

## Thanks to sick leave pool, her difficult times were eased

Sue Slavin, a 28-year SPC employee, ran into a string of misfortunes not long ago that kept her out of work for extended periods. But thanks to the college's sick leave pool, she never missed a paycheck.

Slavin, a library paraprofessional in Library Processing, was able to dip into the sick leave pool when her own sick days ran out.

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"I had back surgery, and that wiped out my sick leave and vacation time," Slavin said. "Then the next year I had to have a hip replaced, and I was out of work for more than six weeks. If I hadn't had the sick leave pool, I wouldn't have had a number of paychecks."

This past year, more difficulties came along for Slavin – her 91-year-old mother fell ill, and Slavin had to take some time to care for her.

"I used up my sick leave and vacation time all over again," she said.

"Not long after that I had a couple of bouts of bronchitis that caused me to miss even more work. Without the pool, I would have been in big trouble."

While the sick leave pool is a wonderful SPC benefit, employees

do have to sign up for it, and have to contribute five days of their own sick leave time in order to participate. The enrollment period is Sept. 1-15. The form with more details is on Page 6.

"I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't join the sick leave pool," Slavin said. "It has just been a lifesaver for me. I have been working here at the college for 28 years, and I've never missed a paycheck. It is a wonderful thing that the college offers."



Sue Slavin

## Belcher Road extension will make Tarpon Springs Campus more accessible

The Tarpon Springs Campus is more connected than ever to the southern regions of Pinellas County, thanks to a new two-mile section of Belcher Road that opened Tuesday.

The new four-lane divided roadway connects Alderman Road with Klosterman Road. The roadway accesses Klosterman Road at a spot adjacent to the Tarpon Springs Campus.

The new roadway should provide a number of benefits to the campus. A new entrance to the college from Belcher Road should make the campus more accessible, and the campus also should be considerably more visible to passing motorists who travel on Belcher – the campus is somewhat distant from the traffic that passes on U.S. 19.

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## Required college teaching courses now available online

New instructors with a Ph.D. now may take required courses in community college teaching online, saving them significant time while saving the college money.

St. Petersburg College requires all new faculty to take two courses — Excellence in Academic Instruction, and Trends, Perspectives and Leadership in Postsecondary Education. In the past, new faculty either had to go to Tampa and take the courses at the University of South Florida, or take the courses online through the University of Central Florida.

Both were credit courses, and each cost around \$900. Now, both courses are offered online by SPC. Neither course offers credit, but that is not an issue for most Ph.D. staff.

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## Aetna co-pays to be fixed

During July, lab and X-ray co-pays were incorrectly coded by Aetna — meaning SPC employees covered by Aetna through the college might receive bills for such work that, as of July 1, was to be at no cost to the employee.

Aetna is aware of the mix-up and is in the process of automatically re-processing all such charges. If you already paid such a bill, you will receive a full refund from the medical provider or lab you visited. Please note, however, that refunds could take several weeks.

**Note:** Aetna has a nationwide agreement with Quest Labs. Be sure to choose a Quest Lab when you have lab work done.

**Because of the Labor Day holiday Monday, there will be no Blue & White next week. The next edition will be published Sept. 14.**

# Volleyball team begins conference play Sept. 11

The volleyball team, defending champion of the Suncoast Conference, begins conference play Sept. 11 at Manatee Community College.

The team has been playing in tournaments and non-conference games in preparation for the portion of the season that will determine who goes to the state tournament.

The team begins its home schedule Sept. 18 when always-tough Pasco-Hernando CC visits for a 7 p.m. match.

"With our returning all-conference setter Kelli Johnson and all-state middle Heloisa dos Santos, the team is poised to continue its winning ways," Head Coach Scott White said.

This is White's fifth year directing the program. Last year the team was ranked among the top 20 in the country and finished fourth in the state tournament.

The state tournament is Nov. 1-3 in Winter Haven.

# Pedometers will measure steps in FACC fundraiser

The Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) will sponsor a fundraiser Oct. 29-Nov. 11 that will have SPC staff, students, friends and family wearing pedometers.

