

Cooper promoted to senior VP; new Clearwater provost coming from Brevard

Anne Cooper has been appointed senior vice president, Academic and Student Affairs. The announcement was made June 21 on the Clearwater Campus where she currently serves as provost. Cooper has been a part of the St. Petersburg College family since 1990, previously working as a Social Science instructor on the Tarpon Springs Campus, and as program director of Social Science and Fine Arts at Clearwater.



Anne Cooper

"Dr. Cooper has energized the Clearwater Campus during her time there as provost (about 21 months)" President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. said. "She loves a challenge and in her new position I fully expect her to leave an imprint that will benefit students, faculty and staff for years to come."

Replacing Cooper as acting provost will be Bert Purga, provost, Palm Bay Campus of Brevard Community College. Purga has served

Brevard in various leadership positions since 1989. Before that, he worked for the Eastern Iowa Community College District as provost of Clinton Community College.

Kuttler said Purga comes to SPC highly recommended by leadership throughout the Florida Community College system.



Bert Purga

"Dr. Purga's interests and achievements in the field of education are matched by his involvement in the communities where he has worked," Kuttler said. "We are delighted to welcome him to the St. Petersburg College family."

Cooper earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii, her master's at the University of Texas and her doctorate from Great Britain's University of Wales.

"As I move into this new position, my goal is to serve the college and

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Board approves temporary '07-08 budget

Because of uncertainties with the state budget and, most importantly, how it applies to higher education, the SPC Board of Trustees has passed a temporary budget for 2007-08.

The trustees decided at their monthly meeting June 19 that it was in the best overall interest of the college to wait until at least September to see how things develop. Action was taken to preserve the possibility of a retroactive salary increase in the fall.

Recently, Florida's community colleges and state universities have counted on tuition increases annually, but no increases were granted for the '07-08 academic year.

President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. cautioned that tuition makes up only one-third of SPC's annual budget; two-thirds comes from state tax revenues, which are not meeting expectations.

"The board showed considerable leadership in deciding to wait and make the right decision rather than

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Tax Reform information attached

The Florida Legislature has heard residents' complaints about skyrocketing property taxes, and has come up with a tax cut plan. More than half of the \$31.6-billion tax cut won't happen unless Florida voters approve a constitutional amendment in January. Some information on the Legislature's plan is attached today. President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. said informational sessions are planned in the coming months to help staff and faculty understand the intricacies of the Legislature's plan. Dates and times will be announced in the *Blue & White*.



Because of the July 4 holiday, there will be no Blue & White next week. The next B&W will be published July 13.

Quoteworthy

— Lawrence Bell

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Submitted by Cal Kerkela
HEC

Educators In Industry Fall 2007 Session Sept. 18 – Oct. 23

The Fall session of Educators In Industry (EII) will run Sept. 18 through Oct. 23. Participants will meet Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Visits will be made to business and industrial sites so participants can acquire knowledge about career opportunities in Pinellas County. Visits will include sites such as Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, SPC's Caruth Health Education Center, Baxter Industries and the Pinellas County jail. In addition to the business and industry site visits, the EII board members expect participants to attend a banquet in November.

To complete your enrollment, the information below must be completed and sent to Karalia W. Baldwin, secondary guidance coordinator, Pinellas County Schools Administration Building, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo, 33770. As in all workshops that require you to be away from your work site, your supervisor's permission is needed to attend.

Deadline to apply is Aug. 31, 2007.

_____ Yes, I would like to be a Fall 2007 EII participant

Name: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Subject area: _____

Position: _____

Administrator approval: _____

Please specify if you need any special accommodations because of physical limitations:

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making a decision now that could do long term damage to the college," Kuttler said.

"The state is going through

unknown economic times and it might be necessary to further reduce our expenditures if our other state revenue is reduced," he said.

LRMA Summer Camp begins July 9

July 9-13 and 16-20 — Summer's Here! Arts Camp

The camp offers an array of art experiences to children 6-13. Camp group sizes are limited so that each camper receives individual

attention for an enriching experience.

For more information, call the Museum at Ext. 5762.

