



Note: There will be no Blue & White published on July 17.



Allen Leepa (1919-2009)

Allen Leepa keeps a close eye on Jammel Davis' artistic efforts at the November 1999 ground-breaking for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in Tarpon Springs. *Story, Page 2.*

- View [image gallery](#) online
- Read [local news coverage](#) online

Paycheck deduction reminder

Because there are three paydays in July and to allow time for processing changes in benefits, benefit deductions were not taken out of the July 3 paycheck. Instead, deductions will be taken from the paychecks on July 17 and 31.

The next time there are three paydays in a month (December), the deductions will be taken from the first two paychecks.

SPC again near top of annual national rankings

St. Petersburg College has once again placed near the top of Community College Week's Top 100 Associate Degree Producers list.

This year's report is based on data for the 2007-08 academic year, compiled by the U.S. Department of Education.

In the primary category, All Disciplines, SPC was ranked 10th among the nation's more than 1,200 community colleges.

In other categories, SPC was ranked as follows:

- Nursing, 8th
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences, 12th

The rankings apply to two-year institutions, including those that offer four-year degrees.

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Noted artist Allen Leepa dies

Allen Leepa, a noted Abstract Expressionist and minimalist artist who, along with his then-wife Isabelle, donated a valuable art collection to St. Petersburg College that became the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, died June 27. He was 90.



SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. sits with Allen Leepa in 1997 as the announcement of the Leepas' gift to the college is made.

In 1997, the Leepas decided to donate their extensive art collection to St. Petersburg College, which in turn established the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art at the Tarpon Springs Campus.

The collection, consisting of thousands of [works by Leepa](#); his mother, [Esther Gentle Rattner](#); and his stepfather, Figurative Expressionist [Abraham Rattner](#); as well as by Picasso, Chagall, Rouault, Hans Hofmann and others, is valued at more than \$20 million. Besides the art collection, the Leepas gave the college \$2.5 million to put toward establishing the new museum. The groundbreaking for the 58,000-square-foot museum complex at the Tarpon Springs Campus was Nov. 9, 1999, and it opened in January 2002. At the groundbreaking, Leepa described his vision for the museum.

"This museum is a vehicle to promote education through the arts," he said. "The creative and emotional development attainable through personal involvement in art can offer profound guidelines in education and to the personal growth of the college student and public spectator."

SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. remembered Leepa's gift and discussed its meaning to the college as well as to the community.

"This very generous gift of such magnificent works by Allen and Isabelle Leepa has become one of St. Petersburg College's most valuable assets," he said.

Lynn Whitelaw, Director of the Leepa-Rattner Museum, remembered Allen Leepa as a man whose commitment to his art never wavered.

"Allen was a beatnik from the 1950s who stayed true to his convictions," Whitelaw said. "He was passionate about art throughout his 90 years on this earth. He believed art had a higher meaning as an expression of life.

"To Allen, art dealt with what is real and true; philosophical and psychological; emotional and with expression," he said. "On a personal side, Allen was kind and caring and appreciative of what people did for him."

Janice Buchanan, Coordinator of Development and Grants for the museum, was deeply involved in the gift of the art collection and knew Dr. and Mrs. Leepa well.

"Dr. Leepa believed strongly that the collection should enrich this community, and he thought a lot about how that could best be accomplished," Buchanan said. "We are delighted and proud that he chose St. Petersburg College, and we are deeply committed to keeping our shared vision alive."

The Museum will organize an exhibition entitled Allen Leepa: In Memoriam Aug. 2-30 with a special tribute to the life of Allen Leepa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Allen Leepa Memorial Fund at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art.

Florida's colleges lead the nation in graduation rates

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) reports in its latest Fact Book that Florida's public two-year colleges lead the nation in graduation and progression rates.



The Florida College System's three-year graduation rate of 30 percent is nearly double the southern region's average of 16 percent, and is the highest among all 16 SREB member states.

The Florida College System also leads the region in three-year student progression rates. This measure tracks full-time freshmen enrolled in degree or certificate programs who graduated, were still enrolled, or who transferred to another college within three years. At 59 percent, the state's progression rate is the highest in the region.

