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New baseball club kicks off season at Al Lang Stadium

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Tyler Thomas (left) and David Stern.

USF St. Petersburg's new student baseball club kicks off its exhibition season against USF Tampa at Al Lang Stadium in downtown St. Petersburg at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Mayor Rick Kriseman will throw out the first pitch in what is being dubbed the "Battle of the Bay." It is free and open to the public.

"We are very excited to have Mayor Kriseman participating in this history-making event for USF St. Petersburg," said baseball club co-founder David Stern.

The USFSP Baseball Club was formed by Stern, fellow senior Tyler Thomas and sophomore Jeremy Burger. They are students in the College of Business.

"We all have a huge passion for baseball," said Stern, an Entrepreneurship major. "I've always had the vision to start a club here and when I bumped into Jeremy, we decided to pull it together."

Student government donated uniforms and the Division of Student Affairs will help cover costs of the game at Al Lang, including free food and t-shirts for students.

The club practices at city parks Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and will play the rest of its home games there. It has scheduled home games with clubs from Kansas, Iowa and Canada, among others this spring at city parks.

“We have a no-cut policy,” noted Stern. “But that said, we’re pretty competitive.”

For more information about the USFSP Baseball Club or the “Battle of the Bay,” email dstern@mail.usf.edu.

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