



## Spring graduation 2008



Apollo Award finalist Kacey Angel-Lee gets a congratulatory kiss from her son, Benny, 5.

### 653 graduate at SPC's 106<sup>th</sup> commencement

St. Petersburg College held its spring graduation ceremony Saturday at Tropicana Field. Family and friends looked on as 653 graduates earned degrees. Of those, 230 were baccalaureate degrees.

Sixty St. Petersburg Collegiate High School students received their associate degrees Saturday; their high school diplomas were conferred Friday night in a ceremony at the

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### Cecil Keene resigns as SPC board member

Cecil B. Keene, 84, a member of the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees since April 2001, has resigned for health reasons. No successor has been named.

Before his time on the board, Keene worked at SPC as a counselor and college articulation officer for a number of years.

"Cecil Keene has served

St. Petersburg College for many years and in a number of roles, both as a staff member and as a trustee," said SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. "He has left a very positive imprint, has set a fine example, and has contributed greatly to SPC's role in the community."



Cecil B. Keene

Keene served as a member of the Florida Board of Regents, and also served as dean of students and admissions at Gibbs Junior College. Previously, he was principal of Gibbs High School and of the former Pinellas High School in Clearwater. He also taught at Knoxville Veterans School and Miles College.

From 1987 to 1993, he was vice chairman of the Florida A&M University Foundation Board.

During World War II, Keene served as a U.S. Army officer in Italy. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University and a Master of

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## SPC baseball team opens state tournament Friday

The St. Petersburg College baseball team begins play in the state tournament Friday at Chain O' Lakes Park in Winter Haven.

The 2005 state champions meet Broward Community College at 10 a.m. in the first game of the tournament.

Coach Dave Pano's team won the Suncoast Conference with a 18-7 record and was 38-17 overall. Taking a team to the state tournament is nothing for Pano, whose team was second in the country in 2005.

The eight-team double-elimination tournament concludes

Tuesday. Pensacola Junior College and Miami-Dade College are considered the favorites.

A victory in the opener sends SPC against the winner of Friday's Seminole CC-Chipola CC game at 4 p.m. Saturday. A first-round loss sends SPC to a Saturday game at 10 a.m. against the loser of the Seminole-Chipola game.

The softball team had a rough trip to the state tournament last weekend, losing two straight in the double-elimination tournament.

To keep up with the baseball team, visit [www/spcollege.edu/athletics](http://www/spcollege.edu/athletics).

## SPC/FACC Night at the Trop

Join us at Tropicana Field on Monday 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 the Male Outreach Initiative Program. Contact Li-Lee Tunceren, ext. 4621, Rod Davis, ext. 5917 or Davie Gill, ext. 3529.



## Change in listing of birthdays and anniversaries

Instead of running long lists of the monthly birthdays and anniversaries at the end of each month, we're going to give you a week's worth in each edition of the Blue & White. The full month's list will be available from the online edition.

The lists will run a week in advance so that you have proper notice of a milestone. This week's Blue & White contains the list for May 16 to May 22. The May 16 edition will include May 23 to May 29.

### Birthdays, May 16 though May 22

Birth Date	Name
05-16	Neale, Pamela S.
05-16	Raze, Robert
05-16	Stimer, Carolyn K.
05-16	Reiter, Gildred B.
05-17	Rabelo, Gregory
05-17	Merry, Scott
05-17	Dinamidis, Linda
05-18	Silva, Maria C.
05-19	Love, Terry E.
05-19	DeGraw, Irving H.
05-20	Hooks, William J.
05-20	Brusko, Sivilai K.
05-21	Ballenger, Susan L.
05-21	Suarez, Federico
05-21	Miller, Margaret M.
05-22	Honig, Leslie F.



### Anniversaries May 16 though May 22

Number Of Years	Name	Hire Date
34	Lenges, John P.	5/20/74
28	Munnerlyn, Michael E.	5/19/80
21	Ulmer, Yvonne	5/18/98
16	Foley, Eileen	5/18/92
15	Duncan, Joanne N.	5/18/93
7	Quinlan, William J.	5/21/01
5	Brumbaugh, Doug	5/19/03
5	Walker, Gail E.	5/19/03
3	Martinez, Robert A.	5/16/05

## 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 "News" link.

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Arts degree from Atlanta University. He also studied at Florida A&M University and at the University of Miami.

