

SPC wins national ‘Exemplary’ award for work with ANGEL

SPC has used ANGEL (A New Global Environment for Learning) as its online Learning Management System (LMS) for less than a year.

That’s not too soon for the winning of an award, however. When ANGEL Learning Inc. of Indianapolis recently announced its inaugural Impact Awards, SPC was one of three institutions nationwide to win in the Exemplary ANGEL Program Awards category.

“I’m proud to work with such an enthusiastic and innovative group of people,” said Vicki Westergard, director of Web and Instructional Technology Services (WITS), which installed ANGEL.

“This award reflects the hard work and dedication of WITS, and of Ken Pereira and his LMS staff of Doyle Callahan and Kevin Sellitti, whose daily efforts behind the scenes allow us to focus our efforts on supporting

faculty.

“This win goes to them and to our dedicated faculty as well. We are honored to accept this award for SPC.”

WITS’ instructional technologists are Nancy Doolittle, Clearwater Campus; Karen Fritch, Allstate Center; Karen Hesting, Caruth Health Education Center; Greg Rabelo, Tarpon Springs Campus; Alan Shapiro, Seminole Campus; and Janice Thiel, St. Petersburg / Gibbs Campus.

The Inaugural ANGEL Impact Awards, including the Exemplary Awards, were given at the corporation’s annual User Conference in early June in Louisville.

The awards, a company statement said, “reward ANGEL users’ dedication and vision, and foster innovation and collaboration to enrich the ANGEL user community



Vicki Westergard, director of Web and Instructional Technology Services (WITS), which installed ANGEL, proudly displays SPC’s award.

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Herb Willcox taught Math almost five years at the college.

Herb Willcox dies; taught at Seminole and Clearwater

Members of the college family were saddened to learn of the death of former faculty member Herbert S. “Herb” Willcox, who died Friday at the age of 73.

Mr. Willcox taught Mathematics full-time for four years at Clearwater Campus starting in the late 1990s after he had retired from GTE Data Services, where he was a manager.

A Clearwater colleague, Sharon Morrison, said he took time off to battle prostate cancer, but returned and taught Math at Seminole Campus for about a year before illness forced him to retire for good in 2005.

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“Quoteworthy”

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.”

— Marcel Proust, French novelist

Submitted by Sunita Kumari, SE

Jazz Band's summer concert is Tuesday

SPC's Summer Jazz Band Concert is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Music Center on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

The evening of modern, traditional and big-band jazz will feature two big bands playing works by John Coltrane, Charlie Mingus, Bill Strayhorn, Yoko Kanno, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and others.

The band is directed by David Manson of the campus' Humanities and Fine Arts department. The concert is free.

'Music of the Night' Wednesday evening

The SPC Summer Chorus will present a choral spectacular, "Music of the Night," Wednesday in the Music Center on the SP/G Campus.

Vocal Director Vernon Taranto will lead the chorus in a program that includes *Night and Day*, *It's a Grand Night for Singing*, *Tender Is the Night*, and excerpts from *Phantom of the Opera*. Soloists include guest soprano Jan Clay from Akron.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$3 per person will be collected.

SPC's Summer Band Concert is Thursday

The college's Summer Band Concert is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center on the SP/G Campus.

Jonathan Steele, program director of Humanities and Fine Arts at SP/G, will conduct the band in a program of standard band numbers. It will include works by Jerry Bilik, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Paul Hindemith, Johannes Brahms and Johann Sebastian Bach. The concert is free.

Notice of Meeting St. Petersburg College Alumni Association Inc.

The Board of Directors of the SPC Alumni Association Inc. will meet Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 6 p.m. at Tucson's Restaurant, 13563 ICOT Blvd., Largo.

At this annual meeting, the Board of Directors will elect officers for the coming year.

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by recognizing exemplary ANGEL implementation."

Winners of the Exemplary Program Awards besides SPC were Penn State University and New York's Sessions Online School of Design.

ANGEL went into operation at SPC Aug. 1, 2005, supplanting the LMS the college used for more than six years. It was seen as supplying SPC with more flexibility plus the capacity to benefit all instructors regardless of how much or how little they used it, Westergard said at the time.

An LMS, she said then, "allows us to use a standard platform for students to go in to find what they need for their courses. They log on, see only the courses they're in, then they can go in and do their assignments, communicate with their instructor and classmates, engage in discussion forums, take quizzes and tests (and be automatically graded), and so forth."

Onward and upward

Sandra Rooks, an adjunct Communications instructor at St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, will be given an award by the National Education Association in Orlando July 1 at the NEA's annual meeting. Sandra, who is the executive director of the Pinellas County African-American History Museum that recently opened in St. Petersburg near SPC Midtown, will receive the H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award at the NEA's annual celebration of human and civil rights. She was nominated for the award by the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association.

David Manson, Humanities & Fine Arts SP/G, has returned from Brazil where he gave a lecture/recital at the Instituto Villa-Lobos at the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro. He performed (trombone), plus talked and played recordings of his compositions ranging from jazz to orchestral and electronic.

Summer graduation is Monday, July 24

Summer graduation is at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

This year's ceremony is at 7 p.m. Monday, July 24.

