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First Annual Tomorrow’s Leaders Symposium
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On Tuesday, April 20, USF St. Petersburg will host our inaugural Tomorrow’s Leaders Symposium in Davis Hall lobby. The event, which is slated to become an annual one, will showcase the innovative research and creative work that undergraduate students have produced during the past academic year under the tutelage and support of the campus faculty.

Deadline for submission of student proposals is Thursday, April 1. Submissions may be given to James McHale, PhD, (DAV-258) or Ray Arsenault, PhD, (SNL-100).

According to McHale, USF St. Petersburg’s unique, small research university environment affords undergraduate students the unusual opportunity to contribute in a foundational and proactive manner to cutting-edge research projects with faculty from a variety of disciplines.

In fact, he noted that “many of these students undertake the caliber of work that is normally reserved only for graduate students at larger institutions.” Each year, working collaboratively with leading faculty experts, students generate new sets of scientific findings or other creative works, and many go on to share these discoveries at local and national forums beyond the University. The Tomorrow’s Leaders Symposium was founded so that these important student accomplishments could be recognized and celebrated here on campus, allowing members of the USF and St. Petersburg communities to salute the innovative scholarship of these talented young scholars.

Participants in this year’s symposium will display research, exhibit artwork and graphic designs, and perform original musical compositions. The University community and the general public are invited and encouraged to attend the event to hear first-hand from the students about their discoveries and creations.

The inaugural symposium is being organized and co-sponsored by the USFSP Department of Psychology and by the USFSP Honors Program.