

## Nathan Crock named to *USA Today* Community College Academic First Team

Nathan Crock was more interested in football than academics when he attended Seminole High School. But now, at 20, he's a nationally recognized scholar with a 3.89 GPA, and one of just 20 students named to the All-USA Community College Academic First Team.



**Nathan Crock**

He is the third SPC student since 2003 to receive the honor.

Crock, who attends classes at SPC's St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, was in Philadelphia early this week to pick up his first-team award, along with a check for \$2,500 from *USA Today*, the event's sponsor. The awards ceremonies were part of the annual American Association of Community Colleges convention.

An additional 20 community college students were on hand as second-team members, and 20 more represented a third team of achievers, including Michelle Belisle, 44 a psychology student on the Tarpon Springs Campus.

Crock applied for the honor at the suggestion of Steve Meier, a social science instructor who serves as faculty advisor to Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society

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## Women's organization partners to build scholarship housing for SPC women

The Education Foundation of the Florida Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. will partner with St. Petersburg College and the St. Petersburg College Foundation to build a house for deserving female students. It will be the first time the college has joined with a partner to provide residential housing.

The building will provide a home for 16 women who cannot afford the burden of both tuition and housing. While the exact location has not

yet been determined, the building is expected to be located near the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus or SPC Downtown. A search for a suitable site is now under way.

"We are very excited about the prospect of being able to provide quality housing for women students who can't afford the cost of housing while going to school," said Susan Reiter, director of Facilities Planning & Institutional Services. "This will be the

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### Celebrating books

The sixth annual SPC Reads campaign begins Sunday, coinciding with National Library Week, Sunday through April 19. New posters featuring staff members will be placed on all campuses and libraries. Starla Metz, the new principal of St. Petersburg Collegiate High School, is pictured here with her favorite book, "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. Others featured include George Carbart, Student Support Services program director, St. Petersburg/Gibbs; Harry Coyle, communications instructor, St. Petersburg/Gibbs; Rod Davis, lead coordinator, Male Outreach Initiative, Tarpon Springs; Frank Diaz, natural science instructor, Clearwater; Brian Frank, dean, College of Public Safety Administration, Allstate Center; Sarah Haynes, social sciences instructor, St. Petersburg/Gibbs; Patty Jones, associate director, Human Resources, EpiCenter; Psalms Mack, associate provost, SPC Downtown; Nicholas Manias, ethics instructor, Clearwater; Phil Nicotera, associate provost, Caruth Health Education Center; Latrica Williams, mathematics instructor, Clearwater; and Lynda Womer, associate provost, Seminole. See all the posters at [www.spcollege.edu/central/news](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/news).

# Baseball team's win streak hits 5

The college baseball team ran its win streak to five Monday night with a 7-6 victory against Polk Community College.

The streak has allowed the college to pull a game ahead of Manatee CC in the Suncoast Conference race.

SPC is 13-4 in the conference and 31-14 overall. Manatee is 12-5 in the conference.

Eight games remain on the schedule. The next home game is Monday against Pasco-Hernando CC at 6 p.m.

The softball team dropped a double-header to conference-leading Manatee CC last week. Their conference record is 9-6 and the overall mark is 24-14-1. The team is at home at Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater for three doubleheaders in the next week.

Today, Polk CC visits at 5 p.m. Saturday, Hillsborough CC is here at 1 p.m. and Tuesday South Florida CC visits at 5 p.m.

To keep up with all of the SPC sports teams, visit [spcollege.edu/athletics](http://spcollege.edu/athletics).

# Mail rates to increase May 12

This is a reminder that postage increases on Monday, May 12, to 42 cents for a first class letter. Please try to address letters correctly to avoid any extra costs to the college. All letters must have a typed, not handwritten, address to save money. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Thank you

To all my SPC friends and colleagues:

Thank you for your cards, kind words, help and e-mails on the death of my father. My family and I greatly appreciate all your support and thoughtfulness.

Sharon Swallowood

## LRMA meeting

The Development Committee for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will meet at 2:30 p.m. April 18 in Museum Archives, 600 Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs, to discuss general committee business.

The Education and Outreach Committee for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 24 in the Museum Archives to discuss general committee business.

