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That's 850 pounds of Bull Pride now on full display along Harborwalk



An eight-foot tall, 850-pound bronze bull was installed Thursday at the foot of Harborwalk, the heftiest example of Bull pride ever seen at USF St. Petersburg. For Student Government President Mark Lombardi-Nelson, it is the culmination of months of planning and the beginning of a new era of campus culture and tradition. "It's the first time of actually being able to show our Bull Pride," said Lombardi-Nelson. "It's going to be the first thing you take your picture with and the last thing you take your picture with. It's going to be there forever and it should be because this is who we are: We're the Bulls." Student fees covered the \$10,000 cost of creating and shipping the bull. Lombardi-Nelson credited Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth for helping to make it happen and arranging the installation. "It was one of the first things I told the chancellor when he came here that we needed to work on," he said. Students crowded around Thursday, taking photos and videos with their cell phones. "It really looks like it's a bull in a pasture leading the way into the city," Lombardi-Nelson said.

USF St. Petersburg entrepreneurship students dominate pitch contest



USF St. Petersburg Entrepreneurship Club students cleaned up at a pitch competition in Tampa last week that drew 200 students from across the Southeast, with four of the seven finalists, a first and third place showing. Senior Evan Koteles (above) won the \$2,000 top prize at the Southeast Entrepreneurship Conference Student Pitch Competition at the University of Tampa. He pitched the Spunnel, a spoon/funnel invention for which he has a patent pending. Senior Nick Price placed third for a mobile, ecofriendly waterless car cleaning business in St. Petersburg he launched last month. "This was the best overall showing of pitching skills by our students I have seen," said William Jackson, Ph.D., director of the Entrepreneurship Program in the College of Business. The impressive showing comes just weeks after the USF St. Petersburg Entrepreneurship Program was named the Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program in the U.S. **[Read more.](#)**

Education professor wins national award for multicultural scholarship



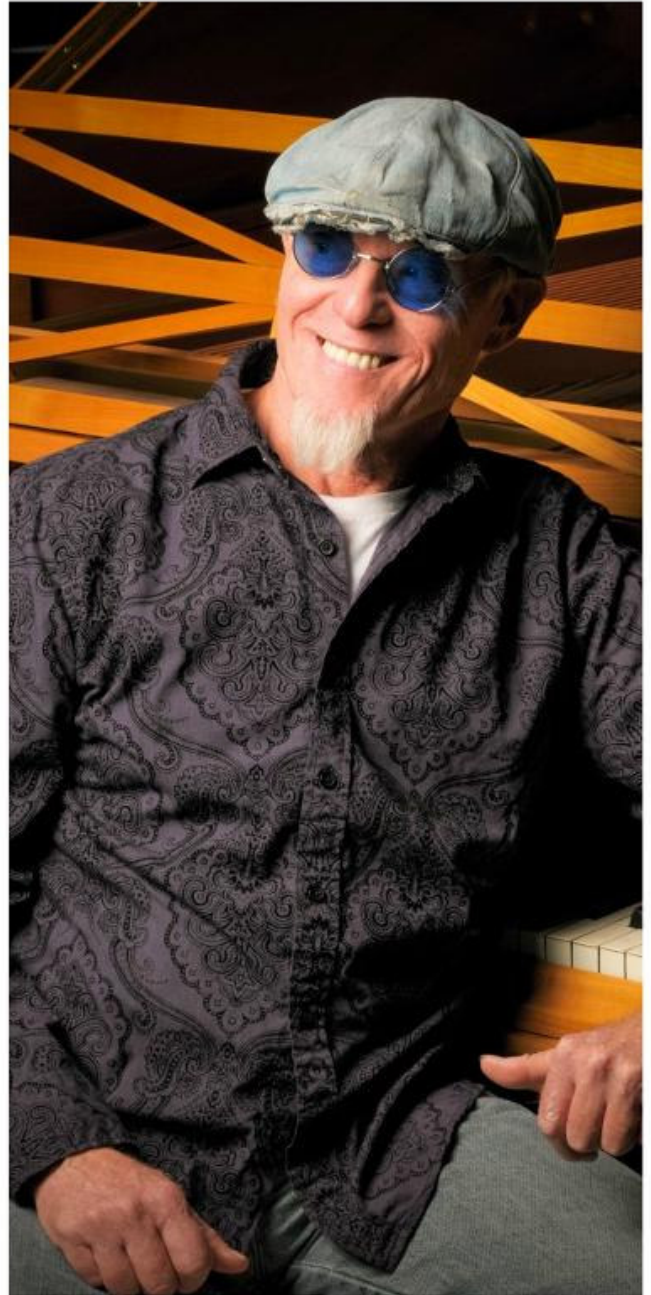
Assistant Professor of Reading and Literacy Studies AnnMarie Gunn, Ph.D., (above) in the College of Education has won the 2013 Dr. Carlos J. Vallejo Memorial Award for Emerging Scholarship. The award is given annually by the American Educational Research Association to one scholar nationally who demonstrates a commitment to underserved communities and to producing scholarship that advances multicultural and multi-ethnic education. She has received two university grants related to multicultural education and the [Florida Holocaust Museum](#). [Read more](#).

V. Mark Durand ranked among top Florida psychology professors



USF St. Petersburg Psychology Professor V. Mark Durand, Ph.D., (above) has been ranked among the top 25 psychology professors in Florida. Durand was chosen by StateStats.org because of his expertise in autism spectrum disorder, said Wes Ricketts, vice president of the college resource website. The list grew out of a previous ranking of top colleges. "Our readers immediately expressed interest in learning more about the faculties that make up those schools, so we obliged," Ricketts said. The list was developed for and published by OnlineSchoosFlorida.com and is based on awards given in the past year. "I am honored to be included on a list with so many distinguished colleagues from across the state," Durand said. [Read more.](#)

Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library



The Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's annual **Mardi Gras celebration** will take a musical bent Tuesday with a concert 2:30 p.m. on the 3rd Floor rooftop terrace. With a sweeping view of Bayboro Harbor, food, and friends, it's a great excuse to learn about its services in true New Orleans style. Singer Lauren Mitchell (above left) and guitarist Mike "the Prof" (above right) will perform songs steeped in the tradition of New Orleans blues as well as songs from their new album. Lauren is participating for the first time in the Sucoast Blues Society's "Blues in the Library Program," which is designed to promote blues music in the community.

public libraries, schools and universities to enrich student awareness and appreciation of the blues. Bon temps roulez!!

Upcoming Events

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Blues in the Library

February 18

2 p.m - 3:15 p.m.

Mia Bloom: Women and Terrorism

February 21

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Early Footprints in the Sand

February 12

February 26

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Transfer-A-Bull Info Session

February 27

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

International Lawyer Forum

February 27

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Florida's St. Johns River Lecture and Film

February 28

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

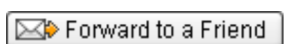
Ashraf Khalil: Inside the Egyptian Revolution

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