Researchers show off inventions during Sneak Peek

By Kathleen Haughney
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Researchers wanting to improve cancer treatments, build new solar-based cars and help prevent pre-term labor were among a group of 40 exhibitors who gave the local community a Sneak Peek of their inventions during a special event showcasing Florida State University research.

The hope of the researchers is that these high-impact projects will make successful transitions from the labs on Florida State's campuses to the marketplace, creating jobs and economic opportunity and improving lives in their wake.

Many of the researchers were looking to colleagues who have presented at the Sneak Peek in past years or who have made major scientific discoveries themselves. Florida State’s own Nobel Prize-winning chemist Harold

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Fall commencement 2013

Shridhar Sathe, Florida State’s 2013-14 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, and Bob Rice, a managing partner at merchant bank Tangent Capital and the author of the strategy book and blog Three Moves Ahead, will deliver the commencement addresses at the university’s two fall graduation ceremonies.

Sathe will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, while Rice will speak at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Both ceremonies will be held at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center at Florida State University, 505 W. Pensacola St. To learn more, see story at news.fsu.edu.

Vice President for Student Affairs
Mary Coburn was named the 2013 recipient of the Ross Oglesby Award during the Alumni Association’s annual Homecoming Awards Breakfast Nov. 16.

The award originated in 1973 and is presented annually a Florida State faculty or staff member who for 10 years or more has exemplified the highest order of integrity, service and commitment to students and the university.

The hallmark of Coburn’s career is her passionate focus on student success and well-being. During the past four years, she has been the driving force behind the universitywide Uphold the Garnet & Gold campaign, which emphasizes respect for the dignity and
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“We finally have a sample of the Martian highlands, that portion of Mars that holds all the secrets to Mars’ birth and early development.”

—Munir Humayun, professor in the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, as quoted Nov. 20 on Space.com. Humayun was discussing his Nature-published study of Mars meteorite NWA 7533, a 4.4 billion-year-old chunk of the Red Planet. The story was featured by numerous media outlets, including Fox News, The Nation, CNN, Popular Mechanics, the Spanish newspaper El Mundo and the German newspaper Die Welt.

Be sure to visit the FSU Makes News section of Florida State 24/7 at news.fsu.edu.
Kudos for Career Center

World-class center lauded by visiting career-services practitioner

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Australia’s Swinburne University decided to begin the process of gathering information to redesign its career services, it dispatched Careers and Employment manager Bernadette Gigliotti to the one career center that the entire world aspires to be.

“I think it’s very important that the people on your campus know that The Career Center at Florida State University is probably the best example of international best practices in the world,” said Gigliotti, who also serves as president of the Career Industry Council of Australia.

Gigliotti not only praised The Career Center’s cognitive information processing theory and best-practice models that deliver outstanding programs, but the people behind them: Janet Lenz, Bob Reardon, Gary Peterson and James Sampson. The four professors comprise the Center for the Study of Technology in Counseling and Career Development within The Career Center.

“I don’t know that I’ve seen such an extensive, well-structured, cooperative and collegial group of career practitioners anywhere else,” Gigliotti said.

Florida State is indeed fortunate to have a unique, world-class career center, according to its director, Myrna Hoover.

“Bernadette once again reinforced that ‘good work that works’ gets noticed,” Hoover said. “The Career Center has been and continues to be recognized as a national leader among college and university career centers.”

Gigliotti’s weeklong fact-finding mission in November allowed an up-close evaluation of the Career Portfolio, the online tool that allows students to document work and skills needed for career success. She also studied the center’s physical layout within the Dunlap Student Success Center to get a better idea of how Florida State efficiently serves so many students, and discussed the development of partnerships between the two universities with the potential for research into career development.

Hosting foreign educators has become commonplace at The Career Center, according to Lenz.

“The theory that guides our practice is cognitive information processing theory,” she said. “The goal is to meet students where they are with the right resources based on their need and the level of assistance they require. In this way, we can serve thousands of students very quickly. We want their wait to be shorter than it is at the dentist or the doctor’s office. They sign in and we figure out what they need. We don’t require them to come at a set time. It fits the way students live their lives.”

Florida State’s Career Center

is designed to help students determine what they should study, what kinds of jobs are available to certain majors and how to obtain experience in a certain field, and enable students to successfully transition into employment or graduate school.

Students can be served by visiting the center or its website (www.career.fsu.edu), which has become a powerful tool for delivering career services.

“We think about service delivery as self-help,” said Janet Lenz, program director for instruction, research and evaluation within the Center for the Study of Technology in Counseling and Career Development. “You can walk into this career center and browse like you’re in a bookstore, or be directly served by our staff.