The Clearwater location represents ongoing compliance with the Board of Trustees' preference for a graduation site in mid-county.

More than 300 graduates are expected to march.

Employment Opportunities

For job openings at the college, visit the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/>.

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4 days of InfoFest at 4 sites beginning July 10 at Tarpon Springs Campus

A four-day "rolling" InfoFest at four SPC sites next month will extend the welcome mat to prospective students countywide.

Starting Monday, July 10, the InfoFest will get under way at the Tarpon Springs Campus, then move on succeeding days to the Seminole, Clearwater and St. Petersburg/Gibbs campuses in that order.

The InfoFest will operate from the sites' administration buildings and feature campus tours. Hours

each day are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Faculty, counselors, and staff from Student Services and Scholarships and Student Financial Assistance will be available to answer questions.

The InfoFest's main target audience is recent Pinellas high school graduates, who are being invited by mail, newspaper ads and colorful posters placed countywide.

Desirable jewels will light up FIM

A gem of a show is at the Florida International Museum (FIM).

"Jeweled Objects of Desire" from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History has arrived at FIM, which is in the same building as SPC Downtown in St. Petersburg. The exhibit is scheduled through Sept. 30.

On display are valuable gems from the vaults of several Florida Smithsonian affiliates.

MADI events slated at LRMA

The Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art's opening reception for *A Celebration of Geometric Art: A MADI Homage to Carmelo Arden Quin and The Moving MADI World of Wolf Roitman* is Saturday (July 8).

The 8-10 p.m. reception is free to LRMA members and \$10 per person for non-members. The museum is on SPC's Tarpon Springs Campus.

"A Gallery Walk with Wolf Roitman" is the next day at 2 p.m. in the Museum's North and South galleries. During this free event, the renowned Uruguayan artist will lead visitors through the MADI exhibitions.

"MADI," not an acronym, is the name given to the movement that favors colorful, geometric abstraction.

Thursday, July 13, will feature a 7 p.m. appearance in the auditorium of the museum by biographer Shelley Goodman, who has chronicled the life of Quin, the movement's founder.

Goodman will discuss MADI and Quin, and sign copies of her book, *when art jumped OUT of its cage*. The cost is free for LRMA members and \$3 for non-members.

The exhibitions run through Aug. 20.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and LRMA is open Thursday evenings from 5 to 9. Sunday hours are 1-5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and free to children and students with ID. Sunday admission is free and docent tours are offered at 2 p.m.

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"He was a wonderful, godly man who, through his kindness and support, set a real good example for the students who came in touch with him," Morrison said. "He would always go the extra mile for them."

She said a scholarship has been set up in his name at the St. Petersburg College Foundation, and contributions are welcome. Checks

should be made out to the Foundation and sent to Executive Director Janice Buchanan at Foundation, EpiCenter.

Services were Tuesday for Mr. Willcox at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, where he was a member. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Gloria; their daughter and two sons; and two grandchildren.

Discounts offered to employees

The following have agreed to allow budgeted St. Petersburg College employees the following discounts:

Company	Discount
American Stage	\$2 off each ticket when you show your SPC ID.
Cypress Gardens	\$3 off admission with flyer — call Faith Beckett at Ext. 3083 to receive flyer.
The Cabana Grill, Sand Key & Palm Grill, Belleview Biltmore	15 percent discount when you show your SPC ID.
Sam Seltzer's Restaurants	VIP seating and a free onion with stamped flyer. Call Faith Beckett at Ext. 3083 to receive flyer.
Sea World, Adventure Island Busch Gardens, Water Country, Sesame Place	Discount coupons — call Faith Beckett at Ext. 3083.
SunTrust Bank	Free checking, free checks, free savings, online banking.
Jos. A. Bank Clothiers	20 percent discounts on regularly priced merchandise with a free corporate card. Call 1-800-285-2265 or e-mail corporatecard@jos-a-bank.com to receive your corporate card.

New tax law hurts college savings plans

President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. thought this May 17 article was significant and should be read by the college family.

By JONATHAN CLEMENTS
The Wall Street Journal

Washington has slapped a tax increase on teenage investors — and messed up my college savings strategy.

The new tax bill, which President Bush signed Wednesday, imposes the so-called kiddie tax on children younger than 18. Under the old law, only children younger than 14 were hit with the tax.

Result: If you are like me and you funded custodial accounts to pay for your children's college education, you could face an extra tax bite and some nasty accounting hassles. Here's why most parents should steer clear of custodial accounts — and what you might want to buy instead.

Today, if you want to save for a child's college education, you have some great choices, including tax-free 529 college savings plans and tax-free Coverdell education savings accounts.

But these accounts didn't exist when my daughter was born in 1988 and my son was born in 1992. At the time, probably the most attractive option was buying mutual funds inside a custodial account, so I did that. (Custodial accounts, which are owned by the child with an adult listed as custodian, are sometimes known as UGMA or UTMA accounts, after the uniform gifts or transfers to minors act.)

