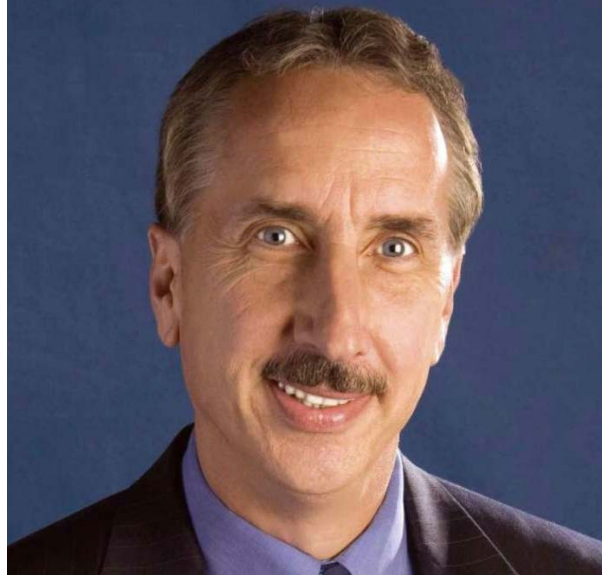
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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### Rick Baker to be honored with Civic Leadership Award



Former St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker will receive the Chancellor's Award for Civic Leadership during Fall 2013 Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 15. More than 400 students will receive degrees, and about 250 will participate in Commencement. The Chancellor's Award for Civic Leadership is the most prestigious award granted by USF St. Petersburg. Baker will be honored for his commitment to education, the arts, diversity and economic development. "The vibrant and engaging city we all know and love today is the direct result of the visionary leadership of Rick Baker," said USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. [Read more.](#)

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### First Vision 20/20 listening forum held at USC



USF St. Petersburg's strategic planning process moved into a new phase Thursday during the quarterly luncheon meeting of the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership (photo above). Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Ph.D., was the featured speaker for the luncheon and took the opportunity to ask the 130 community members gathered there two important strategic planning questions: "What would it take for USFSP to be the partner of choice for local businesses? What would give USFSP a distinctive identity in the eyes of the community?" The participants offered a variety of responses that will be used to inform the strategic planning process, "**Vision 20/20: Engaging Students and the Community to Transform the World.**" Similar listening forums are planned at the USC Jan.13-15 for faculty, students, staff and the community to broaden the strategic planning discussion. [Read more](#) | [Vision 20/20 Blog](#)

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## Education interns show their work at Harbor Hall



Lyman Dukes, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Education (left), evaluates Lauren Eichler's work samples.

**College of Education** graduating interns presented their teacher work samples on Tuesday during an event at Harbor Hall. The students were evaluated on how they planned and executed a one- to two-week standards-based instructional unit. The students assessed the context of the learning environment, created learning goals that coincide with the Sunshine State Standards/Common Core Curriculum, designed instruction, created an assessment plan, delivered instruction, and reflected on their performances and that of their students. This reinforces the connection between teaching and learning and the importance of instructional decision-making in an authentic classroom environment.

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## Conference on World Affairs returns in February



A panel discussion at this year's conference.

Make plans now to attend the **Second Annual St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs** at the University Student Center February 13-15. Participate in three days of listening and learning as 14 panels of diplomats, military, media, and academic experts discuss the critical international issues of the day. The conference, which is a cooperative venture of a group of civic-minded St. Petersburg residents and the **USFSP Honors Program**, is free and open to the public. Several hundred people attended the inaugural conference this year. **Sign up today.**

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## Business students inducted into honor society



Twenty-three **College of Business** students were inducted last week into **Beta Gamma Sigma**, the business honor society that recognizes the most academically outstanding students. It is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate business program and is one of eight honor societies at USFSP. "I suspect that all of these students had high expectations for themselves when they arrived at USFSP, and they certainly arrived with talent and extraordinary discipline," Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska

said durin the induction ceremony. "Now they may take deserved satisfaction in knowing that they have achieved -- and perhaps exceeded -- those expectations."

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## Happy Holidays from USF St. Petersburg

The fall semester is winding to a close at USF St. Petersburg. Fall Commencement is Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Mahaffey Theater. The university will close Dec. 21 and reopen Jan. 2. Most classes begin Jan. 6. *HarborNotes Weekly: Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg* will take a break, too. Look for it in your in-box next month.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Honors Program

**Harvard Professor Dennis Thompson: Science, Ethics, and Democracy**  
Thursday, Jan. 23  
4 p.m.

#### Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

**Olympics Panel**  
Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Noon

#### Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

**Student Research Colloquium**  
Wednesday, Jan. 15  
Noon

#### Honors Program

**St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs**  
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15

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