

**FCAT Day draws almost 500 prospective students**

SPC Library Technician Reggie Hill, left, talks with Gulf High School student Aly Heller about St. Petersburg College. Aly came from Port Richey Tuesday with her mother to visit the SP/G Campus where she plans to major in music.

College sticks with five-day work week

After much deliberation, the President's Cabinet voted unanimously on Monday to continue the five-day work week for the summer.

Support for the four-day work week was strong among employees who responded to the survey, but making this transition in time for the summer session is not feasible because of the many programs and events already in place and the many offices that need to remain open on Fridays.

President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. indicated the subject will be revisited, and it's possible a four-day work week could be implemented next summer. "We appreciate everyone's interest in this option," he said, "but the Cabinet did not feel comfortable making a major change at this time."

Catherine Kennedy to oversee international programs

Catherine Kennedy, Associate VP, University Partnership Center and International Programs, assumed expanded responsibilities Monday that put her in charge of international partnerships and programs.



Kennedy had been responsible for such educational partnerships as those that exist between St. Petersburg College and other U.S. educational institutions through the UPC. The expansion of Kennedy's duties is part of a continuing reorganization in which administrators are taking on dual roles without additional compensation. The position of Dean of International Programs, held by Karen Kaufman White until she became Provost of the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, will not be filled.

"I'll be overseeing all aspects of SPC's international efforts - Study Abroad initiatives, International Student Services and others," Kennedy said.

Kennedy will retain her office on the Seminole campus but also will work out of an International Programs office on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. In both her roles, Kennedy will report to Anne Cooper, Senior VP, Academic & Student Affairs.

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\$5,000 Silverberg Endowment grant proposals now being sought

The Silverberg Endowment for Academic Excellence first was awarded in 1982 and has been given annually since then. The annual grant, of up to \$5,000, goes to support, enhance, enrich or develop programs of benefit to SPC and its students.

Proposals for 2009 now are being accepted.

Proposals are invited from faculty and staff in regular (non-acting) budgeted positions in any area of SPC. Grants are for up to \$5,000. Particularly sought are those ideas that will engage persons in creative endeavors and activities.

Submissions should be forwarded to the campus provost for review and signed approval. They then must go to Executive Director Paul Hanna of the SPC Foundation at the District Office by March 20.

Proposals will be considered by the Silverberg family, and it is expected that the 2009 award will be announced by April 30.

Proposals should include:

- Campus and department submitting the proposal.
- Name(s) and campus addresses of proposal originator(s).
- A brief description of the proposal, including goals and objectives, costs involved, project timeline, method of evaluation, and statement of purpose and need.

Deep appreciation is expressed to the members of the Silverberg family for the establishment of the Endowment Fund, and for their interest in and support

On SPC-TV

Here is the broadcast schedule for the original cultural programs recorded by SPC for broadcast on the college station. SPC-TV can be seen on Bright House 620, Knology 19 and Verizon 27 in Pinellas County.

- **A Night at the Palladium: Harambee; African Culture Showcase**, Tuesday 8 p.m.; Thursday 9 p.m.
- **The Music Center Presents: St. Petersburg College Band**, Sunday noon and 9 p.m.; Friday 8 p.m.
- **CoMotion Fall Dance Concert**, Monday 9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- **A Night at the Palladium: An Evening with Rosa Rio**, Sunday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Tuesday 9 p.m.
- **A Night at the Palladium: Nathan Laube**, Monday 8 p.m.; Friday 9 p.m.

of St. Petersburg College.

Douglas Raynor, Epi custodian, dies at 56

Douglas Raynor, a Custodian Crew Leader at the



EpiCenter and an SPC employee for the past eight years, died Monday at Hospice House Woodside in Pinellas Park. He was 56 and a Pinellas Park resident.

His wife, Jodi, who works in Facilities Planning at EpiServices, said he was diagnosed with cancer about two years ago.

"Doug absolutely loved working for the college, and he loved his crew and all his co-workers," she said. "He was very happy here."

Jim Waechter, Director of Facilities Services, said Mr. Raynor worked at the Clearwater Campus briefly when he first joined SPC, then worked at the Tarpon Springs Campus for about two years before joining the EpiCenter crew.

