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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

First student exchange program is a bridge to Belgium



Left to right: Maria Cuahutle, Erika Greenberg-Schneider, Carmela Zabala and Laurent Baarslag in the printmaking studio of the Program in Graphic Design.

USF St. Petersburg's first student exchange program began with a phone call from Belgium three years ago. Erika Greenberg-Schneider, a visiting instructor in USF St. Petersburg's **Program in Graphic Design**, was invited to be the keynote speaker at a major art event in Liege, Belgium. The caller was a professor at *École Supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Liège*, so she proposed a student exchange program with USF St. Petersburg. Last fall USFSP graphic design seniors Carmela Zabala and Maria Cuahutle lived and studied in Belgium for the semester and this semester Belgium student Laurent Baarslag is living and studying here. "I think the students are gaining an immense amount from this," said Greenberg-Schneider. "It's really good for them to experience other countries and cultures." [Read more](#). | [Carmela's 'burg blog from Belgium](#)

Professor is new editor of *Asia Business Studies Journal*



Hemant Merchant, Ph.D., professor of international business strategy management in the **College of Business** (above), has been named editor-in-chief of *Asia Business Studies Journal*. In its 8th year of publication, the journal focuses on theoretical and practical issues related to challenges and opportunities facing business enterprises operating in Asia as well as Asian enterprises operating beyond their national borders. The journal welcomes both scholarly studies and non-traditional submissions and is receptive to a variety of theoretical and empirical approaches. Last year, Merchant was ranked the **10th most prolific international management scholar in the world** and the fourth most prolific scholar in the United States. "This appointment is an important recognition of Dr. Merchant's leadership in the field and another example of the high quality our faculty," said Vivian Fueyo, Ph.D., interim regional chancellor for academic affairs.

Info session planned for student internships in D.C.



Erica Gordon, a junior majoring in political science, is headed to the nation's capital in the fall for a semester-long internship through the **Washington Center**. She will live in dorm rooms at the center, take classes there and work for a non-profit focused on women's issues. Erica is the latest in a string of students in recent years who have taken advantage of USF St. Petersburg's strong relationship with the Washington Center. Students interested in following in their footsteps are invited to meet with a Washington Center campus representative on Feb. 26 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement** in the Student Life Center. Internships are available to students in any college or discipline and financial assistance is available.

New baseball club kicks off season at Al Lang Stadium



USF St. Petersburg's new student Baseball Club will kick off its exhibition season against USF Tampa at Al Lang Field in downtown St. Petersburg at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Mayor Rick Kriseman will throw out the first pitch in the "Battle of the Bay." It is free and open to the public. "We are very excited to have Mayor Kriseman participating in this history-making event for USF St. Petersburg," said Baseball Club co-founder David Stern (above right). The USFSP Baseball Club was formed by Stern, fellow senior Tyler Thomas (above left) and sophomore Jeremy Burger. All three are College of Business students. "We all have a huge passion for baseball," said Stern, an Entrepreneurship major. "I've always had the vision to start a club here and when I bumped into Jeremy, we decided to pull it together." **[Read more.](#)**

A day in the life of Nelson Poynter Memorial Library



Dec. 2 was a normal day at the [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#), with 1,272 visitors passing through the three-story building, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. One thing that was different: a video camera was set up on the first floor to record the activity. The 14-hour day was [accelerated in the video to just over six minutes](#). The library collection includes 300,000 books, journals and audio-visual titles, with a fast growing digital archive. It also has 65 networked computer work stations and 14 technology-enhanced group study rooms. Library use has increased 30 percent in the past five years. [Watch the video](#).

Upcoming Events

Honors Program

St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library
Student Research Colloquium
Wednesday, Feb. 19
Noon

Florida Studies
Writers in the Preserve
Friday, Feb. 21
7 p.m.

Honors Program
The Arabic Legacy in Western Thought
Monday, March 3
3:30 p.m.

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