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Jeanne and Bill Heller Scholars' Lounge opens

Cutting the ribbon are (left to right) Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Poynter Library Dean Carol Hixson, Jeanne Heller, Campus Board member Judy Mitchell, Bill Heller, Campus Board Chair Debbie Sembler, Campus Board member Roy Binger and USF System President Judy Genshaft.

College of Education Dean Bill Heller, Ph.D., and his wife, Jeanne, love libraries. They also love USF St. Petersburg. That combination prompted the Hellers to provide support for the new Jeanne and Bill Heller Scholars' Lounge at the USFSP Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. More than 100 people turned out Tuesday for a formal dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new study area, where students already were cramming for final presentations and exams. Dean Heller thanked everyone for attending the ceremony and for all that he and his wife have received from USFSP. "You contributed an awful lot to us," he said. "I love this place." He also asked audience members to do their part to support the library. "It has always been the academic heart of the campus and you need to keep that heart healthy by supporting the good work this library is doing," he said. Read more.
Learn more about supporting Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

Graphic Design students show work to supporters

The Third Annual Regional Chancellor's Appreciation Reception at Habor Hall on Tuesday featured students from the Program in Graphic Design, who displayed their art and demonstrated various print-making processes. In the photo above, graphic design student Jimmy Breen demonstrates printmaking for Claudia Cardillo (far right) and Vivian Fueyo, Ph.D., USFSP Interim Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The event drew about 70 USFSP supporters. The Graphic Design program, part of the Department of Verbal and Visual Arts, is highly selective and limited to 20 students each fall. It is housed at Harbor Hall, the former Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. Read more about the program.
Anthropologist discusses pioneering work on aging

Anthropology Professor Jay Sokolovsky (above), winner of the 2013 Robert B. Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology, talked to the Tampa Bay Times about his research that "helped define the study of aging." He was a pioneer in the field and persisted despite the urging of fellow anthropologists to avoid the topic. "When I think about the work myself and a core of other people were doing, I see us creating a safe space - intellectual space - for other young anthropologists to work in this area, which they have now in great numbers," he told the Times. "And one of the things going on in the United States and globally in other postindustrial societies like Japan and England and Denmark is a really dramatic redefinition of what late-life human maturity looks like." Read the Tampa Bay Times story.

Leadership class helps Fairmount Park students

Fairmount Park 5th grader De'Asha Miller kayaks with USFSP environmental science senior Jen Parker.

About a dozen students from the Leadership in the Great Outdoors class taught by Terry Tomalin, outdoors editor of the Tampa Bay Times, took Fairmount Park Elementary students out on the water recently. The class, which will be offered again next semester, focused on leadership through team building in the outdoors. It included a three-day trip last month down the Suwanee River. The Suwanee River trip covered 40 miles, with students sleeping in open huts and cooking over open fires. The Fairmount Park event was an outgrowth of a partnership between the school and the College of Education. The students left from the USFSP Waterfront and made their way by kayak and canoe to Salt Creek. It was the first time some of the Fairmount Park students had ever been on the water. "Our goal is to make it a regular event," Tomalin said. "We would love to start an outdoor leadership club at Fairmount Park." |

Bayside Business Forum to focus on research cluster
Larry Langebrake (above), director of SRI St. Petersburg, will discuss the future of downtown St. Petersburg's Marine District during the next Walgreens Bayside Business Forum sponsored by the USFSP College of Business. Langebrake will share news about the future of this important industry cluster near USF St. Petersburg and how it will gain even more prominence on the local, national, and global stage in coming years. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 a.m. at Franklin Templeton, 100 Fountain Parkway North, Building 100, St. Petersburg. Seating is limited so please reserve your spot by December 11 by calling 727-873-4700 or e-mailing cob-events@usfsp.edu. Read more. Photo by markwemple.com

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**Upcoming Events**

**Honors Program**

*Harvard Professor Dennis Thompson: Science, Ethics, and Democracy*

Thursday, Jan. 23
4 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**

*St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs*

Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15

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