Florida's average also greatly exceeds the national average of 20 percent, according to the SREB Fact Book. The rates are inclusive of full-time freshmen who first enrolled in public two-year colleges to pursue an associate's degree or vocational certificate.

The Fact Book, one of the nation's leading sources of comparative higher education data, annually summarizes and reports key higher education data for each of the region's 16-member states.

Based in Atlanta, the SREB helps advance education and improve the social and economic life of the region. Members include Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

View the [2009 Fact Book](#) (pdf) online.

Health Risk Assessment

All employees and their dependents covered under the college's insurance plan (including those who smoke) are eligible to take the Health Risk Assessment.

The Health Risk Assessment is part of Aetna's Simple Steps to a Healthier Life program, which is designed to help employees reach health goals for getting in shape, eating better, losing weight, coping better with stress, and much, much more.

Learn more by visiting <https://simplestepslife.aetna.com/SS/splash>. Each covered employee and their dependents will need to create an individual user name and password through Aetna (if they don't have one already).

Healthy/green lifestyles

Are you someone who:

- Rides your bicycle to work?
- Eats vegetarian?
- Lives in a "green" home?
- Hypermiles in a high efficiency/alternate fuel vehicle?
- Runs ultramarathons?
- Composts?
- Lives an exceptionally healthy lifestyle?
- Volunteers as a community activist?

Or do you do something even more exciting? We are starting a new monthly feature in the *Blue & White* that is focused on those with an environmentally and/or health-conscious lifestyle. If this is how you live, please e-mail frederick.bill@spcollege.edu so that we may profile you in a future issue.

Meeting notice

The Education Committee of the Board of Directors for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will meet at 1:30 p.m. July 23 in the Auditorium of the Fine Arts building at the Tarpon Springs Campus to discuss general museum business.

Family and Medical Leave Act

Did you know that you could use the Family and Medical Leave Act for:

- The birth and care of a newborn child?
- The placement of a foster or adopted child?
- The care of an immediate family member (spouse, child or parent) with a serious health condition?
- Medical leave when you can't work due to a serious health condition?

Learn more by visiting

www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/fmla.htm

Lifelong Learning events

Shall we dance? And draw? And paint?

College for Kids is hosting a Summer Arts Week July 27-31 at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus' Wellness Center, located at 70th St. N. and Burlington Ave.

Students in grades 4-12 can try their hands (and feet) in drawing, painting, ballet, choreography and more. The cost is \$150. For further information, call Ext. 3184 or visit www.spcollege.edu/ac/c4k.

Boater safety

The college will offer a one-day, state-approved boater safety class on July 25 at the Dennis L. Jones Seminole Community Library on the Seminole Campus.

Topics will include type of boats, safety equipment, navigation rules, local charts, waterway markings, knot-tying and personal watercraft operation.

The course serves as a mandatory education class for boating violators, meets the certification requirements for youth operating a vessel with 10 HP motors or larger, and serves as a refresher course for boaters.

The cost is \$35, including text, a certificate of completion, state registration and a boater ID card. For further information, call Ext. 3184 or visit www.spcollege.edu/ac/lifelong.

Graduation July 25 in Largo

The college's 110th Commencement is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks in Largo, which features a 3,000-seat auditorium with major audio and video performance enhancements.



Approximately 300 graduates are expected to march, including those earning baccalaureate degrees. As in previous non-May ceremonies, a full faculty and staff procession with regalia will not be held. However, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend to show support for the graduates. Because of limited seating, reserved seating (ID required) can be arranged by contacting [Tina O'Daniels](#) at Ext. 5720.

The commencement address will be delivered by President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. A Student's Perspective will be shared by two graduates, one a two-year student and one a four-year student from the Management and Organizational Leadership program of the College of Technology and Management. The 2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award, announced at Spring 2009 Commencement, will be presented to E. Ann McGee, President of Seminole Community College. Invocation and benediction will be delivered by Rev. Terry Collier of the Network of Christian Counselors.

