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Dragon boat races coming to USFSP next week



Dragon boats are paddle-powered and decorated in the Chinese tradition.

The first dragon boat races ever held in St. Petersburg will take place along the USF St. Petersburg waterfront Oct. 6. The races will be part of Paddles Up St Pete, a one-day festival hosted by the United States Power Squadron, a non-profit organization dedicated to marine education, safety and boating fun. The festival will take place at Poynter Park and in Bayboro Harbor. USFSP is partnering with the event organizers. [Read more.](#)

Psychology adds two new graduate programs



James McHale outlines the importance of infant mental health in a regional forum at All Children's Hospital.

Psychology, traditionally the most popular major at USF St. Petersburg, is adding two new graduate programs and is now seeking applicants. A new Master's Degree in Psychology was developed in response to both student demand and acute needs locally and across Florida, said James McHale, Ph.D., chair of the USFSP Psychology Department. Meanwhile, a fully online Graduate Certificate program in Infant-Family Mental Health is now available, with classes beginning in January 2013. The program was inspired by needs in the region, and by remarkable breakthrough discoveries about infant brain development from birth to age 3, McHale said. [Read more.](#)

Retiring librarian Gerald Notaro granted emeritus status



Norine Noonan, regional vice chancellor for academic affairs (left); Gerald Notaro; and library Dean Carol Hixson.

Gerald Notaro, retiring faculty member of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library of USF St. Petersburg, has been granted emeritus status in recognition of his 26 years of distinguished service. The honor was bestowed by the USFSP Campus Board Sept. 19. Carol Hixson, dean of the Poynter Library, said Notaro provided "innovation, a strong service ethic, and wide recognition to the Poynter Library." [Read more.](#)

How much should we grow?

State funding has decreased 58 percent in the past five years while enrollment increased 36 percent.



Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth, Ph.D., is taking a systematic look at how USF St. Petersburg is growing. "In the next few months we'll have a broad discussion - focus groups, faculty meetings, student government meetings, we'll look at the pros and cons and begin to set some goals and develop plans to guide us," Dr. Hogarth [writes in his latest 'burg blog post](#). "I want to make sure we have the infrastructure to achieve our goals, and not just classrooms and parking lots but the number and quality of faculty members we need to maintain who we are." | [Read more 'burg Blogs](#).

Upcoming Events

October 3

Democracy Under Siege? An Assessment of Contemporary Voter Suppression
2 p.m.

October 5

Regional Chancellor Search Advisory Committee meeting
11:30 a.m.

October 6

Paddles Up! St. Pete
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

October 13

MBA Open House
10 a.m. - noon

October 20

Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 27

St. Petersburg Science Festival
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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