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Support Student Chefs at a Great Price

SCTI (Sarasota County Technical Institute) has the Bistro 502 Restaurant which offers a sit-down dining experience open to the public. Lunches are served to students, staff, and the public from 11-1, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (closed Monday and Friday). The Bistro 502 offers a new menu five times during the school year.

Bistro 502 is located on the new Suncoast Technical College main campus at 4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota. Visitors may enter the campus from either Proctor or Beneva Roads. Parking is available in the visitor parking lot in front of the Bistro 502 entrance. Info: 941-924-1365.

In addition to serving sit-down lunches, Suncoast Technical College has opened a "Grab-n-Go" Kiosk located at the inside entrance of the Bistro 502, as well as inside the Suncoast Technical College/SPHS Media Center. The "Grab-n-Go" Kiosks has a coffee bar, bottled soft drinks, snacks, fresh baked goods, prepared salads and sandwiches, soup and entrees for students and staff to purchase. Microwaves are available at both locations to heat up items. Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m. So if you're taking classes at ACE or if you're wanting a meal taught by a potential future chef, this is the pace to go.

Cafe Mirabilis at Manatee Technical College

The MTC Main Campus serves lunch daily, prepared by Manatee Tech's culinary students. The public is welcome to come and enjoy. The school's Main Campus serves delicious lunch selections daily, prepared by Manatee Tech's culinary students. The public is welcome to come and enjoy 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday when school is in session. A few past menu offerings:

Vietnamese Beef Soup, Shrimp Stir Fry over Rice Noodles, Bison Sausage Stuffed Portabella Mushroom with Wild Rice and Hawaiian Pulled Pork Sliders with Coleslaw and Feuille D'Automne (Almond Meringue Disk and Chocolate Mousse). Forget sloppy Joe's and mac 'n cheese!

The Whetstone is a fine dining option open to the public and offering classically prepared dishes, served by the student chefs at Manatee Tech's Main Campus. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, dessert and a beverage. The public is invited to enjoy lunch at The Whetstone on Tuesday,



Wednesday, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. when school is in session. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information and to make a reservation call to 941-751-7900 x 1086.

Ringling College of Art and Design Honors Scholars

Ringling College of Art and Design announced its 21st Annual Trustee Scholar Awards, honoring 13 students representing each major and the Office of Student Life. This year's theme, Transformations, recognized the creative development of these young artists and designers and the transformative power of their work. The Trustee Scholarship is the highest honor awarded by the Ringling College Board of Trustees and President Dr. Larry R. Thompson. The awardees best exemplify originality, brilliance, ambition, and talent in their area of study. In addition to the recognition, awardees also receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Every year, two third year students from each major and Student Life are nominated by faculty and the Office of Student Life for the Trustee Scholarship. The Board of Trustees then reviews each submission and portfolio to select the one student from each major and Student Life to receive the award based on: Exceptional talent and distinction of mind; Contribution to the department, College, and/or community; and Leadership, citizenship and mentorship.

The Trustee Scholars:

- LUIZA ALANIZ, Computer Animation, Sao Paolo, Brazil and Rochester Hills, Michigan
- SARA BICKNELL, Student Life, Gainesville, Florida
- BEN BRYANT, Graphic Design, Jensen Beach, Florida
- JASMINE FERNANDEZ, Motion Design, Miami, Florida
- IRENE GARIBAY, Fine Arts, Mexico City, Mexico
- LAUREN GAYLE, Interior Design, High Point, North Carolina
- JUSTINE HAMER, Game Art, Smith's Parish Bermuda
- NIKELLE MACKEY, Business of Art & Design, Apache Junction, Arizona
- TEBELLO MOSENENE, Advertising Design, Maseru, Lesotho
- KADE O'CASEY, Illustration, The Colony, Texas
- ROBERT PAYNE, Film, Parkton, Maryland
- REBECCA SABOWSKI, Photography & Imaging, LaSalle, Illinois
- KEVIN WHITMEYER, Game Art, Bethesda, Maryland.



