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Holiday Harvest Luncheon November 19 12pm-1:30pm DC 210



Downtown Center's annual Holiday Harvest Luncheon is being presented on Thursday, November 19, 2009. Students and faculty will have the pleasure of interacting with Catherine C. Kennedy, SPC Associate Vice President of the University Partnership Center and International Programs, who is our special guest speaker. Mrs. Kennedy earned her bachelor's degree from Emory University, her masters in Educational Leadership from USF and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Leadership and Education with Barry University. Prior to taking the helm of the UPC and International Programs, Mrs. Kennedy was a Director for Curriculum and Student Success, and a teacher and administrator with the K-12 system before that.

The Holiday Harvest Luncheon is an opportunity for students to interact with a community leader, perhaps hear a concept or new perspective to help formulate their own educational blueprint, enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, and kick-off the holiday season. **If you have not done so, please sign up at the front desk today! Seating is limited.** The luncheon is being held in the Community Room (DC 210) from 12pm-1:30pm.

A "Must-See" Holiday Classic



SPC Downtown continues our holiday tradition of celebrating our students with a free showing of Disney's *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 5th. Please join us at 12 p.m. for pictures with Santa, and enjoy punch and cookies before the movie starts at 12:30 p.m.

Our parking garage will be open. Please have your current student ID or parking hangtag to show you are eligible to park in the garage.

There are only 80 seats available, so please sign-up at the front desk today! Student Life and Leadership will distribute tickets on show day at 12 pm at Muvico.



Disney's Digital 3-D animated retelling of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, stars Jim Carrey as Ebenezer

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Counselor's Corner: Jerry Cade



Registration for the spring 2010 session is almost here. Regular registration begins November 4th. For the best choice of classes and times, start planning now and register early! St. Petersburg College expects increased enrollment for the spring.

On-campus office hours during the open registration period are:

- Mon and Thu 8 PM to 7 PM
- Tue and Wed 8 PM to 5 PM
- Friday 8:PM to 2 PM

Christmas Holiday Hours

- December 21 Open 8 AM to 7 PM
- December 22-25 College Closed
- December 28-29 Open 8:30 PM to 4 PM
- December 30-Jan 1 College Closed

January, 2010 Hours

- January 4-7 Open 8 AM to 7 PM
- January 8 Open 8 AM to 4 PM
- January 9 Open 9 AM to 2 PM
- January 11-14 Open 8 AM to 7 PM
- January 15 Open 8 AM to 2PM

Most students will be able to register on line with no problem. Sometimes a little extra help is needed. If you have difficulty, just stop in and we'll see what we can do to help.



Remember, keep your eye on the goal and take it one choice at a time. You can do this!

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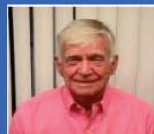
Free

Starting Tuesday, September 1

Math Tutoring at SPC Downtown

Fall Session
2009-2010

Chuck Torrey



Tuesday & Thursday
11:00am - 2:00pm
DC 251

Diana Timmons



Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Tutors all courses except:
MAC 2233, MGF 1106
MGF 1107, STA 2023
DC 251

Classes Include:

MAT 0012 Pre-Algebra
MAT 0024 Elem. Algebra
MAT 1033 Inter. Algebra
MAC 1105 College Algebra

MAC 2233 Appl. Calculus
STA 2023 Elem. Statistics
MGF 1106 Lib. Arts Math I
MGF 1107 Lib. Arts Math II

SPC DOWNTOWN LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER and Study Hall Fall 2009

Located on second floor in DC 251

Rita Hooks



Monday - Thursday
8am - 12pm
2pm - 5pm
Fridays
8am - 12pm
2pm - 4pm

Heather Thomas



Tuesday & Wednesday
6pm - 9pm
Starting Tues. Sept 1st

Services include tutoring in Reading and Writing
For more information, call 341-4249



Help! @ Your Library

Librarian,
Heather Disler

Wednesdays, 9am-1pm
Thursdays, 5pm-9pm
DC 255

So ... what exactly IS Ask a Librarian?

It's a free online service that allows you to chat with a Florida librarian for instant help with homework, papers and general questions.