Onward & Upward

Karen Altieri, Human Resources, was one of more than 250 women from around the country who recently attended *Glamour* magazine's 50th anniversary of their Top 10 College Women Awards in New York. Karen was a 1978 winner, from Albert Mangus College in New Haven, Conn.

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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Working on a plan

Community college representatives from throughout the state gathered Monday and Tuesday at the EpiCenter for the Florida Community College Campus Security Summit. Discussing the topic during a break are, from left, J.C. Brock, Allstate Center campus executive officer; Connie Graves, National Terrorism Preparedness Institute instructor; Clinton Van Zandt, NBC crime analyst and former FBI profiler; and St. Petersburg College President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.

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to advance our vision and mission," she said. "I want to thank the Clearwater Campus faculty and staff for allowing me to lead them and for putting their trust in me. The light of possibility shines brightly there. I was able to reflect that light as we grew together."

Purga has a bachelor's degree from Ithaca College in New York, a master's degree from the University of Scranton

in Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. He has completed post graduate work at Harvard.

"It is an honor to be part of the St. Petersburg College team."

**— Bert Purga,
Acting Clearwater
provost**

"It is an honor to be part of the St. Petersburg College team," Purga said. "This college has a reputation for innovation. I am looking forward to being included in that."

Cooper and Purga will assume their new positions Monday.

Benefits deductions take effect over two pays

The new year for SPC's benefits plan starts July 1, 2007. Please note that not all 2007-08 deductions will start in the same paycheck.

Those who did not submit the Non-Smoker Certification/Quit-Smoking form will be charged the regular rates for Aetna medical coverage.

Here is the schedule for deductions:

Paycheck of July 6, 2007: Deductions change for cancer insurance (if you

joined), dental and vision (if you joined or made changes).

Paycheck of Aug. 3, 2007: Deductions change for health (due to new rates or if you joined or made changes), disability (if you joined or made changes).

Please check your pay stubs for accuracy, and report any errors immediately to Anh Nunag at nunag.anh@spcollege.edu, or Ext. 3044. If adjustments are necessary, they will be made in the following paycheck.

infofest

Enrollment event set for July 10

InfoFest will extend the welcome mat to prospective students countywide next month at five SPC sites.

Tuesday, July 10, InfoFest will occur at the Clearwater, Seminole, St. Petersburg/Gibbs, Tarpon Springs campuses and SPC Downtown.

The enrollment festivities will operate from the sites' administration buildings and feature campus tours. Peak hours each day are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

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

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

Visit www.spcollege.edu/infifest for more information.

Thank you

It has been a privilege and honor to be associated with St. Petersburg College since 1978 and I thank the college family for the many good wishes I have received as I retire today. I appreciate everyone at SPC and especially thank Dr. Kuttler and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity of heading up the Purchasing Department; also my thanks to Theresa Furnas, Conferlete Carney and the Purchasing staff.

**— Dotson Hunt
EpiCenter**

I would like to thank everyone for the thoughtfulness and kindness extended to me during my mom's illness and death. She was a wonderful person and I take comfort that she is happy and home. I am truly blessed having a second "family" in SPC.