Ringling College 2015 Trustee Scholars: Front L-R: Tebello Mosenene, Jasmine Fernandez, Nikelle Mackey, Irene Garibay, Rebecca Sabowski and Luiza Alaniz, Back: Robert Payne, Sara Bicknell, Justine Hamer, Kade O'Casey, Kevin Whitmeyer and Benjamin Bryant. Missing from photo: Lauren Gayle.

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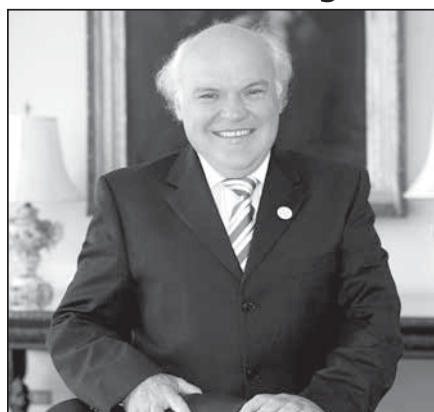
New College's President O'Shea Wins Major Math Award

President Donal O'Shea of New College of Florida is a co-winner of the 2016 American Mathematical Society's Leroy P. Steele Award for Exposition, one of the highest distinctions in mathematics. O'Shea and fellow mathematicians David Cox and John Little received the award for their 1992 book *Ideals, Varieties and Algorithms*. Its fourth edition was released this year.

The book, nicknamed CLO for its authors' initials, is known as a classic for making the complex field of algebraic geometry widely accessible. "Even more impressive than [the book's] clarity of ex-

position is the impact it has had on mathematics," the prize citation states. "CLO, as it is fondly known, has not only introduced many to algebraic geometry, it has actually broadened how the subject could be taught and who could use it."

The Society noted that the three authors of the landmark book are top-flight mathematicians who teach at small liberal arts colleges: O'Shea taught at Mount Holyoke College for more than 30 years before becoming the president of New College in 2012, while Cox teaches at Amherst College and Little teaches at College



of the Holy Cross.

O'Shea has been recognized previously for his ability to turn complicated mathematical concepts into broadly understandable prose. In 2008, he received the Peano Prize, one of Europe's top awards for mathematical writing, for his book *The Poincaré Conjecture: In Search of the Shape of the Universe* (Walker & Company, 2006). The AMS Steele Prize will be awarded on January 7 at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Seattle.

◀ President Donal O'Shea of New College of Florida.

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SCF earns a Military Friendly School designation

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) will award its first scholarships for veterans beginning with the Spring 2016 term thanks to funds donated by American Legion NO-VEL Post 159 in Venice, the Venice and Sarasota Kiwanis Clubs, Sarasota Military Officers Association, Northwestern Mutual Foundation, Giving Girls Giving Circle, VFW Post 2488 Ladies Auxiliary, SCF Foundation Board members Michael Fuller and Dorothy Korszen, and many other individuals.

The NO-VEL Post donated \$3,300 from the proceeds of its Veterans Golf Open last year to complete the SCF Foundation's available matching funds and bring the SCF Foundation Veterans' Endowed Scholarship Fund to \$50,000. An additional \$6,000 generated by the tournament will be used to establish the American Legion NO-VEL Post 159 Remedial Education Fund for veterans enrolled at SCF Venice.

These efforts recently earned SCF a Military Friendly School designation from Victoria Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, for the sixth time. SCF's Veterans Centers offer assistance with admissions, course selection, financial aid and tutoring, while student clubs, including the SCF Bradenton and Venice chapters of the Student Veterans of America, provide support to veterans as they adjust to civilian life. There are nearly 370 veterans and their dependents enrolled at SCF.