"I had a few precious moments to spend with Doug last week," Waechter said. "He would want you to know that he was completely at peace. That peace comes from Doug's knowledge that his beloved wife Jodi is loved and cared for so much by so many of us here at the college."

Jodi Raynor said her husband enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and also enjoyed boating and camping with his family. A celebration of life will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Hospice House Woodside, 6770 102nd Ave., Pinellas Park.

Graduation reminder to faculty and staff

Spring graduation is at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 9, at Tropicana Field, and the deadline to order rental or keeper graduation regalia is March 31.

Attendance is mandatory for all full-time faculty and Administrative and Professional staff. Adjuncts and percent-of-load faculty are not required, but are welcome to participate. Required faculty and staff may seek to be excused by submitting a written request to President Kuttler by April 24 with the purpose clearly stated.

Regalia can be ordered from Follett's Bookstore on any campus. Follett's will need your name, height (with shoes), weight, cap size (or head measurement, in inches), full title of your degree, and the school which conferred your degree along with the university's location (city and state), and a phone number where you can be contacted. Orders received after March 31 will incur a late fee. Direct questions to your campus bookstore.

Spend FSA money by March 15

There's still time. You have until March 15 to incur expenses for your FSA money and until April 30 to submit your claim form and receipts.

You can visit the doctor, pay for prescriptions or other approved medical expenses, or buy qualified over-the-counter items and still get reimbursed from 2008 monies. Our third-party administrator, Custom Benefit Services, automatically looks for unused 2008 funds before refunding 2009 funds to you. Things to know when you submit your claim:

- » Include documentation with the provider's name, date of service, services rendered and the amount.
 - » Some expenses (vitamins, weight loss programs) require a doctor's letter of medical necessity.
 - » Don't highlight or put tape on receipts.
 - » Canceled checks, bank statements, credit card statements, discharge papers and estimation of fees are not considered receipts.
 - » Claims received after Wednesday are processed the following week. For details, call Custom Benefit Services at 1-800-809-8161.
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Locker Room: Baseball team unbeaten after 4 conference games

The baseball team swept Polk Community College in the first three games of the Suncoast Conference season and then rallied to beat South Florida CC Wednesday night, 9-3.

The team scored 10 runs in the top of the ninth inning Saturday afternoon at Polk CC to pull out a 14-9 victory. Game three of a three-game series with South Florida CC is Saturday afternoon at Carpenter Complex at 2 p.m. The team's overall record is 20-11 after Wednesday's win.

The softball team is 8-11 overall and 2-0 in the Suncoast Conference after winning a double header Tuesday against Hillsborough CC. The next home doubleheader is March 19 against Pasco-Hernando CC at Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater. The first game starts at 5 p.m.

The tennis team continues to play non-conference matches as it tunes up for the state tournament April 18-19. It had a big victory Monday afternoon against Central Florida CC.

The state junior college basketball champions were decided last weekend and Chipola defeated Gulf Coast CC in the final of the men's and women's tournaments. For results please visit www.spcollege.edu/athletics.

Cultural Corner

This weekly column features arts and entertainment events presented by St. Petersburg College and its partners.

Discounts

Florida Orchestra: Faculty and staff now can purchase tickets at the student rate of \$10. Call the Florida Orchestra Ticket Center at 727-892-3337 and identify yourself as faculty or staff to place your order. Students can purchase two \$10 advance tickets through the mail, in person or by phone at the Florida Orchestra ticket center. Students must present ID when collecting tickets at the Will Call window on the night of concert. Subject to availability. Some restrictions may apply.

Palladium: Faculty, staff and students receive a 10 percent discount to all shows produced by the Palladium or its partners at the Palladium.

Continuing through March 29

St. Petersburg College: Legacy of Leadership, St. Petersburg Museum of History, 335 Second Ave. NE, on the approach to the Pier. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$12 general, \$9 seniors and students, \$7 ages 7 to 17, ages 6 and younger free.

Continuing through April 12

New exhibits: It's a Dog's Life: Photographs by William Wegman and Sanctuary: Anna Tomczak Photography, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, free for children, members and students. Sunday admission free for all.