**— Dana Hamilton
SP/G**



SPC *employee anniversaries*

July

Years	Name	Hire Date	Years	Name	Hire Date
41	Kuttler Jr, Carl M.	7/1/66	5	Hesting, Karen L.	7/22/02
37	Pitts, Barbara Ann S.	7/30/70	5	Kincade, Barbara J.	7/22/02
34	McCawthan, Wanda D.	7/9/73	5	Rowe, Ayanna Amerigo	7/22/02
33	Hodges, Noreen H.	7/12/74	4	Perez, Gwendolyn P.	7/1/03
30	Reiter, Susan M.	7/25/77	4	White, Scott B.	7/1/03
27	Coley, Myrtle L.	7/1/80	4	Eubank, Marsha K.	7/7/03
27	Berger, Jo-Ann	7/7/80	4	Coughlin, Emily	7/9/03
26	Buedel, Linda J.	7/6/81	4	Shelton, Pamela K.	7/21/03
26	Wood, William L.	7/27/81	4	Cinquegrana, Linda	7/28/03
23	McCloud, Kieve D.	7/16/84	4	Connolly, James L.	7/28/03
22	Love, Terry E.	7/15/85	4	Sullivan, Laquata J.	7/28/03
21	Reed, Gwendolyn H.	7/21/86	3	Garcia, Valeria	7/1/04
20	Perez, Jose J.	7/28/87	3	Hand, Christina L.	7/1/04
18	Bertolino, Barry S.	7/5/89	3	Couillard, Daniel L.	7/6/04
18	King, Patricia A.	7/17/89	3	Garrett, Tracy L.	7/21/97
18	Corey, Jean B.	7/2/89	3	Lancaster, Gail	7/6/04
17	Beyer, Lorna K.	7/23/90	3	Arthur, Joanne D.	7/12/04
16	Caraway, Antoinette	7/10/91	3	Dukes, Tamica D.	7/15/04
16	Smith, Pamela S.	7/22/91	3	Boyle, Deborah Seslar	7/19/04
14	Dillon, Sue L.	7/6/93	3	Grinnell, Lynn Dean	7/19/04
14	Giar, Linda	7/26/93	3	Rivera Sanchez, Miguel A.	7/19/04
13	Roundtree, Johnny	7/25/94	3	Graham, Jacquelyn G.	7/26/04
12	Scott, Marilyn F.	7/10/95	3	Henning, Andrea A.	7/26/04
12	Tolman, Abbey V.	7/10/95	3	Trimble, Jeanne C.	7/26/04
12	Griffin, Kathleen G.	7/24/95	3	MacDonald, Micheal S.	7/27/04
11	Callahan, Marisa C.	7/1/96	2	Petrie, Aaron E.	7/5/05
11	Lange, Marsha M.	7/1/96	2	Sellitti, Kevin	7/5/05
11	Nieves, Sandra	7/29/96	2	Barto, Daniel P.	7/11/05
10	Burgos, Maria I.	7/7/97	2	Harris, Levi	7/11/05
10	Styrzo, Wyatt B.	7/7/97	2	Knezevic, Radomir	7/11/05
10	Meyer, Robert A.	7/14/97	2	Setzer, Robert A.	7/11/05
10	Raditch, Paula J.	7/28/97	2	McLeod, Cynthia Alice	7/14/05
9	Jackson, Herbert	7/6/98	2	Gannon, John T.	7/18/05
9	Howard, Minnette L.	7/13/98	2	Mayhew, Pamela H.	7/18/05
9	Keith, Neil M.	7/13/98	2	Schering, Jeffrey J.	7/18/05
9	Deering, Barbara J.	7/16/98	1	Burlingame, Garry A.	7/1/06
9	Dressback, John B.	7/20/98	1	Welch, Kenneth	7/1/06
8	Werner, Dennis J.	10/1/98	1	Boyle, Constance M.	7/5/06
8	Westberg, Darlene M.	7/1/99	1	Sanford, Scott A.	7/5/06
8	Creveling, Hazel D.	7/6/99	1	Pedicone, Christopher M.	7/10/06
8	Diaz, Oscar F.	7/26/99	1	Kripner, George M.	7/11/06
7	Basham, Matthew J.	7/1/00	1	Kelly, Andrea J.	7/17/06
7	Wise, Sandra L.	7/5/00	1	Kneblak Sr, James P.	7/17/06
7	Gill, Davie	7/6/00	1	McNicol, Ann R.	7/17/06
7	Misasi, Alfred	7/26/00	1	Miller, Laurel A.	7/17/06
6	Browne, Ann A.	7/16/01	1	Poulin, Michael T.	7/17/06
6	Petrack, Patrick J.	7/16/01	1	Castillo, Fabiola	7/24/06
6	Brusko, Sivilai K.	7/23/01	1	Hesting, John P.	7/24/06
6	Weber, Jill S.	7/23/01	1	Novak, Alexis M.	7/24/06
6	Martin, Larry R.	7/24/01	1	Pandey, Madhu	7/24/06
6	Golden Jr, Nathaniel	7/30/01	1	Malatesta, Charles S.	7/25/06
6	Torres, Carmen	7/31/01	1	Le, Ca V.	7/26/06
5	Weideman, Carol Anne	7/1/02	1	Best, Harold L.	7/31/06
5	Bedell, Duane H.	7/8/02	1	Brandt, Carol L.	7/31/06
5	Rhaney, Leslie D.	7/8/02	1	Howard, Nicole Shalonda	7/31/06
5	Hameier, Barbara M.	7/11/02	1	Woods, Vonda L.	7/31/06
5	Dallaire, William J.	7/15/02	1	Yungaitis, Chester J.	7/31/06
5	Deshpande, Avinash A.	7/15/02			