Other notable people onstage: members of the Board of Trustees, President's Cabinet, Baccalaureate Deans and Faculty Senate. For those students, family and friends who cannot attend the graduation ceremony on July 25, a [link to view a live broadcast](#) of the ceremony will be available beginning at 9:50 a.m. under "[Click to View Broadcast.](#)"

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All disciplines grand total

Rank	Institution	Total
1	University of Phoenix-Online	12,119
2	Miami Dade College	7,047
3	Broward College	4,715
4	American Intercontinental University Online	4,482
5	Valencia Community College	4,240
6	Western International University	3,309
7	Florida Community College at Jacksonville	3,234
8	Northern Virginia Community College	2,925
9	Salt Lake Community College	2,902
10	St. Petersburg College	2,812

Nursing

Rank	Institution	Total
1	Exceisior College	1,571
2	Miami Dade College	479
3	Broward College	407
4	Community College of Allegheny County	391
5	Florida Community College at Jacksonville	367
6	Suffolk County Community College	342
7	Weber State University	327
8	St. Petersburg College	316
9	Valencia Community College	308
10	Salt Lake Community College	296
11	Lone Star Community System	296

Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences

Rank	Institution	Total
1	University of Phoenix-Online	1,678
2	Exceisior College	1,571
3	Keiser University-Fort Lauderdale	1,538
4	Miami Dade College	868
5	Anthem College-Phoenix	770
6	Broward College	688
7	ASA Institute of Business and Computer Technology	682
8	Community College of Allegheny County	604
9	ECPI College of Technology	598
10	Weber State University	579
11	Cuyahogua Community College District	560
12	St. Petersburg College	549

Cultural Corner

This weekly column features some of the arts and entertainment events presented by St. Petersburg College and its partners. **NEW** items are noted for your convenience.

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, by phone or in person 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.

Florida International Museum: Faculty and staff \$5.

Continuing through July 17

[Pinellas County Schools Spring Show](#), Crossroads Art Gallery, Clearwater Campus, Reception – May 20, 6-8 p.m. Free.

Continuing through July 19

[Florida Artist Group: 58th Annual Exhibition, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art](#), Tarpon Springs. Also: Sam Gilliam: Works In The Permanent Collection, From the Dorothy Mitchell Collection, through June 28; Pava Members' Exhibition, through July 11; and Artists Of The Hamptons Selections from the Benjamin and Jean Gollay Collection, through Nov. 8. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, free for children, members and students. Sunday admission free for all.

Continuing through Oct. 4

[In a New Light: Selections from the Gulf Coast Museum of Art Collection, Florida International Museum at St. Petersburg College](#), St. Petersburg. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Last entry is 4 p.m. daily. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and military, \$5 groups, SPC staff and students; ages 6 and younger free.

Sunday, July 12

[The Helios Jazz Orchestra](#), 3 p.m., The Palladium, \$10.

Tuesday, July 21

[SPC Jazz Band Concert](#), 7:30 p.m., St. Petersburg College Music Center, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. Free.

NEW - Friday, July 24

[Nate Najar Trio](#), 8 p.m., The Palladium.

July 24-Aug. 16

[Doubt, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award](#), 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. American Stage Theatre, St. Petersburg. \$31-\$39.

NEW - Saturday, July 25

[Al Downing Jazz Education Scholarship Concert](#), 7:30 p.m., The Palladium.

NEW - Thursday, Aug. 6

[The Hot Sun Quartet](#), 6 p.m., The Palladium.

Sept. 25-Oct. 11

[Fences, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award](#), 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. American Stage Theatre, St. Petersburg.



Bugs: 'Tis the season

How can you help to reduce annoyance from mosquitoes and also protect yourself and your family from infection? Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening. This is when many mosquitoes are most active. Certain mosquitoes will be active at midday as well.

If you must be outside during peak hours, take extra care to use the precautions below.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when you are outdoors. The clothing may form a barrier against some mosquito bites.
- Choose a product that will protect you for the amount of time you expect to be outside. For example, a study found that 24% DEET provided about five hours of protection. A 7% DEET product protected for about two hours. Concentrations higher than about 30% provide little additional protection. They also may increase the chance of irritation or fabric damage.
- DEET-based products can be used with sunscreen. No studies are available on the use of other repellents with sunscreen. Apply sunscreen first, then DEET. Reapply either product as needed.
- When applying insect repellents to children, select the lowest concentration of DEET appropriate for the amount of time the child will be outdoors, says the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The product should not contain more than 30% DEET, the AAP says. The label for products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus recommends not using them on children under age 3.
- Do not allow children to apply insect repellents to themselves. When applying repellent to your child, keep the product away from their eyes and mouth. Do not apply to children's hands. Their hands may end up in their eyes or mouth, causing irritation.
- Do not use insect repellent on infants younger than 2 months, the AAP says. Use mosquito netting over strollers and infant carriers.
- Dump out standing water where mosquitoes may breed. Water may collect in places such as tires, empty flowerpots, toys and open garbage cans. Change water often in birdbaths. Keep your wading pool covered when not in use.

