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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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### Vision 20/20 begins charting a course for USFSP



The strategic planning process at USF St. Petersburg moved forward in earnest this week with two days of meetings by a diverse team of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members (photo above). The project, titled "Vision 20/20: Engaging Students and the Community to Transform the World," will develop long-range strategies to guide the future of USFSP. "Our goal is a vision for USFSP that focuses our resources to have a powerful impact in Pinellas County and beyond," said Regional Chancellor Sophia T. Wisniewska, Ph.D., in opening remarks to more than 70 members of the Vision Team. "We are eager to move forward and build on the vision of making USFSP one of the best public institutions in the region." [Read more, view photos](#) | [Tampa Bay Times](#).

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### Couple creates scholarship fund for business students



Left to right: Sandee Steinberg, College of Business Associate Dean Alison Watkins, Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and Al Steinberg.

Al and Sandee Steinberg of St. Petersburg, retired executives of Dillard's Department Stores, have created a scholarship fund for low-income students at the **USF St. Petersburg College of Business**. The Al and Sandee Steinberg Endowed Scholarship Fund is intended to help students who could not otherwise afford to attend college. "I really believe education helps you do whatever it is you want to accomplish," said Mrs. Steinberg, who relied on scholarships to attend college herself. "If we can help one person go to college and be successful it will be worth it." Regional Chancellor Sophia T. Wisniewska, Ph.D., thanked them for their generosity. "This will be a lasting legacy that will benefit untold students for years to come," she said.

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### Premed students comfort cystic fibrosis patients



Left to right: Premed students Everett Rogers, Keun Young Jo, Jordan McBride and Erik Richardson talk to a patient.

Erik Richardson had thought about a career in medicine but wasn't sure until he went on a mission trip to a health clinic in Guatemala three years ago. "Being able to help a child one-on-one is really what made me want to be a doctor," said Richardson, a USF St. Petersburg senior majoring in **biology**. "I discovered how rewarding it was." The experience inspired him to start Premed Pals, a volunteer program of the student Premed Club that sends USFSP students to All Children's Hospital to work with young cystic fibrosis patients. The students find they get as much out of the experience as the patients. | [Read more](#).

Hospital.

Photo courtesy of All Children's

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## Students present research in computational biology



Three students on Wednesday presented research from a computational biology course taught by Physics Lecturer Leon Hardy, Ph.D. (above, second from left). Monica M. Cook (above left), a doctoral student at the USF College of Marine Science, discussed "Endocrine-Disrupting Compounds: Exploring Solutions to Environmental Pollution." USFSP **biology** major Rachel Stephens (above, second from right), discussed "Molecular Analysis of Cryptochrome." And USFSP biology student Taylor Adams (above, far right) presented "Computer Simulation of Green Fluorescent Protein Dynamics." The presentations were the third in the **Student Research Colloquium Series** held at the **Poynter Memorial Library** the third Wednesday of each month and open to the public.

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## Large crowd turns out for author's talk on *Vera Gran*



Honors Program Director Thomas Smith (l-r), Agata Tuszynska and Debbie Sembler.

More than 100 people turned out Monday afternoon for the 10th Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture to hear Polish author Agata Tuszynska discuss her book, *Vera Gran: The Accused*, the story of the famous Polish singer haunted by unproven accusations that she collaborated with the Nazis during World War II. The lecture was sponsored by the **USFSP Honors Program** and held at the University Student Center Ballroom. On April 9 at 6:30 p.m. the Honors Program and the Holocaust Museum will present Holocaust survivor and memoirist Peter Feigl, who will discuss his childhood on the run from the Nazis. **See more Honors Program events.**

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## Upcoming Events

**College of Business**  
**MBA Information Session**  
**Saturday, Nov. 23**  
**10 a.m.**

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

**Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**  
**Olympic 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**

**See details and more events on our Things To Do Calendar**

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## Happy Thanksgiving from USF St. Petersburg

USF St. Petersburg will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29. *HarborNotes Weekly: Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg*, will return to your inbox on Dec. 6. Happy Thanksgiving!

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