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First St. Petersburg in the World International Conference draws crowds



The first St. Petersburg in the World Conference on International Affairs, co-sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg Honors Program, drew large crowds to Harbor Hall Thursday and Friday for penetrating panel discussions and questions from audience members. The conference featured diplomats, military leaders, academic experts and journalists discussing issues ranging from the future of Cuba and Venezuela, current conditions in Africa, how foreign policy is really made, the state of foreign reporting and critical issues facing the Middle East. The organizers, led by former Ambassador Douglas McElhaney, hope to make it an annual event. Learn more about the non-profit **St. Petersburg in the World** organization

USFSP College of Business earns prestigious AACSB reaccreditation



The College of Business leadership (left to right): John Jewell, Ph.D., Program of Accountancy director; Dean Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D.; Alison Watkins, Ph.D., associate dean for graduate and certificate programs; and Robert Thompson, Ph.D., assistant dean for undergraduate programs.

The **College of Business** at USF St. Petersburg has been reaccredited by AACSB International for business and accounting, a double honor held by fewer than 3 percent of business schools around the world. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business is the longest serving and most prestigious global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate and master's degrees in business and accounting. "The reaccreditation is the culmination of five years of dedicated work by our faculty and staff to assure the high level of quality that exists in our program and in everything we do in the College of Business at USFSP," said Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D, dean of the College of Business. "I am extremely proud of the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students in reaching this goal."

April is Research Month at USFSP, highlighting faculty, student Work



A scene from last year's Undergraduate Research Symposium, a highlight of USFSP Research Month.

Research Month at USF St. Petersburg runs April 1 through April 26, featuring myriad events highlighting the work of students and faculty. This year's theme is "The Politics of Food: Rethinking Local Systems." Events related to the theme include presentations by student journalists from the Neighborhood News Bureau, a lecture on the subject of urban food deserts, a discussion of the slow food movement and a talk on the personal nature of food choices. Two highlights of Research Month are the [10th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) and the [Faculty Research Lightning Talks](#). The Undergraduate Research Symposium celebrates the innovative research and creative work that USF St. Petersburg undergraduate students have produced during the year with the support of faculty. The symposium is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 at the University Student Center Ballroom. The Faculty Research Lightning Talks is 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 at the [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#), featuring five-minute talks by 15 professors about their research.

Baby manatee rescued from the chilly waters of Bayboro Harbor



It's not often a university gets to witness a manatee rescue, but that's what happened on Wednesday behind Bayboro Hall. A manatee calf, apparently suffering from the effects of cold weather, was pulled from the chilly waters of Bayboro Harbor and taken in critical condition to Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa for rehabilitation. A second manatee (above) was released after the nearby Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, the state marine science laboratory, determined it was not in distress. The rescue operation took a few hours and drew a large crowd to the banks of Bayboro Harbor.

USFSP Entrepreneurship leader honored as small business advocate



Daniel James Scott, M.S., MBA, Associate director of the USF St. Petersburg Entrepreneurship Program at the College of Business (above), has been named the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year for the Small Business Administration South Florida District. The award honors the work Scott has done through the **Entrepreneurship Program**, recently named the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program in the United States. It is awarded annually by the Small Business Administration's South Florida District to the person who has demonstrated accomplishments over the past three years supporting the growth and expansion of small businesses. "This honor really highlights the dedicated efforts of our Entrepreneurship Program team at USF St. Petersburg, including the administration, faculty, advisers, volunteers and students," Scott said. "Our combined efforts in building a stronger ecosystem have truly created a positive impact for entrepreneurs around the state of Florida." The Entrepreneurship Program was founded three years ago by William Jackson, Ph.D., professor for

Upcoming Events

Studio@620 Honors Dean Bill Heller

March 30
6:20 p.m.

USFSP Cole Chair of Ethics

April 2
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Reconciling With Former Oppressors

April 3
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Benefit-A-Bull Fashion Show

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

April 3
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Faculty Research Lightning Talks

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

April 9
4 - 5 p.m.

Book Talk: Jill McCracken, Ph.D., on Street Sex Workers' Discourse

April 11
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

10th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

Florida Studies Program

April 11
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Florida Water Lecture: Past, Present and Future