Until this year, my kids' custodial accounts have worked out pretty well. Most years, I haven't paid tax on the accounts or filed a tax return. The reason: While custodial accounts aren't tax-free, they offer a modest tax break. In 2006, the first \$850 of investment gains is tax-free and the next \$850 is taxed at the child's rate.

What happens if you have more than \$1,700 in gains? Under the old law, if a child was younger than 14, any investment gains above \$1,700 were subject to the kiddie tax, which means they were taxed at the parents' rate. But once a child turned 14, these additional gains were dunned at the child's lower rate.

With that in mind, I waited until

my daughter turned 14 and then gradually sold the stock funds in her custodial account. Today, four years later, Hannah is about to attend college, her account is sitting safely in conservative investments, and the whole transition out of stocks has cost very little in taxes.

This year, my son turns 14, so I set out to follow the same strategy with his account. I sold some of Henry's stock fund shares in March, figuring the entire gain would be taxed at his modest rate. But instead, Washington raised the cutoff age for the kiddie tax to 18 — and now I'm looking at paying tax at my rate on Henry's gains above \$1,700.

Indeed, thanks to the new tax law, custodial accounts have become a much more complicated proposition. If you want to unload a custodial account's winning stock funds while holding down the tax bite, you will likely have to postpone most sales until the year your child turns 18. That, of course, is when the college bills come due. The nightmare scenario: You need to raise cash by selling your kid's stock funds — and we're in the middle of a brutal bear market.

Getting nervous? You could sell before age 18. But that will likely trigger a steep tax bill. You will probably have to file a tax return for your kid and fill out the utterly baffling Form 8615.

This doesn't mean custodial accounts are dead.

I could see plunking maybe \$1,000 into a toddler's custodial account, with the idea that the money might ultimately go toward, say, a house down payment. As long as you pick a reasonably tax-efficient stock fund, you can take advantage of a custodial account's modest tax break and you could probably go years without filing a tax return.

But if you want to sock away money for college, you are much better off with Coverdell accounts and 529 college savings plans, both of which offer tax-free growth. Indeed, in recent years, that's where I have stashed my kids' annual college savings.

"It would be tough for me to tell somebody with a 2-year-old to open a custodial account," says Cincinnati financial planner David Foster. The new tax law "is just one more nail in the coffin" for custodial accounts.

While 529 plans get the publicity, start by checking out the Coverdell. You can use these accounts to buy your favorite low-cost mutual funds, thus avoiding the hefty additional fees charged by many 529s.

The downside: You can stash only \$2,000 a year in a Coverdell. Also, to fully fund a Coverdell, you have to be single with income below \$95,000 or married filing jointly with income below \$190,000.

If you don't meet those thresholds or you have more than \$2,000 to invest, consider a 529. Start by checking out your state's plan, which might offer a tax deduction or credit. If it doesn't, search for a low-cost plan at www.savingforcollege.com.

Alternately, you might buy tax-efficient stock funds, like index funds and tax-managed funds, in your name. That way, you can keep full control of the money, says Glenn Frank, a financial planner with Wachovia Wealth Management in Waltham, Mass.

If your family isn't eligible for college financial aid and your children seem responsible, you might gift the stock funds to your kids once they turn 18, Frank says. Your children can then sell the shares at their tax rate — now that they are safely beyond the reach of the kiddie tax.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES'
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED RULES

NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST.
PETERSBURG COLLEGE

RULE TITLE: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE
CONTROL PLAN

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-2.905

RULE NOTICE DATE: June 23, 2006

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed changes will update the Rule to transfer some responsibilities from Human Resources to Risk Management. Also during the Rule Development stage, considerations may be given to changes, additions and/or deletions of any part of this Rule as may be recommended.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: See Purpose and Effect above.

SUMMARY: See Purpose and Effect above.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 1001.64(2) & (4), 1013.12, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.65(16), F.S.; Chapter 6A-2.001, F.A.C. and 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030

IF REQUESTED AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., July 7, 2006

PLACE: St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter-District Office, Educational & Student Services, Conference Room, 13805 58th Street North, Largo, Florida

PERSON(S) TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE IS: Ms. Susan M. Reiter, Director, Facilities Planning & Institutional Services, EpiCenter-Services

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES'
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OF PROPOSED RULES

NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST.
PETERSBURG COLLEGE

RULE TITLE: STUDENT AFFAIRS: ACADEMIC HONESTY
GUIDELINES

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-4.461

RULE NOTICE DATE: June 23, 2006

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed changes will update the Rule to reflect changes in method of course delivery and advances in technology. Also during the Rule Development stage, considerations may be given to changes, additions and/or deletions of any part of this Rule as may be recommended.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: See Purpose and Effect above.

SUMMARY: See Purpose and Effect above.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.64(8)(f), F.S.

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NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST.
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RULE TITLE: ACCURATE RECORDS AND REPORTS

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-5.01

RULE NOTICE DATE: June 23, 2006

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed changes will update the Rule. Also during the Rule Development stage, considerations may be given to changes, additions and/or deletions of any part of this Rule as may be recommended.

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SUMMARY: See Purpose and Effect above.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 1001.64(2) & (4), 1010.01, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1010.01, F.S.; SBE Rule 6A-14.072, F.A.C.

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