He was appointed to the SPC board by Gov. Jeb Bush.

Born in Clearwater, Keene has lived for many years in St. Petersburg.

## 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/).

St. Petersburg College is dedicated to the concept of equal opportunity. The college will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or marital status, or against any qualified individual with disabilities, in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. Recognizing that sexual harassment constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex and violates this rule, the college will not tolerate such conduct. Should you experience such behavior, please contact the director of EA/EO at 727-341-3261; by mail at P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3489; or by e-mail at [eao\\_director@spcollege.edu](mailto:eao_director@spcollege.edu).

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College Wellness Coordinator  
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appears weekly in the Blue & White.

## Wellness update

by Cathleen Shears



### Spring Wellness Update

During the first quarter of 2008, three health screenings were held at St. Petersburg College. A total of 901 tests were performed on 91 budgeted employees. As in 2007, high cholesterol and osteoporosis remain the top abnormal health outcomes.

Another problem area for many of the SPC employees who screened in 2007 and early this year was an abnormal outcome on the ASI or Arterial Stiffness Index test. These results indicate that they may be at risk for hardening of the arteries, also called atherosclerosis.

The hardening occurs naturally as we age, but accelerated damage to arteries can be caused by smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes. Damaged arteries are more susceptible to a build up of cholesterol and fatty deposits and to restricted blood flow.

What to do?

Sharing your concerns with your health care provider is always advisable.

Positive lifestyle change can limit or slow the damage to arteries.

Behavior changes such as beginning an exercise program, managing stress, eating more fruits and vegetables and quitting smoking can reduce risks for atherosclerosis, heart disease and stroke.

Healthy Lifestyle educational sessions are available for all SPC employees on each campus. These sessions discuss weight loss, exercise and managing stress. The first sessions held at the EpiCenter during April were a big success.

These four, 45-minute lunchtime sessions are scheduled upon request. There is no fee to attend.

**Session 1** – Why diets don't work – goal setting for success.

**Session 2** – The behavioral aspect to eating.

**Session 3** – Making healthy changes – nutrition and exercise.

**Session 4** – Managing stress.

To register for Healthy Lifestyle sessions, contact [shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu](mailto:shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu) or call ext. 3083.

Additional wellness educational information can also be found on the wellness link on the HR home page.

### Mail rates going up Monday

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

## Office of Special Program students win Brain Bowl titles

Students in programs offered through SPC's Office of Special Programs and Center of Excellence took top honors in the recent 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual History & Cultural and Mathematics Brain Bowl Competition in Clearwater.

Four SPC-sponsored teams competed – three in Mathematics and one in History & Culture. During the event, students in grades 6 to 12 tested their knowledge in FCAT- and SAT-based questions, vying for college scholarships and other prizes.



VATICAN  
SPLENDORS

FROM SAINT PETER'S BASILICA,  
THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SWISS GUARD

### Final weekend for the Vatican exhibit

The hugely successful "Vatican Splendors" exhibit at the Florida International Museum, featuring a collection of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican, closes Sunday. Extended hours for the final days are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$20 adults, \$13 ages 6-12, \$17 seniors, \$15 military.



### Performances by and for our Russian guests

Students visiting from Orenburg State University in Siberia will perform at the Palladium at 7 p.m. May 16. The college family has been invited by President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. to see the show free. The RSVP deadline has passed, but if you missed it and still want to attend, contact Wilma Norton in Institutional Advancement, ext. 3354, to see if tickets are available. The concert has now been opened to the public for \$5 per ticket.

The public also has been invited to attend a matinee/dress rehearsal at 2:30 p.m. May 16 at the Palladium. No tickets are required.

The SPC Music Department is doing a special show at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, for the Russian visitors at the Music Center on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. This performance is in appreciation for the hospitality shown to SPC students and faculty on a February visit to Russia.

The performance will include members of the SPC Russian Musical Ambassadors group, excerpts from recent performances of the SPC Dance Company, Co-Motion Dance Theatre, and select performances by a local dance theatre company directed by area dance instructor, Suzanne.

It is free and open to the public.

Philip Bauer, 15, was recognized by President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. during the ceremonies. He began classes at SPC at 11 and graduated Magna Cum Laude with his A.A.