Explore [SPC Wellness](#) to read additional articles on wellness or follow the SPC Wellness link on the HR home page.

Contact SPC's wellness coordinator Cathleen Shears at shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu

Source: www.intelihealth.com. Tips come from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or Richard Pollack, Ph.D. Pollack is a research fellow in infectious diseases at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Rain barrels growing in popularity



Mary Jo Golley, Administrative Specialist, HEC, has five 55-gallon rain barrels at strategic locations around her home. As a result, her certified Florida Friendly Yard requires no city water. Over the years, Golley has saved hundreds of dollars and thousands of gallons of potable water through this one simple conservation effort.

It's not hard to see why Golley opts for an alternative to city water for her grass-free yard; with only a half-inch of rain, a 1,000-square-foot roof can fill the five 55-gallon rain barrels.

Golley uses the stored water for potted and landscape plants, as well as to refill her pond and store water in anticipation of hurricanes.

The Pinellas County Extension Office offers a rain harvesting workshop at its facilities in Largo. The workshop provides set-up instructions and a reference booklet.

"Our rain barrel classes are very popular," said Vestina Crayton, Sustainable Living Educational Instructor at the Pinellas County Extension Office. "In fact, all remaining workshops scheduled this year are full already."

Dale W. Armstrong, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Coordinator with the Pinellas County Extension Office, said, "The extreme drought our region of Florida is experiencing is obviously a contributing factor as well as, I believe, more and more folks adopting sustainable lifestyles and the movement towards living green."

For \$65, Mary Jo purchased five concentrated juice barrels she found on Craigslist and turned them into rain barrels using zip ties, PVC pipes, PVC adhesive, silicon caulk, spigots, and hoses. Had she purchased the rain barrels commercially, each would have cost \$100 or more.

"In addition to conserving water, harvesting water in rain barrels reduces storm water runoff and pollutants that often end up in nearby lakes and rivers," said Jason Green, SPC Sustainability Coordinator.

For more information on rain barrels or future rain barrel classes, visit Pinellas County Extension Office at <http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/>. For a very detailed rain barrel guide developed by Southwest Florida Water Management District, visit http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/publications/files/rain_barrels_guide.pdf. To participate in the Sustainable | SPC initiative, visit www.spcollege.edu/sustainability or call Jason Green at 341-3283.

On SPC-TV

The following is the broadcast schedule for cultural programs recorded by SPC for broadcast on the college station. SPC-TV can be seen on Bright House 620, Knology 19 and Verizon 47 in Pinellas County.

» **NEW – The SPC Summer Chorus**

Sunday at 5 p.m., Tuesday at 8 p.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Friday at 8 p.m.

» **The Music Center Presents: Rebecca Penneys**

Monday at 9 p.m., Friday at 9 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m.

» **Stories from the Campfire: Living Life Without Limits**

Sunday at noon and 9 p.m., Wednesday at 9 p.m.

» **CoMotion Dance Theatre - Spring 2009 Dance Concert**

Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday at 8 p.m.

» **Frontline: Behind the Lines**

Tuesday at 9 p.m.

» **The Music Center Presents: Percussion Ensemble**

Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

» **A Night at the Palladium: Divertissement Ensemble**

Saturday at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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Equal Opportunity

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.

BOT *Highlights*

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PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Dennis M. Mosser, Facilities Planning & Institutional Services, EpiCenter Services; Gary L. Radcliff, Fleet Services, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; Frederick L. Ragsdale, National Terrorism Preparedness Institute, Allstate Center; W. Thaxton Springfield, Biological Science, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; Frank G. Titlow, Business Technologies, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; and Lana Turner, Natural Science, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. Mr. Radcliff and Mr. Ragsdale were in attendance and, joined by colleagues, received their resolutions as presented by President Kuttler and Chairman Gibbons.