The fundraiser, conducted in partnership with SPC's Wellness Initiative, will record participants' steps over a two-week period. Those who take part will wear a pedometer during the two weeks; those who take the most steps during that period will win a variety of prizes:

- The person who takes the most steps will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Sports Authority.
- Honorable mention — a \$25 gift certificate to the Sports Authority will go to those who take the most steps on their campus or site.
- The campus/site with the highest percentage of staff registering will win a Steppin' Out Trophy and celebration.
- The campus/site that takes the most steps will win a Steppin'

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"College staffers who hold Ph.D.s don't need the college credit, and offering these courses online is a great convenience," said Deborah Boyle, coordinator of professional development in Human Resources.

Out Trophy and celebration. The fundraiser will benefit FACC's Scholarship Fund.

Winners will be announced in November, and individual awards will be presented at the FACC meeting Nov. 30. Campus awards will be presented at special events scheduled at the convenience of the campuses.

The registration form can be downloaded from the FACC Web site on the SPC home page under "Departments."

Campus staff should submit their completed registration forms and registration fees to their campus Business Office. EpiCenter, District Office and EpiServices staff submissions should be made to Marse Walsh or Susan Burnett in the EpiServices building.

Registration is \$10 for SPC staff, family and friends and \$5 for students. Deadline for registration is Sept. 21.

Pedometers will be available on Oct. 22, and can be kept at the end of the competition.

Offering the courses online saves the college more than \$1,800 per faculty member, Boyle said.

Both courses are available now, Boyle said. To register e-mail [boyle.deborah@spcollege.edu](mailto:boyle.deborah@spcollege.edu).

## Meeting notice

The Board of Directors for the SPC Alumni Association, Inc. will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. The meeting is at the EpiCenter Services Building, Room 110. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss general business.

# SPC family receives discount for Palladium event Sept. 7

St. Petersburg College staff, faculty and students will receive 10 percent off tickets for the FloriMezzo Mentor's Musicale Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palladium Theater.

For tickets, call the box office (822-3590) and use the code "celebrate" to receive the discount. Cost of the tickets without the discount is \$15.

At this event, the college will recognize and celebrate the Palladium founders and trustees for their vision, insight, and success the last nine years. The FloriMezzo chamber members will present a special program. The professional musicians, who mentor student and community musicians through FloriMezzo's educational outreach, will perform an evening of virtuosi chamber music by Brahms, Schmelzer, Sforzini and Mozart.

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## Taking Care of **BUSINESS\$**

The new budget year has brought changes to Business Services:

The Business Services Web site has been revamped and updated. Thanks to Theresa Kibler in Web and Instructional Technology, as well as the ongoing efforts of Vonda Woods and Linda Schultz in Business Services, we believe you'll be able to find contact information, forms and instructions in a more logical sequence. Our site continues to be a work in progress as we try to get useful information to you at the touch of your fingers.

Our longtime "travel czar," Wyatt Styrzo, has left Business Services to pursue his bachelor's degree in Math Education at the Clearwater Campus.

Margaret Miller has joined us with many years' experience in higher education and has taken on the travel challenge. She was trained by Wyatt as to the rules and procedures by which we are governed, and she has Wyatt's old telephone number, Ext. 3225. Campus mail and e-mails regarding travel should now be directed to her in Accounts Payable at the Travel Desk in the EpiCenter Services building.

If you're in the building, please stop by to introduce yourself to Margaret – second floor, Business Services wing, Accounts Payable area.

## Health screenings planned for September

The next phase of the college's health screening program begins Sept. 19. The screenings are available at no cost for budgeted employees (those who qualify for SPC health benefits). To set a time to screen, call 1 (888) 822-3247.

The dates and locations:

**Sept 19:** Seminole Campus

**Sept. 20:** Clearwater Campus

**Sept. 25:** Caruth Health Center

**Sept. 26:** EpiCenter Services



**Tarpon Springs Provost Tonjua Williams (closest to the camera) stands with Pinellas County officials and community leaders Tuesday morning at the new entrance to the campus off the just-opened Belcher Road extension.**

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"We are looking forward to the increased visibility for the college," said Tonjua Williams, provost of the Tarpon Springs Campus.