“People ask us, ‘What do you do here,’ but our services are unique to the individual who asks the question, so we counter with, ‘What brings you here,’” Lenz said.

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Year-end dates for charitable gift processing

Employees who are responsible for processing or receiving gifts for their colleges or departments should take note: Florida State University’s Foundation will have abbreviated business hours during the winter break. To ensure donors’ year-end gifts reach the Foundation in a timely manner and are processed according to their wishes, the Foundation asks that employees adhere to the schedule outlined below.

The Foundation office will close at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, and will remain closed from Wednesday, Dec. 25, to Wednesday, Jan. 1. Regular office hours will resume Thursday, Jan. 2.

Documents and donor instructions can either be mailed using Mail Code 2739 or hand-delivered to the Foundation office at 2010 Levy Avenue, Building B, Suite 300.

After employees return from the holidays, they should take a few moments to sort through office mail, identify charitable items and deliver those items, along with the respective postmarked envelopes, to the Foundation office by Jan. 7. Please continue to send all postmarked envelopes for any gifts received in January. The Foundation also asks for assistance in making faculty and other staff members who may receive gifts aware of the urgency of transmitting year-end gifts and donor instructions to the Foundation.

For more information, contact Alexia Chamberlynn, director, Gift Processing, at achamberlynn@foundation.fsu.edu or (850) 644-9193.

Tips to ‘green’ your holiday

This holiday break, pull the plug and reduce unnecessary energy use. Unplug your power strips, computer, printer, coffee makers, microwaves/appliances and lamps before you leave the office for the holidays. Phantom loads — the use of energy from appliances even when they are turned off — add up fast, and can account for 8 percent of energy use per year. Florida State’s campus shutdown between Christmas and New Year’s is most effective when everyone is proactive in reducing individual energy usage.

“Green” your holiday even further by reimaging your gifts — give experiences instead of “stuff,” or donate to an organization in lieu of a gift. Get creative with your gift-wrapping, and reuse magazines or newspapers to reduce paper waste. Finally, remember to bring reusable bags during holiday shopping.

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Florida State’s Council on Research and Creativity (CRC) has awarded 12 faculty members with Planning Grants for fall 2013. Twice each year, the CRC awards up to $13,000 for each funded fall and spring Planning Grant.

The fall 2013 awardees, receiving a total of $162,258 toward research planning, are:

- Sarah Buck Kachaluba (FSU Libraries), “Revolutionary Activists and Mothers: A Digital Library Of Interviews With Mexican Women”;
- Fred Davis (History), “The Making Of Silent Spring”;
- Frank Finchem (Family and Child Sciences), “Developing A National Model To Enhance Health, Academic Success and Retention of Undergraduate Students”;
- Shuyuan Ho (Library and Information Sciences), “Two Sides Of A Coin: Online Identity Misrepresentation and Deception in Virtual Collaborative Environments”;
- RaMonda Horton-Ikard (Communication Disorders), “Establishing The Use Of Computerized LSA”;
- Jon Maner (Psychology), “Social Psychology And Hormonal Processes During Pregnancy”;
- Carla Prado (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science), “Body Composition as a Predictor of Surgical Outcomes in Patients with Hip or Knee Osteoarthritis: A Pilot Study”;
- Raed Rizkallah (Biomedical Science), “Identification Of A Novel Regulator Of Human Cell Division”;
- Hong-guo Yu (Biological Science), “The Role Of Cohesin Scc3 in the Establishment of Sister Chromatid Cohesion”;
- Fanxiu Zhu (Biological Science), “Exploring Viral-Host And Viral-Viral Interactions As Therapeutic Targets For Virus-Caused Cancers.”

Six faculty members received Small Grant Proposal awards for fall 2013-2014. Each fall and spring, the CRC awards up to $3,000 per funded proposal.

The fall awardees, with a total of $16,250 in funding, are:

- Jennifer Atkins (Dance), “Anthology: Dance In American Culture”;
- David Johnson (English), “Arthurian Archives: Dutch Romances IV”;
- Judy Rushin (Art), “Variance Invariance”; and
- Daniel Sack (Theatre), “The Futures Of Performances.”

As vice president, Coburn leads more than 1,000 employees in the Division of Student Affairs.


Coburn began her teaching career at Bainbridge Junior College in Georgia, where she served as a counselor from 1976 to 1979. She then came to Florida State where she served as director of student development programs from 1981 to 1982, assistant dean of students and director of the orientation center, 1982 to 1994, and associate dean of students from 1994 to 1995. That year, she left Florida State to become vice president for student affairs at Tallahassee Community College. She returned to Florida State in January 2003 to her current position.

To read the entire story, visit news.fsu.edu.