The SCF Veterans Scholarship is available to students enrolled at any of the three SCF locations or online who received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces, and have a minimum



Randy Kennedy, a U.S. Army veteran and member of the SCF Bradenton chapter of the Student Veterans of America (SVA), addressed the students, faculty, military personnel and members of the community at a campus ceremony commemorating the anniversary of 9/11 earlier this year.

Photo by Peter Gedeon

cumulative 2.5 GPA. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of employment, community service, GPA and life obstacles, as well as a graded essay and optional letters of reference.

The SCF Veterans Scholarship fund will award its first \$1,500 during the Spring 2016 semester. Funds can be used for educational expenses not covered by the Veterans Administration (VA), including books and fees.

The American Legion scholarship will assist veterans who are enrolled at SCF Venice and are in need of remedial or prerequisite

coursework, which is not paid for by earned VA educational benefits.

The NO-VEL Remedial Education Fund will be administered financially by the SCF Foundation. For more information, call 941-752-5390. SCF's Veterans Centers offer assistance with admissions, course selection, financial aid and tutoring, while student clubs, including the SCF Bradenton

and Venice chapters of the Student Veterans of America, provide support to veterans as they adjust to civilian life. To learn more about SCF's services for veterans, call 941-752-5075.

SCF is accepting registrations for the Spring term, which begins Jan. 11 and runs through April 29. For assistance or to register, visit scf.edu/admissions.

USF Sarasota-Manatee Establishes College of Science & Mathematics



To better serve the higher education needs of the community, USF Sarasota-Manatee will establish a College of Science & Mathematics (CSM) as part of a realignment of its four colleges. In addition, the current College of Arts & Sciences and College of Education will merge to create a College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS). The College of Business (COB) and College of Hospitality & Tourism Leadership (CHTL) will remain unchanged.

"By aligning our programs in this new college structure, USF Sarasota-Manatee is in a better position to serve our growing student population while also positioning the campus to obtain new resources in the future," Regional Chancellor Dr. Sandra Stone said.

USFSM launched its Biology program in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory in fall of 2014 which quickly became one of USF Sarasota-Manatee's fastest growing programs. "This realignment puts us in a better position for future growth of science and math programs which are programs of strategic emphasis and demand at the local, state and national levels," Dr. Stone said.

The new College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences will include three distinct areas: a School of Education, a Department of Liberal Arts and a Department of Social Sciences. By combining these three areas, USFSM has created a college that provides hands-on research and learning opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate levels while allowing for content area

preparation which is a foundation for higher education. In addition, the college will include programs that produce workforce-ready students.

As part of the realignment, no majors or programs will be added or eliminated. The alignment of the colleges will become effective for the fall 2016 semester and should have little impact on the day-to-day experience for current students.

USF Sarasota-Manatee's College of Business, accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), will remain unchanged. The College of Hospitality & Tourism Leadership will continue to play an instrumental role in training the next generation of leaders for Florida's booming hospitality and tourism industry. USFSM will remain committed to preparing teachers for the community through the School of Education's arts-integrated programs.

"We value our partnership with USF Sarasota-Manatee and their commitment to education," said Dr. Diana Greene, superintendent of schools for Manatee County. "We will continue to support them in the new alignment structure."

To assist with the transition, the campus has formed a committee to handle the day-to-day changes and keep students, faculty and staff informed. In addition, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) site has been set up to allow visitors to search the database of questions or submit one themselves. Find more at www.usfsm.edu.

Topics and Music at New College

Here are upcoming talks at New College. They're open to the public.

■ **JANUARY 19 at 7 p.m.** "How did Jews Become the People of the Talmud? The Metamorphosis of Oral Torah in Medieval Europe."

Presented by Dr. Talya Fishman, professor of Religious Studies and modern intellectual history at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Fishman's work focuses on Judaism in the medieval and early modern periods, with a special interest in Jewish intellectual and cultural history. Fishman is a 2004 Guggenheim Fellow at Penn and a 2011



Dr. Talya Fishman

National Jewish Book Award winner for her book, *Becoming the People of the Talmud: Oral Torah as Written Tradition in Medieval Jewish Cultures*.