BIDS, EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS (through Purchasing)

The Board approved the following: (1) Renewal of agreement with Follett Higher Education Group for bookstore management services; (2) Continuation of office supplies contract with Office Max Office Products through use of Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services, Inc.; (3) Renewal of contract with Allegiance Security Group, LLC, as successor in interest to Fox Protective Services, Inc., for collegewide security guard services; (4) Renewal of agreement with the Automobile Club of Missouri/AAA Auto Club South for Business Travel Management Services; and (5) Estimated utility expenditures for FY 2009-10 collegewide.

OTHER EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS (exceeding \$250,000)

Approval was given by the Board to enter into the following: (1) Extension of agreement with Baynard, McLeod & Lang, PA to provide legal services of Joseph H. Lang, Esquire as Board Attorney; (2) Continuation and extension of agreement with Allen, Norton & Blue, PA to provide legal services of Mark Levitt, Esquire, and others as needed within the firm, for labor and employment law issues; (3) Extension of agreement with ANGEL Learning, Inc. (recently purchased by Blackboard) for one additional year; and (4) Contract with Davis O'Connell for a study regarding the feasibility of moving funding for the Allstate Center from earmarks to direct Department of Defense funding.

GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) Florida Department of Education for Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act funds; (2) Workforce Florida, Inc./Florida Department of Commerce for Quick Response Training to be offered to Jabil Circuit; and (3) Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority for the College's Continuing Medical Education Program.

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, Remodel for Classrooms, Labs and Offices – Phase 3, Downtown Center; and (3) Construction Documents (Phase III) and Change Order #2 (Proposal Request #2) for Remodel/Renovate for Classrooms/Labs, Olympia Building (Chiller Plant), Tarpon Springs Campus. At the Board's request, its September meeting will be held at the Downtown Center, including a tour of the new facilities, and a future meeting will be scheduled at the Midtown site as well.

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-2.022 Qualification of Instructional, Administrative and Professional Personnel. This changes the procedure and identifies the options regarding the special requirement of graduate level coursework; it also clarifies faculty training requirements for e-campus and updates titles within the Rule; (2) Rule 6Hx23-2.05 Release of Personnel Record Information. This updates the Rule and authorizes the director of Human Resources to release employment information, when requested by the employee, to lending institutions for credit purposes; (3) Rule 6Hx23-2.202 Determining Equated Credit Hour (ECH) Values. This corrects the Rule to accurately reflect current practice of assigning a workload of .43 ECH for one credit and .85 ECH for two credits in Applied Music. It also deletes ECH credit hour calculations for Journalism Wooden Horse, which is no longer applicable; (4) Rule 6Hx23-2.24 Change in Employment Grade for Instructional Personnel. This updates the Rule and establishes that changes in salary schedule grade for instructional personnel may be accomplished throughout the College year; and (5) Rule 6Hx23-2.27 Resignation. This provides that the president may request an employee fulfill his/her contract until such time as a qualified and satisfactory replacement can be secured. It also clarifies and changes notice requirements for resignation of Career Service personnel and provides that an exit interview be required for employees leaving the College.

CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE TERM I, 2009-2010: The Board **approved addition** of the following courses: BCN 1592 Energy Efficient Building Construction for Florida's Climate; BCN 1593 A Building's Life; BCN 1596 Environmental Technology for Building Construction; BCN 1597 An Introduction to Solar Energy in Residential Construction; CGS 1935 Web Site Marketing and Usability; EEC 3005 Child Growth and Development: Birth to Age 8; EEC 3009 Foundations of Early Childhood and Education: Birth to Age 8; EEC 3294 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education: Birth to Age 8; EEC 3403 Young Children with Special Needs: Birth to Age 8; EEC 3413 Working with Diverse Families in Early Childhood Education: Birth to Age 8; EEC 3731 Health, Safety and Nutrition for the Young Child: Birth to Age 8; EEC 4207 Assessment and Evaluation of Young Children: Birth to Age 8; EEC 4227 Creative Arts for Preschool Education; EEC 4210 Integrated Curriculum I for Prekindergarten/Primary Education; EEC 4211 Integrated Curriculum II for Prekindergarten/Primary Education; EEC 4212 Math, Science and Technology for Preschool Education: Birth to Age 4; EEC 4408 Family, Teacher, Community Relations in Early Childhood Education: Birth to Age 8; EEC 4706 Early and Emergent Literacy in Preschool Education; EVR 1328 Natural Resource Conservation and Management; HUS 4440 Substance Abuse and the Family; LAE 4414 Language Arts for Prekindergarten/Primary Education.

