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Accounting students help Pinellas residents prepare income tax returns



Accounting Professor James Fellows at the Lealman Asian Neighborhood Family Center with (l-r) a Pinellas County taxpayer seeking help with his tax return and students Adelina Dine and Thanh Ha Ly.

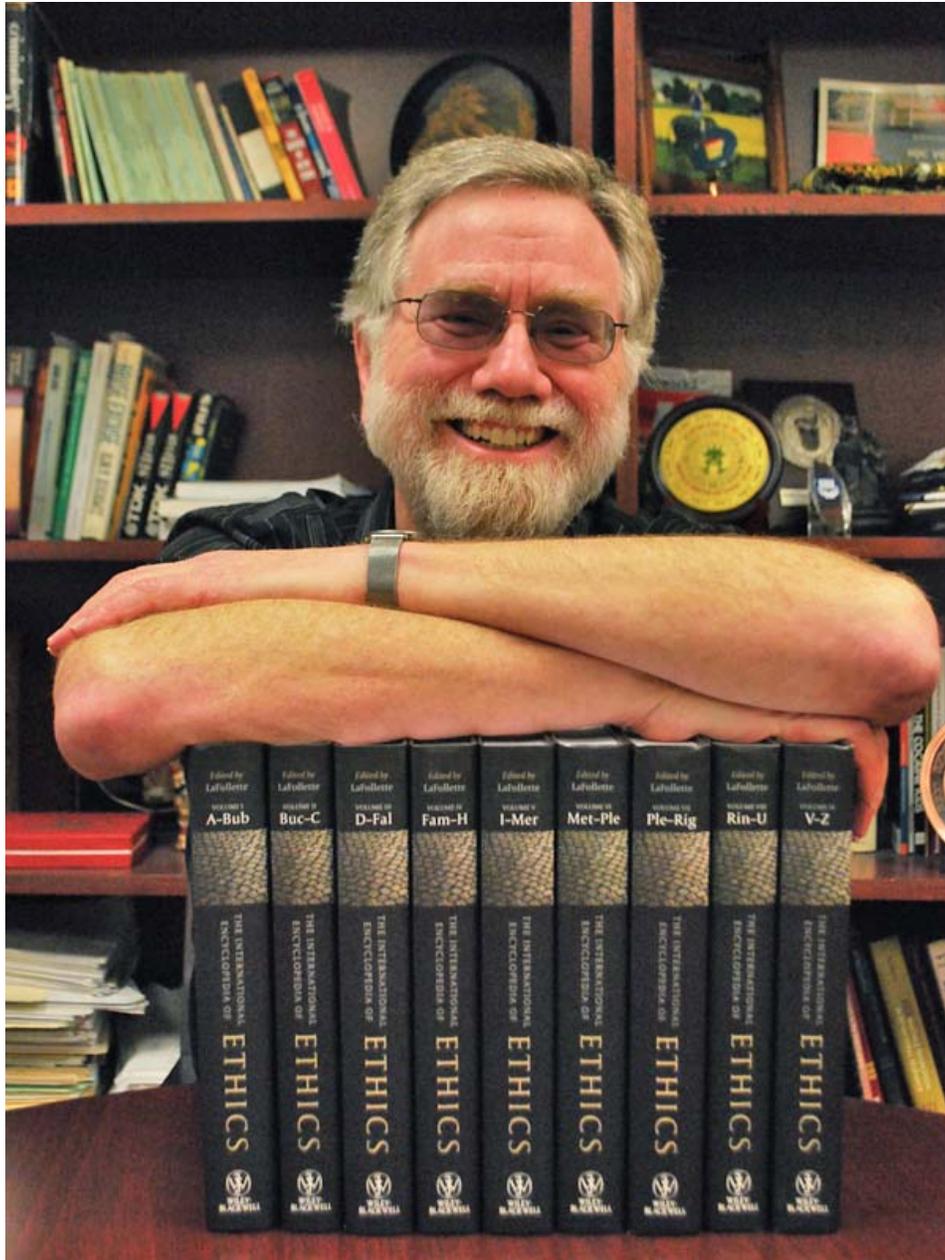
For the sixth year in a row, USF St. Petersburg accounting students are providing hundreds of hours of free income tax preparation for low- and moderate-income people throughout Pinellas County. The students are volunteering through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a nationwide program that provides free tax preparation for people with annual incomes of \$52,000 or less. Many of the taxpayers the students help qualify for the earned income tax credit, which allows them to receive a refund even with a low income. "The program helps bring in millions of dollars each year from these tax credits, which aids the local economy," said Accounting Professor James Fellows, Ph.D., who oversees the students' work.