Douglas Duncan

■ **APRIL 28 at 5:30 p.m.** "Putting Housing in Context" with Douglas Duncan, chair of the Fannie Mae Corporate House Price Forecast Committee.

Both events are held at Mildred Sainer Pavilion, 5313 Bay Shore Road. Tickets \$20; free for New College faculty, staff and students. Reserve online at donate.ncf.edu/ events or call 941-487-4888.



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The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee Offers "Insider Tips for College Admissions"

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee (JFSM) and My College Resource have joined forces to present "Insider Tips for College Admissions," an initiative designed for 8th to 12th grade students and their families to receive valuable information and tips about the college admissions process. The series of seven lectures, which begins on September 9, will be presented by Debra Landesberg, M.S., the founder and president of MyCollegeResource.net, a company that specializes in guiding high school students on the journey to college. The series is free to students and their families and is held on The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee's campus, 580 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. Participants can register online at www.jfedsrq.org. For more information about this series, contact Debra Landesberg at DL@MyCollegeResource.net or 941-704-5553. For more information about My College Resource, visit www.mycollegeresource.net.

For more than 15 years Debra Landesberg, M.S., has helped students and their families navigate the often confusing steps of the college application process coupled with the challenges of dealing with financial aid and scholarships. Time, thought, and planning are necessary to get it right so the student can find their best fit college.

"By customizing guidance for each individual, the mystery and stress is taken out of the pathway to college," says Landesberg. "The goal is to move through the college application process



Debra Landesberg at college seminar.

with minimal stress while maintaining a well-paced and comfortable progression to discover the best fit college for the student and family."

The remaining series schedule is as follows. All sessions are 7-8 p.m.

- **January 13, 2016: Where's The Money? FAFSA, Scholarships, And More!**
- **February 10, 2016: Surf's Up! What Are You Doing This Summer?**
- **March 9, 2016: Specialty Topics – Visual/Performing Arts/Athletics**
- **April 13, 2016: Beat The Curve In College Admissions**

"Helping young people reach their educational goals is paramount to our mission," says Howard Tevlowitz, JFSM's executive director. "We're delighted to partner with My College Resource to offer this outstanding series." The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to save Jewish lives and enhance Jewish life in the Sarasota-Manatee region, in Israel, and throughout the world. For more information, call 941-371-4546 or visit www.jfedsrq.org.

SCF Collegiate School Information Sessions

State College of Florida Collegiate School (SCFCS) will hold information sessions for parents interested in enrolling their children in grades six through 10 at SCFCS, as well as for families who want to learn more about the school's Accelerated College program.

Sessions for students entering grades six through 10 are set for 6 p.m. Jan. 20 and 28 at SCF Bradenton, 5840 26th St. W. A short presentation in Neel Performing Arts Center, Building 11 East, will be followed by a self-guided tour of SCFCS, Building 19. A session in Spanish will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 13 at SCFCS only.

Parents may attend information sessions focusing on junior year entry into the Accelerated College Program at 6 p.m. Jan. 19 and 27, also at SCFCS. This program is specifically for students who will qualify for dual enrollment on the SCF campus.

Applications for all seats will be available at the school after Jan. 15 and also at

all information sessions. A random drawing for seats in grades six through 11 will be held in March. Grades six through 10 do not require entrance criteria.

As an innovative, technology-oriented school, SCFCS is a tuition-free public charter school that allows students to explore their potential, discover the importance of higher education, and receive personalized academic coaching in a close-knit setting.

SCFCS is a high-achieving "A" grade school. Students are enrolled exclusively in college classes at SCF Bradenton beginning in 11th grade with an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously. A partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) provides a scholarship program for students to continue to FGCU for a baccalaureate degree after graduating from SCFCS.

For information, call 941-752-5494 or visit scf.edu/SCFCS. Applications must be submitted in person.