The opening of the new stretch of roadway means people will be able to drive from the Tarpon Springs southern boundary line all the way to St. Petersburg on Belcher with no interruptions other than traffic lights. Traffic planners say 20,000 vehicles are expected to use the new two-mile stretch of road every day, and that number could increase to as many as 34,000 by the year 2025.

The new stretch includes pedestrian sidewalks as well as four-foot-wide bike lanes on both sides of the road. The bike lanes also will connect the Pinellas County bicycle lane system to both the Pinellas Trail to the west, and to the campus to the east.

The two-mile stretch of roadway cost \$12.5-million and took 17 months to complete. It was funded by the Penny for Pinellas program as well as a grant from the state.

A ceremony on the campus at 11 a.m. Tuesday marked the opening. Williams spoke at the ceremony, as did a number of city and county officials.

## SACS Certified campus schedule

### For Career Staff and non-academic A&P

#### Allstate

Sept. 4  
2:30-3:30 p.m. and 4-5 p.m.  
room 103

#### St. Petersburg/Gibbs

Sept. 6  
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
SA 114

#### Caruth Health Education Center

Sept. 5  
9 a.m.  
room HC177W

#### EpiCenter

Sept. 5  
10 a.m.  
room 1-324

#### Seminole

Sept. 6  
10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m.  
UP 303

#### Clearwater

Sept. 5  
12:30-1:30 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.  
AA 101

#### Sept. 14

2 p.m.  
Teaching Auditorium

#### Tarpon Springs

Sept. 7  
10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.  
LY 120

### For faculty

#### Professional Development Day

Sept. 18  
8 a.m.

Clearwater Arts Auditorium



**St. Petersburg College  
SICK LEAVE POOL**

I, the undersigned, having met the eligibility requirements, choose to join the St. Petersburg College Employees Sick Leave Pool and agree to contribute five (5) days from my accumulated sick leave as my initial contribution and as required by BOT Rule 6H x 23-2.31:

II. Sick Leave Pool

- A. Participation in the St. Petersburg College sick leave pool shall be voluntary and any full-time employee shall be eligible for participation in the pool during the annual enrollment period of Sept. 1-15, after one (1) year of employment with the college, provided that such employee has accrued at least nine (9) days of accumulated sick leave.

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Name (Please print or type)

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Employee ID #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number



