

The FIVE-MINUTE FOODIE

**This week:
The Wave**

On the run, late again, no time to brew coffee or burn a bagel in the toaster. Not to worry, The Wave at EpiCenter has my back. Instead of rushing straight to work as usual, I recently took a few moments to grab a breakfast bite at The Wave. Nothing fancy – just an egg and cheese burrito and a cup of coffee.



Gourmet brunch fare? No, just your basic breakfast sandwiches, burritos, muffins and such to get your day started on the right foot. Good food, great prices, all in a friendly and clean environment.

Give it a try.
Egg and cheese burrito and a regular-sized coffee: \$3.27

The Five-Minute Foodie dines anonymously at SPC eateries. He pays for his own meals. His reviews will appear weekly in the Blue & White until he runs out of places to eat.

Info session draws more than 100



Latoya Williams, 23, looks over Business Administration program opportunities with Catherine Kennedy, director of SPC's University Partnership Center at the UPC's Information Session last week.

More than 100 people turned out at the University Partnership Center on the Seminole campus Thursday for Information Sessions on SPC's partnership programs.

The sessions included representatives from a number of SPC's partner universities. Catherine Kennedy, director of the University Partnership Center, said 111 people signed in for the sessions, which were designed to acquaint students with available degree opportunities.

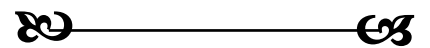
The various university partners set up tables outside the Seminole Campus' Digitorium and talked about their programs with the visitors.

"We had current high school students, adults in their 40s and 50s, and we even had grandparents come by to talk about opportunities for their grandchildren," Kennedy said. "It really was quite exciting."

The program's purpose is to provide educational opportunities not generally available at SPC. Partner institutions offer baccalaureate and post-graduate educational

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“Quoteworthy”



*He who loses wealth, loses much
He who loses a friend, loses more
But he who loses his courage, loses all*

– Cervantes



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Trustees approve new four-year degree programs

With more than 1,100 already graduated with four-year degrees, St. Petersburg College has turned its attention toward the creation of a number of new baccalaureate programs.

SPC's Board of Trustees met recently and approved their creation, according to Tom Furlong, senior vice president of Baccalaureate Programs and University Partnerships.

"We are continuing to provide basic educational access to all of Pinellas County," Furlong said.

Furlong said there will be new tracks in four areas — Entrepreneurial Education, Fundraising, Real Estate and Insurance. There also will be a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Health and Human Services, with a track in Child Development, he said.

These programs will be offered starting in January. Tracks in Biotechnology Management and Construction Management/Leed Certification, which involves green building certification, will begin in August.

St. Petersburg Developer Grady Pridgen urged the college to consider the construction track, Furlong said, and other local construction companies revealed an interest in a Lean Engineering track.

In the same fashion, the Florida Association of Realtors expressed an interest in having the college offer a four-year degree in Real Estate. When insurance industry officials heard about that, they urged a similar four-year program in Insurance, Furlong said.

The four-year Fundraising track will offer a number of benefits to people working in that field, according to Furlong. Fundraisers will be able to earn a four-year degree in their field, or use the undergraduate degree to pursue a master's degree in Fundraising, he said. That master's degree program is available at Indiana University, and can be accessed through SPC's University Partnership Center.

SPC already offers bachelor's degrees in the health field, but the new interdisciplinary program

should be attractive, especially to those who have previously earned associate degrees, according to Furlong.

"The people who have graduated over the years but now would like to earn bachelor's degrees, this is the program they can come back to," Furlong said. "It is a broad degree that people in various fields will find attractive."

The Child Development track responds to recent changes in state law which require day care and pre-school workers to have associate's degrees now, and bachelor's degrees a few years from now.

Employment Opportunities

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

High School Musical draws more than 3,000

THE
PALLADIUM
at ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

SPC employees had a hand in making the July performances of *High School Musical* a sellout at the Palladium.

Each summer, the Palladium offers a youth summer conservatory program in lyric theater. The one-month program included three teachers, 37 students, interns and other staff from Pinellas County schools.

"It takes hard work and dedication by the students, summer lyric staff, Palladium staff and others," said Cindy Parmentier, community relations director for the Palladium. "This program would not have been as successful had the SPC family not chipped in."

SPC employees who offered notable assistance included:

- Jeremy Peplow, who provided video equipment and services.
- Scott Weaver, who donated lumber for the set.
- Rich White, who helped with last minute pipe modifications.
- Jason Pagano and Rick Hutchinson, who moved sets from EPI to the Palladium.
- Institutional Advancement staff produced the program.

More than 3,000 tickets were sold for the performances. Three of the four performances were sold out and the fourth was 89% full. Internet sales for *High School Musical* were 50.47 percent, the highest percentage of online ticket sales for the Palladium to date.

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Linda Stegall of the SACS on-site team confers with Senior Vice President for Baccalaureate Programs and University Programs Tom Furlong and Seminole Campus Provost James Olliver about SPC's re-affirmation process during her recent visit to the college.

SACS chairman spends two days at SPC

Linda Stegall, chairman of the SACS on-site team, visited St. Petersburg College July 30 and 31 to help prepare staff and faculty for SACS re-affirmation. The process will include an on-site visit by the SACS team in September.

Stegall met with committee members who are preparing the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as well as those who worked on the compliance document. Her time at SPC included visits to a number of the college's sites.

The schedule for SACs re-affirmation

- Aug. 10** – “SACS Certified” training for EpiCenter staff.
- Aug. 16** – Fall Faculty – view QEP video.
- Aug. 20** – Campus awareness activities start.
- Sept. 3-7** – Campus “SACS Certified” training.
- Sept. 18** – “SACS Certified” training at Fall Professional Development Day.
- Sept. 25-27** – SACS on-site team visit.
- Dec.** – SACS votes on re-affirmation.



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programs locally without the hassle of relocating. The UPC partners provide the degree. The UPC provides a convenient location.

“Our purpose is to provide a continuum of education,” Kennedy said. “Someone can start at SPC and go all the way to a doctorate.”

SPC's university partners include: Barry University, Cleveland State University, Eckerd College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, Florida State University, University of Florida, Indiana University, Saint Leo University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, Florida A&M University, Florida Institute of Technology and Case Western Reserve University's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

Male Outreach Initiative plans career expos

SPC's Male Outreach Initiative will present a Male Career Expo at four locations in early August.

At the Expo, SPC career fields will be explored so that those attending will be able to focus on a future in business, computer-related crime investigation, crime scene technology, education, fire science, law enforcement, nursing and other fields.

Dates, times and locations for the Male Career Expo:

Monday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clearwater Campus, AD Lobby

Tuesday, 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tarpon Springs Campus, AD Lobby.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, AD

Thursday, 4 – 6 p.m., Seminole Campus, UP Lobby.

The Male Outreach Center works to increase the number of male students on all St. Petersburg College campuses through programs that focus on responsibility, leadership and respect.