The Board **approved changes** in the following courses: DEH 1003 Dental Hygiene I; DEH 1003L Dental Hygiene I Clinic; DEH 2701 Community Dental Health; DEH 2812 Dental Hygiene IV; DES 1020 Orofacial Anatomy; DES 1020L Orofacial Anatomy Laboratory; DES 1200 Dental Radiography; DES 2100 Dental Materials; DES 2100L Dental Materials Laboratory; EET 1084 Introduction to Electronics; EVS 1001 Introduction to Environmental Science; HSA 3113 Contemporary Issues in Health Care; HSA 4191 Health Information Systems; HSC 3211 Concepts of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; HUS 3321 Case Management and Problem-Solving in Human Services.

The Board **approved addition** of the following programs: **AS Degree:** Environmental Science Technology (ENVSC). The Board **approved changes** in the following programs: **CT Program:** Building Construction Technology (BCNST); **AAS Degree:** Industrial Management Technology (INMGT); **AS Degree:** Architectural Design and Construction (ARCH); **BAS Degree:** Health Services Administration (HSA); **BS Degree:** Educational Studies (EDST).

TRIBUTE TO TRUSTEE EMERITUS CECIL B. KEENE

The Board approved a recommendation to honor Trustee Emeritus Cecil B. Keene, as proposed by the fraternity brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi at the Board's December 16, 2008 meeting. Joined by the Senior Vice President and Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, Drs. Anne Cooper and Tonjua Williams, respectively, the president outlined their recommendation for appropriate exterior signage to be placed on the rental building known as the Midtown site, as well as a picture and brief story of Mr. Keene's contributions at sites where the College's special programs are housed, designating them in honor of Trustee Emeritus Cecil B. Keene, since much of Mr. Keene's time was invested in special programs. He said when the Board meeting is next held at Midtown, the family and fraternity brothers would be invited for the installation of this recognition. Chairman Gibbons added that the fraternity is willing to help offset some of the costs to have Mr. Keene's likeness included on the plaques. He commended Drs. Williams and Cooper for their efforts in coming up with this great idea; they, in turn, gave credit to President Kuttler.

PRESENTATION ON STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROCEDURES

Mrs. Catherine Kennedy, Associate Vice President of the University Partnership Center & International Programs, briefed the Board on the College's Study Abroad Program and international travel procedures put in place to avoid situations experienced in other institutions due to faulty programs. She introduced the Tarpon Springs faculty in attendance who would be traveling abroad with students this summer – Roxanna Levin, leading the Spanish Immersion Program team in Ecuador; Jim Wallis, leading the Tropical Ecology team in Belize; and Mark Peebles, leading the Geology of National Parks team in Central America. President Kuttler noted that SPC's international programs are growing in stature. He reported on his recent meeting in Washington, DC with the Haitian Ambassador, a great supporter of the College's efforts, and highlighted the donations and opportunities that have resulted from the relationship Haiti has with SPC. Additionally, he noted awards he received while in DC for his relationship with Russia and the benefits to the College resulting from these international partnerships that have been established. Mr. Burke commended the president for his advocacy in Washington on behalf of international relations, which has brought positive results and recognition for this College. The Board echoed Mr. Burke's comments, adding that the Study Abroad Program signified the quality education SPC provides.

VETERANS' INITIATIVE

The Board offered its blessing for an initiative of former Congressman Mike Bilirakis, who met recently with Dr. Conferlete Carney, Tarpon Springs Campus Provost, to present an idea for SPC to house archives of veterans' stories and small scale memorabilia. The president recommended the Tarpon Springs Campus library to be the collection point and agreed to get volunteers to help collect and prepare materials and develop the archive space to house what these veterans have given to this country.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board confirmed its next meeting as Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at the EpiCenter, beginning at 8:30 a.m.