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Cooper, Burniston to lead Baccalaureate Programs

With Tom Furlong's recent retirement from his role as Senior Vice President of Baccalaureate Programs and University Partnerships, his duties now will be shared by Senior Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Anne Cooper, and Associate Vice President for Baccalaureate Programs Kay Burniston. Burniston's new title is Vice President of Baccalaureate Programs, Cooper said.



Anne Cooper



Kay Burniston

"Anne Cooper and Kay Burniston are both proven, capable administrators who are well qualified to continue to advance our four-year programs," said SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.

The redistribution of the duties continues the college's move to a "one-college" structure that began last year with the naming of academic deans.

Furlong led the effort to establish the college's four-year programs starting in 2001. Under his leadership, the college has graduated almost 2,200 from these programs. During the current academic year, more than 4,000 students have been enrolled in SPC's baccalaureate programs. Cooper and Burniston assumed their new duties on March 2.

STAR Scholarship fund named

The St. Petersburg College Alumni Association announced the new STAR Scholarship (Striving for Top Academic Rewards) at its annual luncheon in January.

This scholarship will recognize students for their achievements in the classroom and their potential for making a difference in the community.

Each \$10 donation to the STAR Scholarship gives donors the opportunity to enter a drawing and have the scholarship named for a person they select for one year.

Raymond Townsend of Atlanta was awarded the honor for the 2009-10 school year. He has chosen to name this year's scholarship the "Randell Dixon Dodd Memorial Scholarship" in memory of his good friend Randell Dodd, with whom he graduated from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1948. For more information on the STAR Scholarship fund, please contact Tiffany Stallard at Ext. 3055.

Dollars for Scholars thrift store to benefit students

A thrift store soon will open to benefit St. Petersburg College. The Dollars for Scholars thrift store for the Benefit of St. Petersburg College will be located at the college's Caruth Health Education Center, 7028 66th St. N, Pinellas Park. The building faces 66th Street and has ample parking.

Michelle Piccione, who is coordinating the project, said the thrift store's mission is to raise funds for scholarships, student services and college projects.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds will go back to St. Petersburg College, and we want to help students to learn marketable job skills," Piccione said.

"The success of the thrift store initially will depend on the donations the college community brings by or drops off to our collection centers on the campuses," Piccione said. "I truly believe it will become part of the whole community and will fill a need that is being

created by the harsh economic climate that is affecting us all."

The store will provide job training to students who volunteer there, helping them get hands-on experience with the day-to-day operations of a small business, which includes sales, marketing, bookkeeping and merchandise preparation.

A late March opening is expected, but donations of saleable goods are being accepted now. Donations needed to get the store up and running include:

- Stationary clothing racks
- Gondola shelving
- Display cabinets
- Office supplies
- Computer
- Printer
- Eight-department cash register
- Sturdy metal hangers for clothing
- Cleaning supplies
- Large Rubbermaid-type plastic containers
- Large mirrors for fitting rooms

Donations that will be accepted for sale include:

- Gently-used men's and women's clothing (on hangers if possible)
- Men's and women's shoes
- Men's and women's accessories
- Household items
- College textbooks
- CDs and DVDs
- Home and office furniture in good condition
- Seasonal decorations

No bedding, children's clothing or toys can be accepted at this time. To make a donation, volunteer or ask a question, contact Michelle Piccione at 727-742-8565.

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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.

SPC Sports news

The St. Petersburg College baseball team opens its Suncoast Conference season Friday against Polk Community College at 6 p.m. at Clearwater's Carpenter Complex.

The two meet again Saturday in Polk County at 1 p.m. before playing the last game of the series in Clearwater on Monday at 6 p.m. The Titans finished a rigorous non-conference schedule at 14-11.

The women's softball team opens the Suncoast Conference season Tuesday against Hillsborough CC at 5 p.m. at the Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater. Their record is 5-11.

The men's and women's basketball teams failed to qualify for the state tournament this weekend in Marianna.

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.

Continuing through March 6

Photography Show, Crossroads Art Gallery, Clearwater Campus. Reception: March. 4, 6-8 p.m. Free.