1. Who works at Ask a Librarian?

It is staffed by professional Librarians across the state of Florida. You may chat with someone in Jacksonville, Miami or possibly even a SPC Librarian right here in St. Pete.

2. How does Ask a Librarian work?

When you click on the chat button, your question enters a queue for the on-duty librarians. Librarians answer questions in the order they receive them. Typically, between two and six librarians staff the Ask a Librarian desk during the hours available for live chat.

When the librarian accepts your question, you are able to chat one-on-one with that librarian while he or she helps you find what you need by guiding you through the myriad of resources available. If the librarian cannot answer your question during the session, he or she may suggest other sources for you to try that cannot be accessed in the online environment or ask for your contact information for possible follow up with you.

Once the session ends, you will be given the option to view and print your transcript or e-mail the session to yourself for later use. The transcript will provide links to all of the resources you visited during the session.

3. When are librarians available?

We are available via live chat 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Email assistance is available 24/7.

4. Why should I use Ask a Librarian instead of a search engine like Google or Yahoo?

Librarians are experts at sorting through information and finding what you need from a credible source. With over 100 million sites on the Internet, searching on Google

and Yahoo can return millions of Web sites filled with information that's not quite what you were looking for. And often, those sites have questionable authority. With Ask a Librarian, you have a professional to help evaluate resources, access to great resources hidden from search engines, and access to full text journals and books. Studies prove that having a librarian assist you with your research can help you get better grades and save you time. Librarians will not only help you find information but will also help organize and evaluate that information. With so much information available, it's important to sort out fact from fiction, and librarians can help.

Ask a Librarian brings this valuable resource straight to you – when and where you need it.



ATTENTION

Veterans

Veteran's Services Direct Dial **RED PHONE**

Located in the Information Commons, DC 255

Pick up the phone to be directly connected to a Veteran Services representative.

To reach Veteran Services from a regular phone call 727.302.6400





Student Life & Leadership



The holiday season is just around the corner. It is very easy to become distracted. Please avail yourself of Downtown's stellar, free tutoring services to keep your GPA strong. Additionally, the Learning Support Center is a quiet area for studying and decompressing.

During this busiest time of the year, our staff hopes you will be able to participate in the vibrant student life and leadership offerings scheduled for November and December. As articles on pg. 1 highlighted, an inspirational leadership lecture will be presented on Thursday, November 19 from 12pm-1:30pm in the Community Room, and as part of arts appreciation endeavors to help our students become well-rounded individuals, our campus is continuing our annual Family Day at Muvico on December 5. We sincerely hope that you and your family enjoy this signature event.

Be sure to carefully peruse the Spring schedule attached to this brief. Highlight your class choices early and mark your calendar to be among the first students to register on November 4, 2009.

Our students—You—are much appreciated. Please accept our thanks for choosing SPC and the Downtown Center for your educational pursuits. Happy Holidays!






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Scrooge, and as all three ghosts: "Christmas Past", "Christmas Present", and "Christmas Future".

A Christmas Carol tells the tale of a bitter, cold-hearted, tight-fisted, selfish miser who despises Christmas and everything which brings happiness. The unlikeable curmudgeon undergoes a profound spiritual redemption over the course of one night after being visited by 3 ghosts on Christmas Eve. This is THE movie to see for Christmas! You will not want to miss this Dickens' classic!



November	December
<p>11/10 -  Nite Bites 5:15pm-7pm, Student Lounge Catered by Chick-Fil-A</p>	<p>12/05 - SPC Downtown/Midtown Family Day at Muvico 12:00am, festivities begin 12:30pm, movie, "A Christmas Carol" </p>
<p>11/11 - College Closed: Veteran's Day </p>	<p>12/10 -  Holiday Goodies 11pm-1pm, Student Lounge</p>
<p>11/19 - Holiday Harvest Luncheon 12pm-1:30pm, Community Room </p>	<p>12/19 - Winter Break for students 01/10 </p>
<p>11/25 - College Closed: Thanksgiving Break 11/27 </p>	<p>01/11 - Spring Session Begins </p>