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## HarborNotes Weekly

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### An impressive showing for Entrepreneurship Program



Students participating in the pitch competition were (left to right) Stevan Brenner, David Stern, Christa Hegedus (honorable mention), Lane Roney (first place), Kevin Mircovich (second place), and Sophia Constantine (honorable mention).

The USF St. Petersburg **Entrepreneurship Program** made an impressive showing at last weekend's conference of the Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship in New Orleans. Daniel James Scott, associate director of the program, was named Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year. And four of six USFSP students who participated in a pitch competition were honored with first place, second place and two honorable mentions. This is the latest in a string of honors for the program. In January, it was named the **Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program** in the United States, and in April members of the student Entrepreneurship Club won the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization Startup Simulation Challenge **for the second year in a row**.

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### St. Petersburg Science Festival returning to USFSP



Creating electricity from chlorophyll at the 2012 St. Petersburg Science Festival.

The Third Annual **St. Petersburg Science Festival**, the largest community celebration of science in the Southeast, returns to USF St. Petersburg on Saturday, Oct. 19 with more than 100 hands-on exhibits along Bayboro Harbor. USF St. Petersburg science students and faculty will present exhibits and research, including a hydrogen-fueled model car and chlorophyll solar cells. The festival, held in conjunction with **MarineQuest**, drew more than 10,000 people last year. This year's event includes an exclusive sneak peek for more than 1,000 school children on Friday, Oct. 18. The festival begins at 10 a.m. with an explosive science experiment at Poynter Park at 10 a.m., led by USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster and USF College of Marine Science Dean Jacqueline Dixon. [Read more.](#)

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## Moldova is focus of Student Research Colloquium



The monthly Student Research Colloquium Series continues on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at noon at the **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library** with a special focus on Moldova. Students will present research they conducted during a study abroad course this spring (photo above) in the Eastern European country, taught by USFSP Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, Ph.D. The presenters and their topics are: Master of Liberal Arts student Marissa Wyant, "Moldova's Path to Accession to the European Union;" Master of Arts student Lauren Shumate, "Judicial Independence, the Rule of Law, and Human Rights: Assessing Justice Sector Reforms in Serbia and Moldova;" and International Affairs undergraduate Jared Smith, "International Law Enforcement and the Prosecution of Human Trafficking in Moldova." The event, **the second in the Colloquium Series**, is free and open to the public.

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## Fairmount Park Elementary students explore USFSP



Dozens of fourth and fifth grade students from Fairmount Park Elementary toured USF St. Petersburg today (Oct. 11) as part of an ongoing partnership with the **College of Education**. Biology Professor Deby Cassill, Ph.D. (photo above), discussed ant behavior during a visit to her research lab. The students collected fire ants and then studied them under microscopes. The daylong event was intended to expose the students to university life.

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## First Teen Arts, Culture Festival draws hundreds



The festival included a presentation at a solar-powered docking station along the waterfront about campus sustainability initiatives from freshman Alyssa Winston.

More than 200 middle and high school students from Pinellas County attended the first Teen Arts, Culture & Careers Festival today (Oct. 11), an event co-sponsored by the USFSP Student Government Association and the local non-profit Arts Conservatory for Teens. Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska welcomed the students during a kick-off at the **University Student Center Ballroom**, telling them she was the first in her family to attend college and that they could be too. The festival was designed to stress arts education and careers in the arts and culture and to inspire them to attend college. It ended with a concert at the nearby Mahaffey Theater.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Student Life and Engagement**

Food Truck Rally  
Saturday, Oct. 12  
11 a.m.

### **Florida Studies Program**

Jim Crow Florida: Marjory Kinnan Rawlings and Race  
Monday, Oct. 14  
4:30 p.m.

### **St. Petersburg Mayoral Forum**

St. Petersburg City Hall  
Monday, Oct. 14  
6 p.m.

### **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**

Student Research Colloquium  
Wednesday, Oct. 16  
Noon

### **St. Petersburg City Council Forum**

St. Petersburg City Hall

**Wednesday, Oct. 16  
6 p.m.**

**The Genius Next Door  
Thursday, Oct. 17  
6 p.m.**

**USFSP Waterfront  
St. Petersburg Science Festival and MarineQuest  
Saturday, Oct. 19  
10 a.m.**

**Times Festival of Reading  
Saturday, Oct. 26  
10 a.m.**

**Undergraduate Admissions  
Transfer-A-Bull  
Saturday, Oct. 29  
6 p.m.**

**Journalism and Media Studies  
Forum on African and African-American Journalists and Journalism  
Friday, Nov. 1  
6 p.m.**

**Honors Program  
Violence, Memory and New Heritage: Social Justice in Rosewood  
Thursday, Nov. 7  
3:30 p.m .**

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