March 13-April 5

Lysistrata, by Aristophanes, adapted by Todd Olson and T. Scott Wooten, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. American Stage Theatre, St. Petersburg. \$31-\$39.

Friday, March 13

Madrigalians Concert, "Oh Eternal Spring," 7:30 p.m. St.

Petersburg College Music Center. Free.

Friday, March 13-14

Florida Orchestra Pops Concert: Doc Severinsen: El Ritmo de la Vida, 8 p.m., Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center; and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Mahaffey Theater. \$19-\$65.

Saturday, March 14

An Evening With Richard Thompson: The British folk rock legend often is listed with Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page as among the world's great rock guitarists. The critically acclaimed and prolific songwriter began his career in the 1960s. A solo artist for more than 20 years, Thompson scored Werner Hertzog's 2005 documentary Grizzly Man, His astounding body of work includes more than 40 albums. 9 p.m. Palladium. \$32.50, \$42.50

Tuesday, March 17

Side Door Brown Bag Series: Judith Alstadter, pianist, "Ladies Choice - Female Composers." Bring lunch - beverage provided. Noon, Palladium. \$12.

Friday, March 20

Swing Into Spring: A Tribute to Benny Goodman, featuring Ken Peplowski, clarinet; Kenny Drew Jr., piano; Joe Porter, bass, and John Jenkins, drums. 7:30 p.m. Palladium. \$20, \$25.

Friday, March 20

Heissler Organ Series: Marek Kudlicki, 7:30 p.m. St. Petersburg College Music Center. \$5 suggested donation. SPC staff and students free with ID.

March 20-22

Florida Orchestra Masterworks Concert: Ravel: Mother Goose, Thierry Fischer, Conductor, Tedi Papavrami, violin. 8 p.m., Friday, March 20, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Ruth Eckerd Hall. \$19-\$65.

NEW - Thursday, March 26

Student Recital, 12:30 p.m., St. Petersburg College Music Center. Free.

Friday, March 27

Suncoast Singers: Broadway for Kids from 2 to 92, featuring music from Chicago, The Little Mermaid, Wicked, Beauty and

the Beast, A Chorus Line, The Lion King and others. 7:30 p.m. Palladium. \$10, \$20 adults, \$6 children.

Friday, March 27
[St. Petersburg College Piano Concert Series: Rebecca Penneys, solo recital](#), 7:30 p.m.

St. Petersburg College Music Center, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. Free.



This article and other health information are available on our Wellness blog.

SPC Wellness Challenge: And the winners are ...

The six-week Wellness Challenge has ended and close to 9,000 points were earned by all SPC teams in the pursuit of such healthy habits as exercising, eating fruits and vegetables, wearing a seat belt, and attending lunch and learn sessions. Here are the winning teams at each site and the overall college-wide winning team:

Allstate Campus - Guns and Hoses

Christine Pribyl-Team Captain
JC Brock
John Dressback
Jamie Ferrazano
Tom McKanna
Chris Swift

Clearwater Campus - BT Bods

Nancy Russell - Team Captain
Loretta Horne
Roni Murphy
John Kurmik
Brad Yourth
Jill Brown

Downtown Campus -Downtown Dancing Queens

Gigi Reiter - Team Captain
Yvonne Ulmer
Sherry Teartt
Pamela Hobbs
Vivian Odell
Nancy Kelley

EpiCenter/District Office -Health Nuts

Pam Smith - Team Captain
Kim Bower
Suzanne Gardner
Marsha Barlow
Lynne Wolf
Kay Burniston

HEC - HEC "100 Mile Club" Wellness Walkers

Ginny White - Team Captain
Ayanna Amerigo Rowe
Nick Grimaudo
Mary Ellen Lansburg
Lanona Robinson
Mary Gerst

Saint Petersburg/ Gibbs - Working For Less

Luanne Millard - Team Captain
Karen Kaufman White
Starla Metz
Connie Boyle
Joseph Smith
Terry Ortiz

