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Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

WUSF opens first St. Petersburg studio at USFSP



Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska (left), and Mayor Rick Kriseman talk with WUSF General Manager JoAnn Urofsky after Friday's ribbon cutting.

A ribbon cutting ceremony Friday marked the official opening of WUSF's first studio in St. Petersburg. Mayor Rick Kriseman joined USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and WUSF General Manager JoAnn Urofsky in cutting the ribbon during a ceremony in the courtyard of the Peter Rudy Wallace Center for Teachers, home to the studio and the USFSP **Journalism and Media Studies Department**. "Having an award-winning NPR affiliate on our campus is something we should all be proud of," Wisniewska said. "It will be an excellent opportunity for our journalism students, who can gain valuable on-air experience, working closely with seasoned professionals. I particularly look forward to the stories our students produce through the **Neighborhood News Bureau** in Midtown, an important part of this city where Mayor Kriseman is focusing much needed attention."

Online MBA program ranked fourth in Florida



The USF St. Petersburg **College of Business** online MBA program is ranked in the top 100 nationally and fourth among Florida universities for Best Online Graduate Business Programs by *U.S. News and World Report*. It is the first time the **online program**, which began three years ago, has been ranked by the magazine, best known for its annual Best Colleges report, which ranked USF St. Petersburg 38th among the top regional public universities in the South last year. The USFSP online MBA program joins the University of Florida, Florida State University and Florida International University among Florida universities in the Top 100. Nationally, the USFSP program placed 91st among 225 online graduate business programs in the country. [Read more.](#)

Business Forum to focus on senior entrepreneurship



Stacy Prouty (left) and Bevan Gray-Rogel

The first Walgreens Bayside Business Forum of 2014, sponsored by the **College of Business Advisory Board**, will focus on one of the hottest topics among entrepreneurs, economists, and policy makers today: how to address the various needs of the world's growing aging population. "Increasingly, people over 50 are moving to Florida and starting companies instead of retiring from working life," said Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour, Ph.D., dean of the **College of Business**. "In the past few years, Tampa Bay has become a major destination for senior entrepreneurs and a desirable test bed for products and services that help people age in place, successfully manage chronic diseases and maintain optimal physical performance well into their advanced years. All of this is great news for Florida's future economic growth, which is being fueled by entrepreneurs from multiple generations." The Forum will be held Friday, Jan. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Franklin Templeton, 100 Fountain Parkway North, Building 100, St. Petersburg. The Forum is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so call (727) 873-4700 or e-mail cob-events@usfsp.edu by Thursday, January 16 to reserve your spot. **Read more.**

Student Research Colloquium takes Florida focus



Kyle Pierson (left) and Saber Gray

This month's Student Research Colloquium takes a Florida focus with presentations by **Florida Studies** graduate students on the architect of the St. Petersburg Pier and on efforts to preserve some of the oldest records in the United States. In "William Harvard, Sr. and St. Petersburg's Mid-Century Modern Pier," Kyle Pierson will examine the modernist influences on the controversial inverted pyramid design of The Pier. In "Discovering La Florida in the Oldest Diocesan Archive of America," Saber Gray will discuss the preservation of documents dating back to 1594 at the Diocesan Archive of St. Augustine that shed light on the lives of Florida's earliest Europeans, Africans, and Christianized Indians. The Colloquium will be Wednesday at noon at the **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**.

Rick Baker honored at 2013 Fall Commencement



More than 400 students received diplomas and former St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker received USFSP's highest honor during the Fall 2013 Commencement ceremonies at the Mahaffey Theater Dec. 15. "The vibrant and engaging city we all know and love today is the direct result of the visionary leadership of Rick Baker," said USFSP regional chancellor Sophia Wisniewska in bestowing him with the Chancellor's Award for Civic Leadership. Baker urged graduates to keep learning "and never let anyone tell you that you can't do anything." | [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Upcoming Events

Vision 20/20 Community Input Forum

**Monday, Jan. 13
5:30 p.m.**

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

**Olympics Panel
Tuesday, Jan. 14
Noon**

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library

**Student Research Colloquium
Wednesday, Jan. 15
Noon**

Honors Program

**Harvard Professor Dennis Thompson: Science, Ethics, and Democracy
Thursday, Jan. 23
4 p.m.**

Honors Program

St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs

Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15

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