# SPC *employee anniversaries* September

Years	Name	Hire Date	Years	Name	Hire Date
35	Marden, Mary J.	9/1/72	5	Straight, Laurie L.	9/9/02
28	Slavin, Susan L.	9/10/79	5	Alvarez, Michael J.	9/11/02
28	Dorsett, Debra A.	9/17/79	5	Janusz, Dawn M.	9/12/02
27	O'Hare, Patricia A.	9/15/80	5	Gibson, Greg L.	9/16/02
21	Shears, Brenda C.	9/22/86	5	Craver-Brooks, Evelyn M.	9/30/02
20	Francey, Diane E.	9/14/87	5	Holm, Linda J.	9/30/02
20	Williams, Tonjua L.	9/28/87	4	Ezell, Kristeen T.	9/2/03
18	Jolliff-Johnson, Cynthia E.	9/5/89	4	Molinaro, Linda L.	9/2/03
18	Wittman, Janice K.	9/5/89	4	Rizzo, Joseph A.	9/8/03
18	Dixon, Vernadean J.	9/11/89	4	McDade, Irene B.	9/22/03
18	Neiberger, Anne N.	9/11/89	4	Oriol, Russell	9/22/03
18	Nunag, Anh L.	9/26/89	4	Oliver, Danny R.	9/29/03
17	Grochala, Jacek	9/10/90	4	Cao, Thuc T.	9/18/03
16	Gonzalez, Irma E.	9/4/91	3	Walsh, Margaret F.	9/7/04
16	Flynn, Christopher	9/9/91	3	Hatchett Jr, Paul A.	9/13/04
15	McCulloch, Mary L.	9/8/92	3	Herr, Judith L.	9/18/04
15	Berry, Joseph P.	9/14/92	3	Robey, Kathy A.	9/20/04
15	Baragona, Carol M.	9/13/92	3	Som, Savonn	9/20/04
14	Dvoracsek, Joseph D.	9/7/93	3	Casey, Brian P.	9/27/04
14	Lowe, Kevin M.	9/27/93	3	Lindsay, Grace C.	9/27/04
13	Furnas, Theresa K.	9/12/94	3	Amundrud, Lise M.	9/5/04
13	Hutchinson, Richard A.	9/26/94	2	Hardt, Steven P.	9/1/05
12	Delorey, Susan D.	9/25/95	2	Becker, Beth	9/6/05
11	Biefeld, Bruce D.	9/9/96	2	Buster, Patricia A.	9/8/05
11	McPartlin, Brian P.	9/30/96	2	England, Dave E.	9/19/05
10	Scala, Philip J.	9/3/97	2	Hill, Michael	9/19/05
10	Phillips, Lynda A.	9/3/97	2	Pagano, Jason Thomas	9/19/05
10	Gilberti, Christopher J.	9/8/97	2	Ivy, Celina Stephanie	9/20/05
10	Rodwell, Karen L.	9/8/97	2	Sengphrachanh, Phonedavanh	9/26/05
10	Wilkes, Lisa C.	9/9/97	2	Sohn, Susan F.	9/26/05
10	Drooger, Craig E.	9/29/97	2	Wadsworth, Robert L.	9/26/05
9	Ospina, Diana Patricia	9/3/98	2	Richmond, Russelene V.	9/28/05
9	Oskamp, Eugene	9/8/98	1	Heier, Barbara J.	9/5/06
9	Shapiro, Alan B.	9/14/98	1	Rickerman, Elizabeth A.	9/5/06
8	Newton, Leslie A.	9/7/99	1	Fredriksen, Cassondra	9/11/06
8	Teartt, Sherry	9/13/99	1	Kerkela, Calvin D.	9/11/06
8	Machel, Christopher B.	9/20/99	1	Nguyen, Ninh	9/11/06
8	Mari, Melissa M.	9/27/99	1	Terry, James C.	9/11/06
7	Kallassy Jr, Carl P.	9/25/00	1	Callihan, Lillian D.	9/18/06
6	Bluhm, Lisa A.	9/3/01	1	Lyons, Patricia M.	9/18/06
6	Fish, Jeff L.	9/6/01	1	Pribyl, Christine	9/18/06
6	Taylor, Tamara K.	9/10/01	1	Coraggio, James T.	9/25/06
6	Fox, Djuan E.	9/12/01	1	Hurley, Thomas E.	9/25/06
6	McFarlin, Sandy L.	9/17/01	1	May, Thomas C.	9/25/06
6	Kuhn, Damon M.	9/24/03	1	Shea, Peter G.	9/25/06
5	Evans, John L.	9/3/02	1	Steele, Beatrice S.	9/25/06
5	Wagner, Frederick L.	9/3/02	1	Wyatt, Janet D.	9/25/06
5	Cuevas, Mirva Q.	9/9/02	1	Wright, Josephine A.	9/26/06