SPC *employee birthdays*

July

Birth Date	Name	Birth Date	Name	Birth Date	Name
07-01	Wardlow, Sarah	07-15	Hefner, Eva M.	07-23	Gann, Welcita M.
07-01	Horn, Gabriel	07-15	Perez, Gwendolyn P.	07-24	Fraser, Judith A.
07-01	Parmentier, Cindy B.	07-15	Krupp, Jason	07-24	Kidd, Wayne R.
07-01	Maier, Trudi A.	07-15	Walsh, Margaret F.	07-25	Steele, Jonathan E.
07-03	Kerr, Christopher K.	07-15	Kupersmith, Judith J.	07-25	Pate, Betty J.
07-03	Casey, Brian P.	07-16	Jones, Vernell L.	07-25	Hofman, Maciej J.
07-04	Decker, Anne E.	07-16	Martinez, Robert A.	07-25	Butler, Tiffani N.
07-04	Bliss, William S.	07-16	Marks, Alice M.	07-25	Call, Ian H.
07-05	Hanlon, Mary A.	07-16	Ehrbar, William G.	07-25	Bohrer, Allan
07-05	Offutt, Michelle R.	07-17	Drooger, Catherine A.	07-25	Goree, William K.
07-05	Knoop, Margaret	07-17	Bray, Jayne A.	07-25	Cesta, Jeffrey L.
07-06	Gerew, Eileen M.	07-17	Kripner, George M.	07-25	Anyan, Mary I.
07-06	Melchior, Roger C.	07-17	Griffin, Barbara	07-26	Jenkins, Bradley E.
07-06	Barna, Leslie A.	07-17	Douglas, Larry B.	07-26	Lulek, Mark R.
07-07	Doria, Sandra M.	07-18	Matchette, Patricia G.	07-26	Ford, Kadell
07-07	McManus, Sharon E.	07-18	Toohill, Marte K.	07-27	O'Hare, Patricia A.
07-07	Stewart, Larry D.	07-18	Linde, Robin P.	07-27	Donohue, Sharon E.
07-07	Amundrud, Lise M.	07-18	Shelton, Pamela K.	07-27	Derzypolski, Thomas W.
07-08	Cervera, Maria I.	07-18	Kuzma, Joanne	07-28	Gregory, Thomas E.
07-09	Duncan, Douglas S.	07-18	Clinton, Tyrone	07-28	Falgoust, Debbie L.
07-09	Pishevar-Haynes, Bitu Sarah	07-19	Shoffner, John C.	07-28	Smith, Nancy F.
07-09	Brown, Kathi	07-19	Szymanski, Andrew J.	07-28	Hanna II, Paul J.
07-10	Johnson, Henry	07-20	Grundset, Beverly L.	07-28	Bluhm, Lisa A.
07-10	Meegan, Patrick T.	07-20	Bird, Aja M.	07-28	Van Buren, Frances Z.
07-10	Pinkham, Jack D.	07-21	Morey Jr, Robert W.	07-29	Barzen, William A.
07-10	Hess Jr, Richard L.	07-21	Leonard, Lisa	07-29	Binalay, Amber L.
07-11	McNicol, Ann R	07-21	Kolenda, James J.	07-29	Hand, Christina L.
07-11	McClintock, Bruce H.	07-21	Springfield, W. T.	07-30	Coley, Myrtle L.
07-11	Slater, Roy W.	07-21	Enlow, Bernard R.	07-30	Castle, Marcia Ann
07-12	Mignerey, James L.	07-22	Hufford, Ruth A.	07-30	De La Torre, Marta Beatriz
07-12	DePass, Anthony	07-22	Huguley, Debra J.	07-31	Quarles, David D.
07-13	Braun, Ben-ami	07-22	Schult, Nyeita	07-31	Moseley, Sarah H.
07-14	Kroeker, Karen	07-22	Clinkscale, Lena	07-31	Moseley, Sarah H.
07-14	Brantley, Traci	07-22	Carvell, Suzanne R.	07-31	Casebier, Kenneth T.
07-14	Rehkemper, Megan M.	07-22	Gerena, Linda M.	07-31	Steullet, Moira J.
07-14	Setterlind, Sharon R.	07-23	Starr, Brenda K.	07-31	Rickerman, Elizabeth A.
07-15		07-23	Johnson, Shirley K.		