# Graduation deadlines imminent

Spring graduation is Saturday, May 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at Tropicana Field. All full-time faculty and Administrative and Professional staff are expected to participate. Commencement is an opportunity to exhibit to students and their families our respect for the work they have done and the sacrifices they have made to earn their degrees.

According to college policy, May graduation day is considered an official duty day with pay for faculty, and participation in the ceremony satisfies the duty requirements for that day. (For more information, contact your program director or campus provost.) If you have a circumstance that might require your absence, a written or e-mailed request with the purpose specifically stated should be submitted to President Kuttler (via Kim Corry and cc to your supervisor) **no later than April 18**. You will be notified of the status of your request by April 21. Faculty excused from participating will be expected to complete the appropriate leave form or arrange for an alternate duty day as directed by their supervisor.

"As valued members of the college family and as mentors to our students, please mark your calendar for this important event," Kuttler said. "And

keep in mind the appreciation felt by many students and parents for your presence there."

Those who need to order a cap and gown should do so immediately at any on-campus Follett's Bookstore or by calling Amy Pelletier at 347-0310 (SP/G bookstore). **The deadline to order graduation regalia has been extended to April 11.** Orders placed after that date will incur a late fee.

Adjunct instructors and percent-of-load faculty are invited – but not required – to participate in the May 3 graduation ceremony. Participation includes marching in the faculty processional, along with full-time faculty and A&P staff, in full academic regalia. Program directors can provide further instructions as necessary for participation.

Those adjuncts and percent-of-load faculty who wish to take part are asked to inform their program directors immediately, and make any necessary arrangements for regalia.

For questions about graduation participation, please call Kim Corry at Ext. 3260 in the President's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.



## Employment Opportunities

For job openings at the college, visit the Human Resources Web site at [www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/).

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## Wellness update

by Cathleen Shears



### April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Some common questions regarding alcohol consumption and its benefits and dangers:

#### What is considered a drink?

A drink is defined as:

- \* 12 ounces of regular beer or wine cooler
- \* 8 ounces of malt liquor
- \* 5 ounces of wine
- \* 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or liquor (gin, rum, vodka, whiskey).

#### What is moderate drinking?

Moderate drinking is defined as no more than one drink a day for women and no more than two drinks a day for men.

#### What is binge drinking?

Binge drinking is defined as more than four drinks in two hours for men and more than three drinks in two hours for women.

#### Why do men get to drink more?

Because women generally are smaller and metabolize alcohol differently than men, women can experience greater intoxication and negative health effects from the same amount of alcohol.

#### Who should never drink?

Women who are pregnant or hope to become pregnant; a person taking medications that may cause harm if taken with alcohol; people under the drinking age; recovering alcoholics; those driving any motor vehicle or performing activities that require total alertness; and those who have been advised against alcohol consumption by a health care practitioner.

#### What are the benefits of drinking alcohol?

Scientists have observed health benefits from moderate alcohol consumption, especially red wine, which is rich in resveratrol, an antioxidant. Many studies indicate that moderate or light drinkers have a lower risk of heart disease.

#### What are the risks associated with excessive drinking?

There are multiple long-term and short-term risks to excessive drinking. Excessive alcohol consumption is the third leading lifestyle-related cause of death in the United States.

Risks include: falls and other unintentional injuries, traffic accidents, domestic violence, loss of employment, addiction and long-term negative health effects, such as increased risk of cancer and liver disease.

To find out more about health-related alcohol issues, contact [shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu](mailto:shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu) or visit the wellness link on the HR home page.

*Information for these questions came from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dietary Guidelines for Americans, The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, UC Berkeley Wellness Newsletter, and JAMA 2004; 291(10): 1238-1245.*

## Don't miss the deadline for FSA reimbursement

For anyone who still has a 2007 balance in their Flexible Spending Account, (FSA), you have until Tuesday, April 29, to get your reimbursement claim postmarked. Because of the Leap Year, the deadline is one day earlier this year.

While the deadline to incur expenses for

2007 has passed, don't forget to mail your paperwork by April 29 to be eligible to receive your reimbursement. Go to the Human Resources Web site for the claim form, which has the address for Custom Benefit Services, the third party administrator that processes the FSA accounts.