# SPC *employee birthdays*

## *September*

<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
09-01	Leonard, George K.	09-11	Burrows, Pamela M.	09-21	Reaves, Rainna L.
09-01	Roberson, Heather C.	09-11	Sullivan, John R.	09-21	Caballero, Kelly
09-01	Pereira, Kenneth N.	09-12	Kerns, Sandra A.	09-21	Callahan, Doyle William
09-01	Mitchell, Daphne F.	09-12	Gates, Roger W.	09-21	Buedel, Linda J.
09-02	Battle, Lashunda N.	09-12	Ocasio, Faith C.	09-22	Berger, Jo-Ann
09-02	Earle, Michael	09-13	Burnett, Susan W.	09-22	Schleper, Thomas C.
09-02	Bohrer, Madeleine	09-13	Dougherty, Damon J.	09-22	McConnell, Marcia R.
09-02	Nielsen, Polly K.	09-13	Stevens, Lori J.	09-23	Shea, Peter G.
09-02	Som, Savonn	09-13	Bowen, Paul M.	09-23	Roden, Peggy E.
09-02	Alchier, Mark J.	09-14	Pandey, Madhu	09-24	McCulloch, Mary L.
09-02	Willis, Mary B.	09-15	McCawthan, Wanda D.	09-24	Wolf, Lynne V.
09-03	Cooper, Anne M.	09-15	Hodges, Noreen H.	09-25	Patel, Christine K.
09-03	Chapin, Maria G.	09-15	Lansburg, Mary E.	09-25	Lyons, Patricia M.
09-03	Rodi, Antoinette	09-15	Kennedy, Catherine Crist	09-25	Purga, Adelbert
09-03	Whitehead, Renee N.	09-15	Miller, Michael P.	09-25	Mittelman, Greg K.
09-03	Lewis, Alfonso	09-16	Lechner, Jennifer L.	09-25	Wilcoxon, Robert L.
09-04	McLeod, Gregory K.	09-16	Biggs, Marie C.	09-26	Bell, Shirley D.
09-04	Offutt, Dena M.	09-16	Barbier, Patricia A.	09-26	Andrade, Micah W.
09-05	Neiberger, Anne N.	09-16	Rawley, Morgan L.	09-26	Mercadante Jr, Richard A.
09-05	Finklea, Tiffany R.	09-17	Jensen, Robin J.	09-26	Kachelriess, Billie J.
09-05	Dallaire, William J.	09-17	Vaillancourt Jr, Richard J.	09-26	Seay, Marianne
09-06	Quednau III, William H.	09-17	Davis, Rodrigo M.	09-26	Raditch, Paula J.
09-06	Byrd, Terry G.	09-18	Mercer, Joel	09-27	Morrison, Sharon L.
09-06	Blanchard, Susan H.	09-18	Jean, Raoul Joseph	09-28	Kanyuck, Julie B.
09-07	Wikoff, Marjorie-Anne	09-18	Wagner, Sherry R.	09-28	Proctor, Deborah M.
09-07	Klase, Ronalee S.	09-19	O'Dell, Vivian M.	09-28	Kurnik, John P.
09-08	Geiger, Theresa A.	09-19	Robertino, Valerie A.	09-28	Jean Jr, Paul
09-08	Walch, Daniel J.	09-19	Michaelson, Mary Kathleen	09-28	Smith, William J.
09-08	Ledford, Jennifer T.	09-19	Soto, Ivonne	09-29	Pitts, Barbara Ann S.
09-08	Simpson, Carmen A.	09-19	Steele, Beatrice S.	09-29	Barrs, Gene E.
09-08	Perry, Amelia Abraham	09-19	Machel, Christopher B.	09-30	Jordan, Dorothy I.
09-09	Tolman, Larry D.	09-19	Graham, Shane L.	09-30	Hobbs, Lawrence
09-09	Fettig, Brian S.	09-19	Zurro, Anthony A.	09-30	Kruger, Wayne D.
09-09	Knezevic, Radomir	09-20	Rodwell, Karen L.	09-30	Vanderwerf, Kathleen Kelley
09-09	Mikles, Stephen P.	09-20	Ortiz, Therezita K.	09-30	Rivera Sanchez, Miguel A.
09-09	Garrett, Tracy L.	09-20	Ball, Judy M.	09-30	White, Scott B.
09-10	Stewart, Carol	09-20	Fineout, Larry A.	09-30	Drooger, Craig E.
09-10	Bowen, Lee Ann H.	09-20	Jessup, Dianne M.	09-30	Lancraft, Thomas M.
09-10	McDonnell, Lisa M.	09-20	Forgione, Sheila A.	09-30	Betts, Yulonder B.
09-10	Hagan, Erin N.	09-21	Ruble, William C.		
09-10	Allen, Mary C.	09-21	Pianka, Jennifer R.		