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The University Student Center at USF St. Petersburg is a major milestone and is an example of what a determined group of students can accomplish. The $21 million, 81,000 sq. ft. facility was partly financed with a special student fee passed by the Florida Legislature and supported by students. Join us for the official launch of the USC on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m. There will also be a short ceremony, a ribbon cutting, free refreshments and tours of the building. Read more.
"It was anything but a quiet summer at USF St. Petersburg and the fall term promises to be more exhilarating than ever," says Bill Hogarth. "As the new interim regional chancellor, I am struck by the energy and enthusiasm around campus. I am proud to take the helm during one of the most exciting times in the history of this great university." Read more.

RNC week events draw crowds to Harbor Hall
Three events at Harbor Hall this week gave students and the public a taste of the Republican National Convention. On Tuesday, author Michael Grunwald discussed his new book, *The New, New Deal: The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era*. The next day, Republican activist Grover Norquist discussed the American political process. *(Read the Tampa Bay Times story here.)* On the convention’s last night, Associate Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D., moderated a discussion during a watch party. Young political leaders, elected officials and media from more than 25 countries observed the RNC under the sponsorship of The International Council of the Tampa Bay and attended the events.  

A new way to show our Bull Pride
Visitors to the University Student Center are encountering something new: a bull. Getting a statue to represent Bull Pride at USFSP was a high priority for Student Government President Mark Lombardi-Nelson. Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth worked with USF System President Judy Genshaft to make it happen. Together they arranged for the statue to be moved from USF Tampa to the new University Student Center at USFSP. Read more.

A new downtown dining spot opens at USFSP
Downtown St. Petersburg has a new dining option with the opening this week of The Reef at the University Student Center. The Reef is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Located on the ground floor of the new University Student Center, 200 Sixth Avenue South, The Reef offers breakfast, lunch and dinner in a cafeteria setting. Operated by Sodexo, The Reef also provides full-service meal plans to USFSP students. Details here.

Upcoming Events

September 6
University Student Center Launch

September 12
Carlton Ward Jr. Presents: Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition

September 22
Undergraduate Admissions Open House
Graduate Studies Open House

October 3
Democracy Under Siege? An Assessment of Contemporary Voter Suppression

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