Tax Relief, Reform and Protection

(Excerpted from comments distributed by the Florida Senate Majority Office)

Overview

The Florida Legislature — **in response to property owners** burdened by runaway tax hikes — has passed the **largest tax cut in Florida history**.

SB 2B and SJR 4B will save Florida taxpayers up to **\$31.6-billion** over the next five years. It breaks down this way:

- \$15.6-billion in statutory tax relief and reform starts in 2007;
- up to \$16-billion in further tax relief will take place with the passage of the constitutional amendment.
- Voters will make their choice on the Presidential Primary ballot Jan 29, 2008.

The relief is immediate — all property taxes will begin to drop this year.

The reform is long term — statutory changes and proposed constitutional changes reform the tax property tax system ensuring that unaffordable tax spikes will never occur again.

SB 2B (statutory changes)...The statutory change accomplishes two things: tax cuts now and a revenue cap forever

- The legislation requires that all cities and counties **cut** property taxes in the upcoming 2007-08 fiscal year to the 2006-07 revenue levels, minus 3-9%
- The bill **caps** local government spending so that government will not grow faster than a family's ability to pay.
- This bill recognizes the needs of firefighters and environmentally sensitive lands. It requires more modest cuts to special districts and fiscally challenged cities and counties — protecting essential services from dramatic revenue cuts.
- This legislation respects local control. All local governments have the option to override the roll backs and caps on revenue (by extraordinary votes).

SJR 4B (constitutional amendment)...On Jan. 29, 2008 voters can create a new "super tax exemption"

- The constitutional amendment provides for **substantial increase in the homestead exemption**. Homeowners will receive between \$50,000 and \$195,000 super exemption (depending on the value of their home), as compared to the flat \$25,000 exemption in Save Our Homes.
- Going forward, these property owners would benefit from the cap on local government spending.

- This innovative plan **offers a measure of portability** without violating the U.S. Constitution.
- SJR 4B **preserves all existing constitutional property exemptions** (veterans, low-income seniors, etc.).
- Florida businesses will benefit from the constitutional amendment with a **\$25,000 exemption from ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property (TPP)**. Of the 1.3 million businesses expected to file this year, 1 million will receive a total exemption. Furthermore, they never will have to file the burdensome paperwork associated with the tax again.
- The plan offers a reduced tax assessment on properties used to provide **affordable housing**.
- In addition, the SJR authorizes the legislature to provide a tax reduction to working **waterfronts assessments**.
- Finally, the plan **allows each homestead property owner to choose** between the new super exemption OR the current "Save our Homes" plan.
- Though some have said the tax cut will translate into a cut in education, the claim is simply not true.
 - Education funding is protected by the state constitution;
 - and each year, rain or shine, the Legislature has increased funding.
 - We **can** have tax cuts and a quality education for our children.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES'
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED RULES

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

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.64, 1001.61, 1004.73, Chapter 112, Part V, F.S.; Florida Constitution, Article IV, Section 7

RULE TITLE: Board of Trustees

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:

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-1.03

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., July 13, 2007

RULE NOTICE DATE: June 29, 2007

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed changes will clarify rights of members of the Board of Trustees with regard to due process and appropriate cause with regard to dismissal. 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.

PLACE: St. Petersburg College, District Office, Conference Room 102, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Largo, Florida

PERSON(S) TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE IS: Mr. Sydney H. McKenzie, III, General Counsel, District Office

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

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT, IF AVAILABLE, OF THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING: Board of Trustees, c/o General Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733, or calling 341-3259.

SUMMARY: See Purpose and Effect above.

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