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### USF St. Petersburg students head to state Capitol for USF Day



USFSP students gather in the House Chamber.

USF St. Petersburg students boarded a bus before dawn Tuesday morning and headed to Tallahassee to meet with state lawmakers about the pressing needs of higher education. Students from USFSP joined dozens of USF Tampa and USF Sarasota-Manatee students for USF Day at the Capitol. Organized by Student Government, the contingent showcased USF St. Petersburg programs, highlighting ways the university is helping to grow the local economy and made the case for increased state funding, including financing for a building for the USFSP College of Business.

### USF St. Petersburg graduate creates documentary on Nelson Poynter



Walter Gordon (above) knew he faced a monumental task when he decided to create a documentary about the late Nelson Poynter as his Master's in Liberal Arts project. Poynter was a giant in the newspaper industry and a tireless champion of USF St. Petersburg. When he died in 1978, Poynter left behind a 44-foot stack of papers, documents and filmed interviews, now housed in Special Collections at the USF St. Petersburg library that bears his name. The collection had drawn only occasional interest by researchers until Gordon decided to dig in.

Gordon, a fall 2012 graduate, spent all last summer poring through the collection. The result is a 30-minute documentary about the man who turned the *St. Petersburg Times* (now the *Tampa Bay Times*) into one of the most distinguished newspapers in the country.

## **Political science professor contributes to book on civic engagement**



Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D., (above) associate director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Engagement at USF St. Petersburg, contributed a chapter for a new textbook on civic engagement. The book, *Teaching Civic Engagement: From Student to Active Citizen*, was recently published by the American Political Science Association. McLauchlan, associate professor of political science, wrote Chapter 18, "Learning Citizenship by Doing: Integrating Political Campaign Internships into the Political Science Curriculum."

## Author to discuss social media and the Egyptian revolution



As part of **International Week**, the USF St. Petersburg Honors Program presents Ashraf Khalil, author of *Liberation Square: Inside the Egyptian Revolution*, who will discuss the role of social media in the 2011 revolution. Khalil, an Arab-American journalist based in Cairo, will also discuss the recent unrest that rocked the country and what it means for the future of Egyptian democracy. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the **University Student Center Ballroom**, 200 6th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Free parking will be available across the street at the USFSP parking garage.

## Bill Hogarth's blog: Great things happening in the College of Business



In his latest 'burg Blog, Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth (above) encourages everyone to support a home for the the College of Business. The college, he writes, "is really on a roll." He points out that the Entrepreneurship Program "was recently named the **outstanding emerging entrepreneurship program** in the entire country. One of its newest faculty members, Dr. Hemant Merchant, has been ranked **the 10th most prolific international management scholar in the world**. A growing relationship with Pasco-Hernando Community College will help their qualified graduates earn a business degree from USF St. Petersburg without leaving home. And most recently, members of our student Entrepreneurship Club **dominated a pitch competition** at the University of Tampa that drew more than 200 students from across the Southeast. Four of the seven finalists were USF St. Petersburg students, and the first and third place winners were both USFSP students. These are just the latest signs of the college's growing stature.

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### Upcoming Events

February 25  
International Week:  
9 a.m. -10 a.m.,  
[Moldovan Exchange](#)

February 25  
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
International Week:  
[Race Against the Machines Panel Discussion](#)

February 26  
International Week:  
[Peace Corp Presentation](#)

February 26  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Undergraduate Admissions:  
[Transfer-A-Bull Info Session](#)

February 26  
6 p.m.  
International Week Film Screening:  
[The Intouchables](#)

February 27  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
International Week:  
[International Lawyer Forum](#)

February 27  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Florida Studies and SEAS Presents:  
[Florida's St. Johns River Lecture and Film](#)

February 28  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
The Honors Program:  
[Ashraf Khalil: Inside the Egyptian Revolution](#)

February 28  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
International Week Film Screening:  
[Pan's Labyrinth](#)

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

March 28 & 29  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
The Honors Program Presents:  
[St. Petersburg in the World - Conference on International Affairs](#)