Child-care professionals learn techniques for 'Listening to Babies'



More than 125 representatives of agencies that work with young children in Pinellas County gathered Friday at the University Student Center to learn groundbreaking techniques to promote brain development and early learning among infants and toddlers. Called "Listening to Babies," the free training provided proven, practical advice from nationally recognized experts, led by James McHale, Ph.D., (above) chairman of the USFSP Psychology Department. A half-day of training on Saturday, March 2, will provide more intensive instruction for family home and child-care providers in Pinellas County, particularly those serving African-Americans in St. Petersburg. The workshops were sponsored by USF St. Petersburg and the Concerned Organizations for Quality Education for Black Students, with support from the Tampa Bay Times Fund.

His six-year labor culminates with *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*



Hugh LaFollette, Ph.D., the Marie and Leslie E. Cole Chair of Ethics at USF St. Petersburg (above), is editor-in-chief of the newly published [*International Encyclopedia of Ethics*](#), considered the most comprehensive, authoritative print and electronic ethics resource available. The nine-volume encyclopedia, published by Wiley-Blackwell, is the culmination of six years of work by LaFollette, professor of philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences. The encyclopedia includes more than 3 million words in more than 700 entries by 600 authors from 23 countries. LaFollette said he's not sure he would have agreed to do it if he knew from the start how arduous it would be. "It was so time consuming I had little time for other writing," he says.

College of Business a top priority as the 2013 Legislature convenes



All eyes will be on the Florida Legislature Tuesday as it begins its annual regular session, and higher education funding will be among the major issues. The No. 1 new building priority for the USF System is a home for the USFSP College of Business, to be built at the site of the Piano Man Building (above), at 3rd Street South and 7th Avenue South. The building already houses offices for some College of Business faculty, along with research labs. "A lot of good things are happening in the College of Business," Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth told the *Tampa Bay Times*. "That's why we need to get them into their own building."

Entrepreneurship Program leaders to speak at Town and Gown



The **Town and Gown** Spring Luncheon will feature the leaders of the **USFSP Entrepreneurship Program**, recently named the outstanding emerging program of its kind in the U.S.. The presentation, "Journey of a Startup: The Entrepreneurship Program at USF St. Pete," features Creative-in-Residence Nathan Schwagler (photo, left to right), Director William Jackson, Ph.D., Associate Director Daniel James Scott and (not pictured) Entrepreneur-in-Residence John Morrow. The luncheon is Friday, March 8 at noon in the Harbor Hall Community Room, 1000 3rd St. S. Reserve your spot by contacting Alexis Searfoss at (727) 873-4519 or asearfoss@usfsp.edu by Monday, March 4.

Upcoming Events

College of Business:

March 8

7:30 a.m.

[Social Media in the Workplace](#)

March 8

Noon

[Town and Gown:](#)

Journey of a Startup: The Entrepreneurship Program at USF St. Pete

March 9

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
[Pinellas History Day 2013](#)

March 11-16
[Spring Break](#)

March 28 & 29
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Honors Program Presents:
[St. Petersburg in the World - Conference on International Affairs](#)

March 21
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Nelson Poynter Memorial Library:
[Irreverence and Political Humor in the Cuban Culture](#)