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## HarborNotes Weekly

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### Honors Program student wins prestigious National Science Fellowship



A USF St. Petersburg student has won a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and plans to use it to study malaria in West Africa. Tanjim "TJ" Hossain is apparently the first USF St. Petersburg student to win the Fellowship, which provides a \$30,000 annual stipend and free tuition. Hossain hopes to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Miami in the fall. For 2013, the National Science Foundation received 13,000 applications and awarded about 2,000 nationally. Since its inception in 1952, this program has supported over 30 Nobel laureates and 440 members of the National Academy of Science. Hossain, an environmental science major, joined the USFSP **Honors Program** as a freshman and will graduate next month. Born in Bangladesh, he moved with his parents to Orlando when he was two and graduated from Cypress Creek High School. He is a member of the STREAMS (Supporting Talented and Remarkable Environmental and Marine Science Students) program, also supported by NSF, and has worked for the USDA for the past three summers studying invasive species in Tallahassee and Missouri. He plans to launch a research project in Mali to study environmentally sensitive ways to control malaria in the West African nation.

## Get charged up with Bulls head football coach Willie Taggart at the USC



Coach Taggart during spring football practice. He speaks at the USF St. Petersburg University Student Center April 19.

USF head football coach Willie Taggart will discuss leadership on and off the field during "Locker Room Lunch" at USF St. Petersburg April 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University Student Center Ballroom. The lunch, which is free and open to the public, is presented by Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth and USFSP Student Government, with support from Wells Fargo. Additional support comes from the *Tampa Bay Times*, Harvard Jolly and Progress Energy. Taggart took over as Bulls head coach in December after three seasons as head coach at his alma mater, Western Kentucky University, where he led a dramatic turnaround for the Hilltoppers. Before WKU, Taggart enjoyed a successful run at Stanford, helping build the Cardinal into a national power. A Bradenton native, Taggart is known for his enthusiasm and high energy. He will be joined at the lunch by Jim Louk, the Voice of the Bulls. The program will follow an informal talk-show format, with questions from the audience. Space is limited.



**Florida Studies  
Program presents a  
conversation about  
the future of water**

Florida's most precious resource has been in the news lately, from the state's vanishing springs to the sinkholes caused by falling underground water levels. So on April 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the USFSP **Florida Studies Program** will present a timely conversation with two of the state's leading water experts - Peter Hubbell and Sonny Vergara, both former executive directors of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The program will feature a moderated conversation about the past, present and future management of Florida's water resources, as well as questions from the audience. Complementary parking will be available at Harbor Hall, 1000 3rd St. South. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

## Wednesday is Entrepreneurship Day at USF St. Petersburg



To celebrate the success of the [Entrepreneurship Program](#) at the [College of Business](#), recently named the outstanding emerging program in the country after only three years, join us for Entrepreneurship Day Wednesday, April 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. along Harborwalk in front of the University Student Center, 200 6th Ave. S. There will be food, music, presentations by program leaders and demonstrations of products developed by Entrepreneurship Club students. It is free and open to the public.

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## Dean Bill Heller honored for his commitment to community service



College of Education Dean Bill Heller accepting his Studio@620 Honors award. | Photo by Ruslana.Studio Photography & Design.

Bill Heller, Ed.D., dean of the [College of Education](#) and director of the [Wally and Louise Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement](#), was honored by Studio@620 last Saturday, March 30. The [Studio Honors](#) awards are bestowed on "individuals who have contributed to the intellectual, artistic, economic, social, and cultural aspects of life in the Tampa Bay community and the world beyond." Heller was praised for leading the successful effort to pass a referendum to assure sustained funding for the visual and performing arts programs in Pinellas County Schools, along with teacher salaries, reading, and technology programs. The awards were presented at the Renaissance Vinoy St. Petersburg Resort and Golf Club. Previous recipients include John Hope Franklin, Susan Sarandon, John Lewis, Herb Snitzer, USF St. Petersburg History Professor Ray Arsenault and jazz musician Buster Cooper.

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### Upcoming Events

#### [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**

April 24

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Breakfast With the Mayor @ The Reef

### **Honors Program and Florida Holocaust Museum**

April 25

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave-Labor Camp

### **Undergraduate Admissions**

April 30

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Transfer Information Session