Friday, March 6

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

March 7-8

Florida Orchestra Masterworks Concert: Verdi Requiem, Stefan Sanderling, conductor; Indra Thomas, soprano; Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, mezzo-soprano; Jeffrey Springer, tenor; Dean Elzinga, bass; and the The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, Richard Zielinski, Artistic & Music Director. 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Mahaffey Theater; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Ruth Eckerd Hall. \$19-\$65.

Tuesday, March 10

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Thursday, March 12

Florida Orchestra Coffee Concert: Romantic Rhapsodies, Alastair Willis, conductor; Aza Torshkoeva, 2008 TFO Young Artist Competition winner, piano. 11 a.m., Mahaffey Theater. \$24-\$40.

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.



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

SPC Wellness Challenge Update

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first SPC Wellness Challenge; the end date is Friday. I would like to thank all the teams for their dedication, hard work and spirit of group participation.

With more than 1,000 comments on the SPC wellness blog, a true wellness connection was established. Here is what some participants had to say about the Wellness Challenge:

"I want to congratulate everyone for putting time aside to better their health. If we don't do it, no one else can do it for us." Nicholas J Grimaudo, Professor, Health Services Administration

"I love to read and hear about all the encouragement, healthy tips and good-natured rivalry going on. It makes this challenge both fun and educational. It sounds to me like many of us are making lifestyle changes that will continue to keep us healthy after the Challenge is over. Great job to all!" Vivian Winters, Business Services, EPI SV

"This challenge has helped me stay with a regimen that is good for my health because of the support system of team members." Sonja Green, Business Office, SP Gibbs

"I'm really happy to see so many participating in this challenge. It is a morale booster during these tough days. With all the negative news reports....it's nice to part of something so positive!" Pam Smith, General Counsel's Office, DO

"Just one more week to go. We are on the home stretch. I've enjoyed this more than I thought I would-- the enthusiasm and humor of each of you has made it fun!" Suzanne Gardner, General Counsel's Office, DO

As the Challenge ends, we are all winners!

All team totals for week 6 are due to Cathleen Shears by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9 (after that, most of you will be off enjoying spring break). Send to shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu

Winners will be announced on Friday, March 13, in the Blue and White and on the SPC wellness blog.

Winners will be announced for: Winning team on each campus and winning team collegewide

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Environmentally friendly and humane residential pest and rodent control

The issue

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The larger issue

- Researchers have linked the ingredients in the typical residential aerosol pesticides to cancer and other diseases.
- Mosquitoes can carry and transmit diseases and viruses such as malaria, encephalitis and West Nile virus.
- Typical ant-killers may cause nervous-system issues in dogs, cats, and birds.

Be part of the solution

Before spraying inorganic chemicals in your home or inhumanly killing rodents, try these eco-friendly alternatives:

- Install a bat house! Bats can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes per hour. Buy a bat house from <http://www.thebirdshed.com/> or make your own by watching this video: <http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/video/0,,20166044,00.html>.
- In the early summer, purchase ladybugs from garden shops. Ladybugs eat aphids, mites, scale insects and small caterpillars.
- To get rid of ants, try this recipe (<http://dld123.com/q&a/index.php?cid=28>) using borax, sugar and water. Or simply spray white vinegar or soapy water at the ants' point of entry.
- Visit http://www.eartheasy.com/live_natpest_control.htm to find out how to non-toxically control a number of household pests.
- Please don't use glue traps or mouse traps to solve rodent problems. Try a "humane mouse trap" like the one available at <http://www.arbico-organics.com/1255001.html>.

Want to become involved with SPC's exciting sustainability initiatives? Call Jason Green at 341-3283.

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.