La Kisha Demetris Moss was among the first of 653 to receive her diploma from Trustee Ken Burke Saturday. She earned a bachelor's in dental hygiene.



Adam Goch of the Tarpon Springs Campus was the Apollo Award winner.

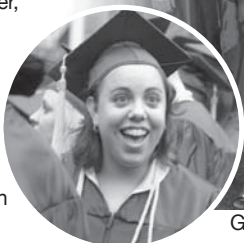
# St. Petersburg College 106th Commencement Exercises



President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. with the Apollo Award finalists, from left, Stephen Watson, Adam Goch, Kacey Angel-Lee and Joseph Vincent-Tompkins.



Maria Conaway, who received her A.S. in Health Information Management, is congratulated by her sister, Queenie Edwards, left, and their mother, Josephine Edwards, right.



Michelle Ginn is all smiles as she gets close to her bachelor's degree in biology education.



Nicole Baskett, left, and Terry Stalans document their graduation with bachelor's degrees in exceptional student education.

Graduates watched themselves on the giant screen as they marched to their seats.



Honored guests included, from left, former trustee and current Mr. Sun Tom Gregory and his wife, Reed; Michelle Hovey, sister of Priscilla Presley and archivist for Wendell Ware; Ware, a member of the SPC Hall of Distinction; and former foundation director Janice Buchanan.



Kelsey T. Smith, a graduate of St. Petersburg Collegiate High School, was one of the student speakers.



Graduates from the College of Education made themselves visible in the crowd.

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Mike Alstott received the President's Award from President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.



Melissa Englehart was among the first to receive her diploma from Trustee Ken Burke Saturday. She earned a bachelor's in dental hygiene.



Cathy Motta-Love, a B.S.N. candidate, was one of the student speakers.



St. Petersburg College  
106th Commencement Exercises

The processional of 653 graduates plus 475 faculty and administrators stretched across Tropicana Field.

## Graduation *from Page 1*

Palladium Theater.

The college awarded its first bachelor's degrees in banking at the 106<sup>th</sup> commencement.

The first participants in the Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) also graduated. These students, who formerly received a non-education bachelor's degree, completed a three-term credit program through the College of Education, which qualified them for Florida's Five-Year Professional Teacher Certification.

President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. presided over the ceremonies.

The rarely bestowed President's Award was granted to recently-retired Tampa Bay Buccaneers player Mike Alstott.

Kuttler said he recently attended the Vatican Splendors exhibit in St. Petersburg with Alstott and his family.

"I have come to know, love and appreciate his values," Kuttler said.

"Most of us know Mike Alstott through his outstanding and successful football career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In the larger life of families in our community, the Mike Alstott Family Foundation – formed in 2007 – is enabling children to realize their full potential through various events, assistance programs and celebrations."

Kuttler recognized faculty and



President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. and former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Mike Alstott pose with State Rep. Janet Long, center, and her family. Long's son, Richard Logan Long III, not pictured, received his bachelor's degree in public safety administration after three interruptions for National Guard service.

staff members of the college who are retiring.

SPC faculty and staff members, Kuttler told the graduates, "go the extra mile every day to contribute personally to the national standing and reputation the college enjoys."

"More importantly, our faculty and staff invest personally in our students – lifting them up and taking time to help assure their success,"

he said. "This is SPC's culture – dedication and commitment to quality. SPC truly has the best faculty and staff in America."

About 475 faculty and administrators participated in the ceremony.

Receiving the Apollo Award, the college's highest honor for two-year students, was Adam Goch. He was one of four Apollo Award finalists, all of whom received certificates of recognition. The others were Kacey Angel-Lee, Joseph Vincent-Tompkins and Stephen Watson.

The Outstanding Alumni Award went to Jim Sirmons, a broadcaster who served for many years as a senior vice president of CBS.

During the ceremonies, Kuttler recognized:

- Philip Bauer, who earned his A.A. at 15.
- Maria Hough, who came to St. Petersburg from Russia and earned a degree in dental hygiene.
- Pamela Himmel, the national Outstanding eLearning Student of the Year.
- Richard Logan Long III, a Clearwater police officer who earned his bachelor's in public safety administration after three interruptions for service in the National Guard.



Thousands cheered the graduates from the stands.