## FACC spring activities

### Go Green and Save Green contest

During April, in honor of Earth Day, SPC's FACC Chapter encourages everyone at the college to spend a few minutes focusing on the environment. With its "Go Green and Save Green" initiative, FACC is challenging everyone to commit activities that, in addition to helping the environment, also will save the college money. Activities include saving paper, cutting back travel, conserving electricity and creating a healthier workplace environment. SPC staff can commit to any or all of the activities recommended on the FACC Web site by completing a brief survey located at [http://it.spcollege.edu/cfsurveys/survey.cfm?su\\_id=2203](http://it.spcollege.edu/cfsurveys/survey.cfm?su_id=2203).

This activity will be competitive. The campus with the highest percentage of staff pledges will receive an oak tree from the FACC chapter to be planted on the campus during a special ceremony.

Look for more information about this initiative and link to the survey on the FACC Web site (found in the "departments" drop down box on [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu)).

### SPC/FACC Night at the Trop

Join FACC at Tropicana Field on Monday, May 12, for a Rays/Yankees game. Tickets cost \$20. Seats are located in the lower portion of the outfield. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for students in

our Male Outreach Initiative. FACC is also looking for individuals to donate tickets to SPC students so they, too, can join in the fun. Contact Li-Lee Tunceren, Ext. 4621, Rod Davis, Ext. 5917 or Davie Gill, Ext. 3529.

### Clothes to Kids coming soon

Look for drop-off locations soon on all campuses for new and gently used children's clothing. Clothes will be donated to the non-profit store, Clothes to Kids, and special vouchers will be provided for SPC students to select clothes for their children. For more information, contact Tammy Cappleman, Ext. 3129.

# Cultural corner

Some of the arts and entertainment events  
presented by St. Petersburg College and its partners



## **Continuing through April 24**

Ninth Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater Campus. Free.

## **Continuing through May 8**

"Dorothy Gillespie: Shaping Sculpture," Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs Campus. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, extended hours 5-9 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Free admission Sundays.

## **Continuing through May 11**

"Vatican Splendors," collection of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican. Florida International Museum, 244 Second Ave. N, St. Petersburg. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Last entry is at 5 p.m. \$20 adults, \$13 ages 6-12, \$17 seniors, \$15 military.

## **Continuing through May 4**

American Stage in the Park, "Pirates of Penzance," Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. \$11-\$26.

## **Continuing through Sunday, April 12**

Co-Motion Dance Theatre Concert, 8 p.m. Arts Auditorium, Clearwater Campus. Free.

## **Friday, April 11**

Festival of States Band Competition, high school jazz, 10 a.m., Palladium. Free.

## **Friday, April 11**

Faculty Recital: Barbara Prescott, flute and Ruth Northcutt, piano. 7:30 p.m., Music Center. Free.

## **Saturday, April 12**

Jeff Narell, steel drums workshop, demonstration & clinic. 10 a.m., Music Center. Free.

## **Saturday, April 12**

Suncoast Singers: "An Andrew Lloyd Webber Evening," 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$12-\$16.

## **April 12-14**

Florida Orchestra, Pinchas Zukerman, 8 p.m. April 12, Mahaffey Theater; 7:30 p.m. April 13, Ruth Eckerd Hall; 8 p.m. April 14, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. \$19-\$54. **SPC student, faculty and staff special:** \$10 advance student tickets can be purchased through the mail, in person or by telephone at The Florida Orchestra Ticket Center. Students must present ID when collecting tickets at the Will Call window, night of concert. Sales limited to two tickets per student ID. Subject to availability. Faculty and staff can purchase tickets at the student rate of \$10 by calling the Florida Orchestra Ticket Center (813-286-2403 or toll-free at 1-800-662-7286) and identifying yourself as faculty or staff to place your order.

## **Sunday, April 13**

Side Door Special: James "Kimo" West, Hawaiian slack key guitarist. 6 p.m., Palladium. \$15.

## **April 17-19**

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" musical, 7 p.m. Arts Auditorium, Clearwater Campus. Free.

## **Friday, April 18**

Organ Concert Series; Daniel Sullivan. 7:30 p.m. Music Center. Free.