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VISITING DELEGATION FROM PUERTO RICO

Mr. J.C. Brock, Campus Executive Officer, AC, briefed the Board on how SPC has established itself in Puerto Rico with a series of counterdrug community policing training and university initiatives. He introduced Dr. Ernesto Fernandez as the key person in SPC's efforts to facilitate partnerships on the island. Dr. Fernandez thanked the Board for its support and for the donation of computers and equipment, which he said has helped maximize SPC's presence. He introduced the following guests in attendance from the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico (Inter-American University of Puerto Rico), one of the benefactors of SPC's university initiatives: Esq. Luis Acevedo, Director, School of Criminal Justice; Dr. Carmen Collazo, Dean, School of Education; and Mr. Jairo Pulido, Technology Specialist & Programs. Each guest briefly shared their appreciation to the Board for opportunities given them through SPC's partnership. Chairman Gibbons thanked Mr. Brock and his staff for their efforts in Puerto Rico and for hiring Dr. Fernandez, and thanked the guests for their partnership, which has afforded the benefit of highly-trained, skilled police officers now being able to be placed in high-crime areas of Puerto Rico, thus significantly reducing violent crime. President Kuttler noted the Puerto Rican partnership will likely result in preserving jobs at SPC.

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

The Board approved the following: (1) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property; (2) Certificate of Final Inspection & Release of Final Payment, Utility Infrastructure and Renovations for Palladium, SP/G; (3) Phase I Schematic Design Documents and Preliminary Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), Natural Habitat Park and Site Improvements, SE; and (4) Annual Membership Assessment in Florida Community Colleges Risk Management Consortium.

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-2.17 Reduction in Force - Career Service Personnel. This modifies requirements as they relate to a reduction in force of Career Service employees; (2) Rule 6Hx23-2.28 Leave - General. This modifies and clarifies requirements as they relate to employee leave; (3) Rule 6Hx23-2.31 Sick Leave and Leave for Illness in Line of Duty. This modifies and clarifies language as it relates to sick leave and leave for illness in line of duty; (4) Rule 6Hx23-2.32 Personal Leave (Charged to Sick Leave). This changes the title to *Personal Leave* and modifies and clarifies language regarding approval to use sick leave for personal reasons. It further adds language from Rule 6Hx23-2.34 stating a College employee may be granted personal leave without pay, not exceeding 12 months, subject to the sole discretion of the College; and (5) Rule 6Hx23-2.34 Personal Leave Without Pay. This deletes the rule and incorporates the language into Rule 6Hx23-2.32.

GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACT

The Board authorized application for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists for development of a Professional Continuing Education Course on Outcome Measures in Upper Limb Prosthetics.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The Board approved the College's 2009-2010 Institutional Initiatives (formerly referred to as Institutional Objectives) as part of its 2009-2012 College Goals. The Mission and Goals were previously approved at the January 2009 Board meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF ART COLLECTION FROM GULF COAST MUSEUM OF ART

President Kuttler, having previously consulted with the trustees, reported that the College made a proposal to the recently closed Gulf Coast Museum of Art to retain their art exhibits – about 395 pieces total – and keep them in Pinellas. He said the College then met with the Museum Board, who soon after voted unanimously to give SPC this valuable art collection. The president said he believes the Florida International Museum (FIM) forum can present an exhibit from the collection within 60-90 days. He noted this is one more effort toward SPC being a major player in the arts. The Board approved of Administration's request to continue negotiations with the Museum and to hold a press conference to announce the art collection. Mr. Brett commented this is a fabulous coup for the College and a beautiful fit for FIM. He commended President Kuttler for his leadership, as every museum in the state was after a part of it, and SPC received it in its entirety.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Kuttler provided a legislative update, reporting that further cuts of roughly \$1.1 million are anticipated before June 30 and, starting July 1, up to another 15 percent cut is expected. The Board approved the president's request to cut another 5 percent from the budget, which would ultimately bring the College to 12.5 percent recurring reserves to hopefully get through most of next year. The president noted that the recession is now expected to last until 2011 instead of April 2009 as originally thought.

In looking at revenue, Mr. Burke asked if there is any interest in the Legislature to allow for tuition increases. He clarified that he is not an advocate for this move, but it may be necessary in dire straits. President Kuttler said he would support that effort if the Board requests that of him, but warned that tuition increases will negatively affect students.

Mr. Johnston commented that all options have to be on the table. He said the Board wants to continue to educate students in a proper manner, and he is confident the Administration will move forward and bring back ideas on further savings and enhanced revenue. Mr. Burke suggested the College consider decreasing textbook costs and increasing tuition, as students just want a quality, relevant education.