# St. Petersburg College *Hall of Distinction* 2008



Robert M. Menke (left) and Jim Sirmons were inducted into the Hall of Distinction on April 30, at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club in St. Petersburg. **Videos and biographies** of the inductees as well as a **photo gallery** from this year's event are available online at [www.spcollege.edu/central/foundation/hod.htm](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/foundation/hod.htm).



Emcee Tonjua Williams introduces past Hall of Distinction inductees. From left, Hazel Hough, Bill Hough, Wendell Ware, Tom Gregory, Joe Lang and Henry Saylor.



Michelle Hovey, Wendell Ware, Nancy Buckles, Tom Gregory and Reed Gregory



Helen Leslie, Janice Buchanan, Jim Sirmons, Wendell Ware and Bill Emerson lead the singing of the Alma Mater.



Jim Sirmons, second from left, was one of the honorees.'



President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. with Foundation chairman Ken Cherven and Alumni Association president Laura Krueger Brock.

# Cultural corner

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



## **Continuing through Sunday, 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 9 p.m. today; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. \$20 adults, \$13 ages 6-12, \$17 seniors, \$15 military.

## **Continuing through Sunday, May 11**

**An Artistic Discovery: The 27th Annual Congressional High School Art Competition and Exhibition,** Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art.

## **Continuing through May 25**

**"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 seniors, free to students and SPC staff. Free admission Sundays.

## **Friday, May 9**

**Piano Concert Series;** Lise Frank, piano, and Detlef Scholz, baritone, 7:30 p.m. Music Center. Free.

## **Friday, May 9**

**Florida Orchestra,** Concert in the Park, 7:30 p.m., Lowry Park, Tampa. Free.

## **Wednesday, May 14**

**On the Easel:** Abraham Rattner, Tapestry Design for Inside Ark Door Chapel, noon, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art. Free with admission.

## **Thursday, May 15**

**Side Door Jazz: Nate Najar Trio,** recording a live CD in the Side Door Cabaret, 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$20.

## **Friday, May 16**

**NEW Zhemchuzhinka,** song and dance troupe from Orenburg State University in Siberia, 7 p.m. Palladium. Free to SPC faculty, staff and their families.

## **Friday, May 16**

**Organ Concert Series;** Nathan Laube. 7:30 p.m. Music Center. Free.

## **Saturday, May 17**

**"Clarence Darrow: The Search for Justice,"** portrayed by Gary Anderson. Presented by ACLU of Florida 7:15 p.m., Palladium. \$45 advance, \$60 day of show, \$20 students.

## **May 17-18**

**Florida Orchestra,** Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. May 17, Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg; 7:30 p.m. May 18, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater. \$21-\$56.

## **Thursday, May 22**

**Florida Orchestra,** Coffee Concert, "Romance & Rhapsody," 11 a.m., Mahaffey Theater. \$20-\$32.

## **Friday, May 23**

**Piano Concert Series;** John Andrew Slominsk, 7:30 p.m. Music Center. Free.

## **May 23-25**

**Florida Orchestra,** "Star-Spangled Pops," featuring tenor Daniel Rodriguez, 8 p.m. May 23, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Tampa;

8 p.m. May 24, Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg; and 7:30 p.m. May 24, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater. \$19-\$54.

## **Sunday, May 25**

**Little Hometown Soldiers: I Believe I Can Fly,** an open mike night for children and a kids' musical dedicated to military families. 3 p.m., Palladium. Free.

## **May 28 through June 22**

**"Betrayal,"** by Harold Pinter, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, American Stage, \$22-\$35. Student rush tickets, sold 30 minutes before curtain, are \$10. Pay What You Can Night is June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

## **Thursday, May 29**

**Side Door Jazz: Stan Hunter Quartet,** "My Favorite Standards," 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$20.

## **May 29-31**

**Florida Orchestra,** "Beethoven & Brahms," 8 p.m. May 29, Ruth Eckerd Hall; 8 p.m. May 30, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center; and 8 p.m. May 31, Mahaffey Theater. \$19-\$54.

## **Friday, May 30**

**Fred Astaire Dance Studio Showcase: From Ballroom to Broadway,** 7:30 p.m., Palladium. \$15.

## **Saturday, May 31**

**Soulful Arts Dance Academy End of Year Concert.** 7 p.m., Palladium. Tickets price TBA.