## **Saturday, April 19**

Women Taking Care of Music Variety Show and Singing Contest, benefits CASA. 7 p.m., Palladium. \$20 - \$50.

## **Sunday, April 20**

USF Symphony Orchestra: Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring," 4 p.m., Palladium. \$6 - \$12.

## **Sunday, April 20**

Florida Orchestra, Concert in the Park, 7:45 p.m., Coachman Park, Clearwater. Free.

## **Monday, April 21**

St. Petersburg College Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Music Center. Free.

## **Tuesday, April 22**

Encore 2008, Made in the USA: "From Sea to Shining Sea," 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$12 - \$17.

## **Thursday, April 24**

Side Door Jazz: Impromptu, 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$20.

## **Friday, April 25**

St. Petersburg College Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. Music Center. Free.

## **Saturday, April 26**

Florida Orchestra, Concert in the Park, 7:30 p.m., Al Lopez Park, Tampa. Free.

## **Saturday, April 26**

SPC Chorus & Madrigalians Concert, 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Music Center. Free.

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first housing that SPC has been able to provide to students since the college was founded in 1927. We're delighted to be able to partner in this project with the Education Foundation of the Florida Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs."

The goal is for the housing to open sometime in 2009.

The Education Foundation of the Florida Federation of BPW Clubs Inc. first provided college housing for deserving women in 1965 with its first facility at Florida



Paul Hanna

State University. The facility offered housing to 21 women who possessed outstanding academic records and who demonstrated financial need.

"We recognized many years ago that there are many women in Florida who could excel in college if they simply had a good, safe, affordable place to live on or near campus," said Education Foundation president Christine Weigle, who is also a member of one of St. Petersburg's two BPW local organizations. "It has been

the dream of our members to provide that assistance in a true women-helping-women spirit."

Over the years, almost all money for construction has come from within the membership of the BPW clubs that support the Education Foundation, Weigle noted. At each regular meeting, BPW groups pass around a piggy bank to which individuals contribute money toward the scholarship houses.

The Education Foundation also has specified that the SPC scholarship house be built according to environmentally friendly or "green" standards and be accessible to individuals at all levels of physical ability, fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The St. Petersburg College Foundation, which raises money to help make a college education possible for those who need financial assistance, also is a partner in the house. SPC Foundation Director Paul Hanna said the house would be a major step toward higher education for deserving women.

"The foundation is delighted to be able to partner with BPW and to help make this house a reality," Hanna said.

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for two-year colleges. Membership in PTK is not required for the awards eligibility, but nearly all First-Team awardees are members.

"It is a rigorous application — it takes a lot of work, and they have to write an essay and get together letters of recommendation," Meier said. "Nathan is very involved all over campus. He is president of the Honors College, he's vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, and he's president of the Engineering Club."

He also is a student in the Honors College. It was his activities with the Engineering Club that may have gotten the attention of the All-USA Community College judges. He was the only freshman to participate in the club's project to build a hydrogen-powered go-kart.

To hear Crock tell it, academics weren't all that important to him until he realized that he probably would not become a professional football player.

"I really focused on sports in high school," he said. "Once I realized I wasn't going to be quite good enough to become a football player, I came to SPC and started taking some basic courses."

Some of those basic courses involved math, and Crock soon discovered a love for math and physics, areas that he hopes to continue to pursue at Cornell once he graduates from SPC.

Lots of people have helped him succeed at SPC, he said, but he asked to single out three people for special recognition.

"Dr. Nadia Yevstigneyeva, assistant director of Honors College; Steve Meier, advisor for PTK; and Dr. AnnMarie Eligon, the advisor for the Engineering Club," he said. "My involvement in those three things have made all this possible."

More than 1,500 students from 849 community colleges were nominated for the award.

## SPC night at Vatican Splendors

The final of three special evenings for SPC students, faculty and staff to enjoy the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit at the Florida International Museum at SPC Downtown is April 18. Hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for SPC students, \$13 for ages 6 to 12 and free for ages 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, which closes at 7 p.m. RSVP at [www.spcollege.edu/events](http://www.spcollege.edu/events). SPC faculty, staff and students can park free in the SPC parking garage next to the museum, at 244 Second Ave. N, St. Petersburg. Refreshments will be served in the second floor Community Room.

