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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

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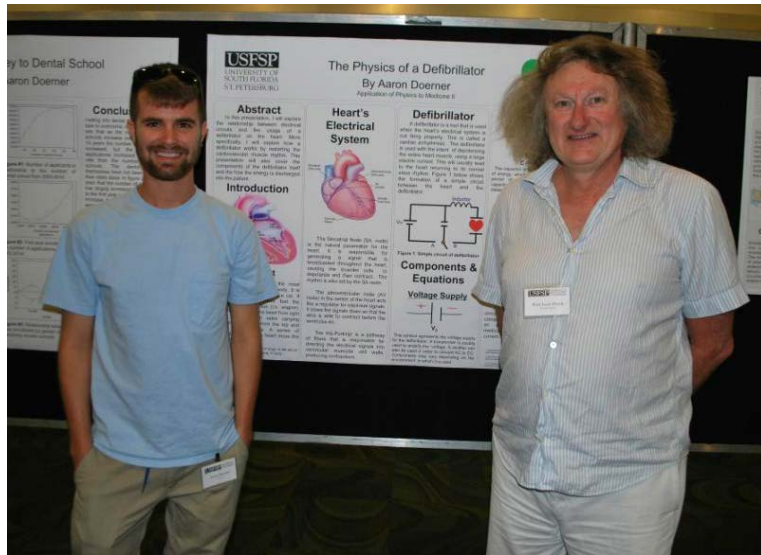
Student Research Symposium Draws Record Numbers

More than 150 students participated in USFSP's Annual **Student Research Symposium** this week, more than ever in the 12-year history of the event. While research topics included criminology, art and anthropology, among others, the majority of projects detail the findings from biology or bio-physics studies.

"One of the best things about bio-physics," says Dr. Leon Hardy, lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences, "is that while you're solving biology problems, you're building transdisciplinary, critical-thinking skills."

"These are hands-on research skills," added Dr. Thomas Smith, director of the **USFSP Honors Program**. "This is different than a passive experience; the students are truly part of the process of discovery."

The Symposium is co-sponsored by the Honors Program, the Office of Research, Academic Affairs and the Department of Psychology. In all, 27 USFSP faculty participated with their students.



Senior Biology major Aaron Doerner (left) and Dr. Leon Hardy. "The Physics of Defibrillators and Circuits" was one of Doerner's two submissions this year. Doerner plans to head to dental school following graduation this spring.

2015 "Faculty Lightning Talks" to Feature 11 Speakers

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library is prepping for this year's "Faculty Lightning Talks," slated for next Thursday, April 23, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. This year, 11 faculty members will present on topics ranging from business management, to education, to history. Faculty members present in quick succession, speaking for five minutes each on their research projects.



"This is an engaging, fun way to learn more about and support the work of our faculty colleagues," said Carol Hixson, dean of the Library. "The depth and breadth of research being conducted at USFSP is impressive."

View past "Faculty Lightning Talks" in the Library's **Digital Archive**.

Photo: Dr. John Arthur was among last year's presenters.

Delta Sigma Pi Inducts New Members, Wins Award



Donors Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton (front row) were inducted as honorary members during USFSP's initiation ceremony for the **Rho Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi**. They were joined by 17 new members who were inducted into the co-ed business fraternity last weekend. The Rho Psi chapter was established at USFSP in 2012 and is one of the largest honor societies on campus.

"The ceremony was a moving experience for everyone," said Dr. Gary Patterson, interim dean of the **Kate Tiedemann College of Business** and new faculty inductee. "It was rewarding to see the active participation of so many chapters from across Florida at the ceremony, and the students had a great time talking with Kate and Ellen."

Patterson's KTCOB colleague Dena Chastain was also inducted into the group. Other participating universities included USF Tampa, FAU and FIU. On Tuesday night, the fraternity was awarded USFSP's "Rocky Award" for "Student Organization of the Year."

Business Students Host Toby Martini

How can improv skills better prepare you for business? USFSP students found out today when Toby Martini landed on campus. Martini draws on his unique background in corporate management and comedy to help business students build confidence and team-building skills.

"Improv artists use specific techniques -- techniques that can be learned," says Martini. "These skills can be used in negotiations to diffuse misunderstandings, increase employee morale at work, create bonds between team members and even give a speaker greater connection with an audience."

Martini's appearance at the University Student Center was sponsored by Bulls Out Loud, the Management Club and the Marketing Club.



Toby Martini



Getting to Know You ... David John



Meet **Dr. David John**. A USF alum, John is a lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences. He is an advisor to the PreMed Club and a popular professor given his involvement in a relatively new area of study for USFSP: the science of brewing. "This is a program that falls outside of the degree-granting academic programs," says John, who teaches yeast biology online. "It involves how to make beer for a brewery (not at home), how to test and maintain the quality of beer, and the scientific and engineering principles behind making beer." Here's to making straight A's!

What is your favorite book?

"Lord of the Rings" and other Tolkien works.

Where is your favorite destination in the world?

Northern Arizona/Southern Utah.

What is your favorite movie?

"Raiders of the Lost Ark."

What was your least favorite subject in college?

I enjoyed all subjects.

What skill or talent would you like to have that you don't have?

Playing the guitar and other instruments.

What do you do to relax?

Canoeing, hiking with my family.

What is something people would be surprised to learn about you?

I fought wild fires with the U.S. Forest Service before graduate school.

What USFSP project or activity are you currently working on that excites you the most?

My Microbiological Research course for undergraduate research projects.

Upcoming Events

USFSP Florida Food Conference

Saturday, April 18
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
USC Ballroom

College of Education Graduate Research Gallery

Monday, April 20
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Harbor Hall

Faculty Research Lightning Talks

Thursday, April 23
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Library

Last Day of Classes

Friday, April 24

Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Jacksonville Armada FC

Saturday, April 25
7:30 p.m.
Al Lang Stadium

USFSP Spring Commencement

Sunday, May 3
6:00 p.m.
Mahaffey Theater

For more information about these and other USFSP events, please visit our **Public Events Calendar**.

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