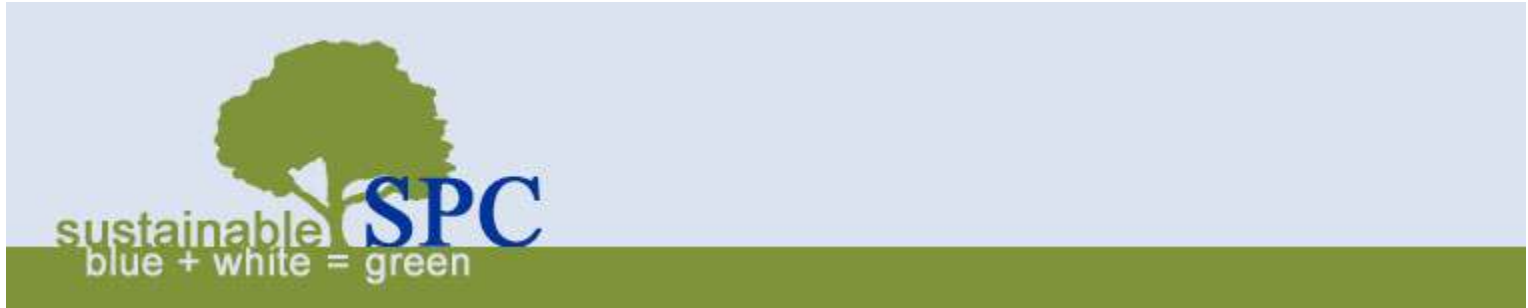
Seminole- Seminole FitNuts

Jennifer Lechner - Team Captain
James Olliver
Tony Smith
Earl Fratus
Chris Nichol
Laurel Lynch

Tarpon Springs - The Tenacious Tarpons

Karen Nadeau - Team Captain
Tina O'Daniels
Lisa Sherman
Cheri Moran-Awe
Vicki Coon
Laurel Miller

The Health Nuts, the collegewide winning team with 4,049 points, gained an edge by hours of documented volunteer time with a team project to benefit others at local nursing homes and churches. Congratulations to all teams for a job well done! Everyone is a winner!



Environmentally friendly lawns

The issue - Environmentally friendly lawns!

The larger issue

- Only 5% of pesticides reach target weeds, the rest end up in our water supply or the air we breathe. Runoff from fertilizers pollutes streams and lakes and cause algae blooms, depleted oxygen and damage to aquatic life.
- Research has found that dogs exposed to herbicide-treated lawns can double their chance of developing lymphoma and bladder cancer.
- Of 30 commonly used pesticides, 16 are toxic to birds, 24 to fish and 11 to bees. In the U.S. alone, pesticides poison approximately 65 million birds each year.
- Prolonged exposure to pesticides can cause increased incidences of cancer, certain organ damage, asthma and allergies.

Be part of the solution

Why spray potentially poisonous pesticides where your family and pets play? Try these eco-friendly alternatives instead:

- To control weeds, try applying corn gluten, available at most garden stores. It is a natural corn processing by-product and can reduce weed seedlings.
- Leave grass clippings to decompose on the lawn! It has the same effect as one fertilizer application per year.
- Limit the amount of grass and maximize the use of shrubs (at varying heights) and trees

as they provide more cover and protection for wildlife.

- Replace non-native plants with natives. Visit the Association for Florida Native Nurseries (<http://www.afnn.org/>) as native plants provide better food and cover for wildlife and require less care and resources to maintain.
- Of the 800,000 insects that live in our lawns, less than one percent are pests to mankind and only about one-tenth of a percent are pests to our lawns. Good native bugs include: butterflies, lady beetles (lady bugs), assassin bugs, green lacewings, big-eyed bugs, earwigs, syrphid flies, spiders, etc.
- If you are installing sprinklers, consider a drip irrigation system!
- Mulch! Adding mulch to your flowerbed slows water evaporation. You can get free mulch from Pinellas County (<http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/mulch.htm>).
- If you apply fertilizer and pesticides to your own lawn, contact Gulf Coast Garden Center at (727) 522-3074 or Wilcox Nursery at (727) 595-2073 for eco-friendly product alternatives.
- Don't let your pets eat fertilized grass!
- Try <http://www.gardensalive.com/> or <http://www.cleanairgardening.com/> for other eco-friendly lawn care products.

Want to become involved with SPC's exciting sustainability initiatives?

To participate in the sustainable | SPC initiative, e-mail green.jason@spcollege.edu or call 341-3283.

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