## Onward & Upward

Kimberly Felos, an instructor in Fine and Applied Arts at the Tarpon Springs Campus, presented her experiences as a Fulbright Scholar in Pakistan as part of the seminar, "Through My Eyes: Perspectives on the Refugee Experience," at the campus.

## Hall of Distinction April 30

The fifth annual Hall of Distinction dinner will be April 30 at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club in St. Petersburg. The reception starts at 6:15 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Former CBS executive Jim Sirmons will be honored as the outstanding alumnus, and Bankers Financial Corp. Chairman Robert Menke will be honored by the Foundation. Tickets are \$100. Reservations can be made at [www.spcollege.edu/events](http://www.spcollege.edu/events).

## News about SPC

St. Petersburg College is attracting increasing attention from the news media on a wide variety of subjects. For links to several recent reports of interest to the SPC community, visit [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu) and click on the spotlight "SPC in the News."

# BOT *Highlights*

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## PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Lorna K. Beyer, Provost Office/Career Development Center, Seminole Campus; Carol R. Covey, Business Office, Clearwater Campus; George A. Wirtz, Information Systems, EpiCenter District Office; and Katherine N. Worley, Word Processing, Allstate Center. Ms. Beyer was present and, joined by colleagues, received her resolution as presented by Chairman Johnston and President Kuttler.

## EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS

Approval was given by the Board for the following: (1) Increase in cost for printing and auxiliary services for the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute through bid awarded to National Media Services; and (2) Amendment to Lease Agreement with the Pinellas County Police Standards Council for an extension of term.

## CAPITAL OUTLAY (Money that can be spent only on construction projects)

The Board approved the following: (1) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property; (2) 2007/08 Sanitation, Casualty, and Safety Inspection Report; (3) Amendment (Spot Survey) #1 to the Educational Plant Survey dated June 19, 2007; (4) Reappropriation of PECO and Challenge Grant Funds from the Clearwater Campus to the Veterinary Technology Center located at the School Board of Pinellas County's Seminole Vocational Education Center; and (5) Phase I Schematic Plans and Preliminary GMP for Phase I Addition for Utility Infrastructure and Equipment for Palladium Renovations, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

## CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved the following **changes** to the Rules and Procedures Manual: Rule 6Hx23-5.16 Travel by College Personnel, Board of Trustees and Authorized Persons. This adds language to provide that for foreign travel, the actual cost of recommended immunizations, international travel insurance, medical evacuation/repatriation insurance, and visas may be reimbursed.

## CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES

### EFFECTIVE TERM III, 2007-2008:

The Board approved **changes** in the following courses: CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry II; GLY 2010 Physical Geology; GLY 2010L Physical Geology Lab; GLY 2100 History of the Earth and Life; MCB 2010L Microbiology Laboratory. The Board approved **deletion** of the following program: **Certificate**: Crime Analysis (CRAN).

### EFFECTIVE TERM I, 2008-2009:

The Board approved **addition** of the following course: COM 3XXX Group Communication and Team Interaction. The Board approved **changes** in the following programs: **BAS** Degrees: Banking (BANK); Management and Organizational Leadership (MGTORG).

## GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) Subcontract Agreement through a Tennessee Technological University grant proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for CAT National Dissemination: Assessing and Improving Learning.

## EXPANSION OF EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Board authorized expansion of the Early College Program (ECP) to the Tarpon Springs Campus. The ECP, which began at the Clearwater Campus in Fall 2007-08, was expanded to the Seminole Campus following Board approval in Nov. 2007. Both expansions will begin offering the ECP for the 2008-09 school year.

## FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board confirmed its next meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at EpiCenter beginning with a workshop at 8 a.m. to discuss the 2+2 Articulation Agreement with the State University System. (This workshop topic is a change from what was previously advertised as "Report on the SPC Foundation.") The Board rescheduled its Tuesday, May 20, meeting to Friday, May 16, due to a schedule conflict. The meeting will be held at the Health Education Center, beginning with a workshop at 8 a.m., topic to be determined.