An enduring legacy: Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Coburn was the driving force behind the Uphold the Garnet & Gold campaign. Launched in 2010, it continues to encourage civil behavior and good conduct on campus and in the Tallahassee community. Students, faculty and staff recognize each other’s good deeds by giving each other an “Uphold” gold-colored coin, pictured left. For more information, visit uphold.fsu.edu.
Shopping in a winter wonderland: Security tips for online shopping

Online holiday shopping continues to grow in popularity. According to American Express, shoppers are expected to spend nearly $62 billion online throughout the 2013 holiday season, and eMarketer predicts that almost $10 billion will come from the use of mobile devices for online shopping, or m-commerce. Whether you’ll be conducting transactions from your desktop, laptop or mobile device, keep these tips in mind to help protect yourself while holiday shopping this year:

- **Secure your computer and mobile devices.** Be sure your computer and mobile devices are current with all operating system, Web browser and app updates and that anti-virus and anti-spyware software is installed.
- **Use mobile applications with caution.** Disable Bluetooth and Near Field Communications when not in use to reduce the risk of your data — such as credit card number — being intercepted by a nearby device.
- **Do not use public computers or public wireless access for online shopping.** Make sure that the settings on your computer or device prevent it from automatically connecting to Wi-Fi hotspots.
- **Consider using an online payment system.** When available, use online payment services, which let you make purchases online without revealing your credit card details to retailers. If you do pay online directly to the retailer, use a credit, not debit card.
- **Look for “https” before you click “Purchase.”** Before you submit your online transaction, make sure that the Web page address begins with “https.” The “s” stands for secure. A padlock or key icon in the browser’s status bar is another indicator.
- **Be alert for potential charity donation scams.** Check if an organization is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions by visiting the IRS website. Then, contribute by navigating to the trusted Web address of the charity, never through a link in an email.

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Kroto and local economic expert Dale Brill were both on hand, along with current Florida State faculty members who have already taken the plunge into the business world, to offer inspiration and advice to their colleagues. For example:

Jake VanLandingham, assistant professor in medicine, started a company called Prevacus to work on a concussion drug.

Joe Schlenoff, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, started a company called nanoStrata that manufactures robots to create biofilms.

“People are really realizing that Florida State is a place where things happen,” said John Fraser, Florida State’s assistant vice president for Research and Economic Development.

Jinfeng Zhang and Amy Sang’s work on chemotherapy is a prime example. Zhang, an assistant professor of statistics, partnered with Sang, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and a cancer researcher, to look at chemotherapy treatment.

“Cancer is a high impact problem,” Zhang said.

More than 1.6 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2013 and roughly 22 percent of those patients — or 352,000 — will receive chemotherapy to treat the disease. But the response rate of chemotherapy is less than 30 percent.

Chemotherapy, while having many benefits, is extremely toxic and comes with painful side effects. So Zhang and Sang began designing a chemotherapy treatment based on a set of genes. Their initial design, tested on 1,000 breast cancer patients, improved the chemotherapy response rate from 25 percent to 42 percent.

“The premiere goal is to look at whether a patient should receive an aggressive chemo treatment or a less aggressive one,” Zhang said.

The research must face many regulatory hurdles first though before it is ready for use in local hospitals.

Zhang filed a patent application for his design and also formed a company, Innovomedicine LLC, with hopes of marketing the program to cancer centers around the country.

James Olcese, an associate professor of biomedical sciences, is following a similar route. His work, for the past decade, has focused on fertility issues and why women go into pre-term labor.

Many women go into labor at night, when the hormone melatonin is at its peak. Olcese’s research, conducted on patients from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital who were in late-term pregnancies, found that if the women were subjected to bright light overnight, the melatonin levels dropped.

“Turning on the light at night suppresses contractions,” he said.

Olcese is now constructing light-emitting glasses that women who are at risk of pre-term labor could wear. He is trying to get funding to continue his work.

In addition, undergraduate students were also milling around examining projects and showing their own work.

Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering students are working on a solar car. Students last year built the basic outline of the car from carbon fiber, which is about 20 pounds. The current crop of students will now work on finishing the design and constructing the internal electrical work.

They will compete in a competition later this year to see who can design the best car.

Florida State Vice President for Research Gary K. Ostrander said the event showcases extraordinary work each year and he was excited to see future work by the faculty and students.

“These researchers really demonstrate some of the most unique and life-changing work coming out of Florida State University,” Ostrander said. “We can’t wait to see what the next year will bring and what new work our faculty will be showcasing at next year’s Sneak Peek.”

Sneak Peek researchers: Chemistry and biochemistry Professor Qing-Xiang “Amy” Sang (far left) and Molly Barron and President Eric J. Barron (front row) with a group of Sang’s undergraduate and graduate students who are doing research on cancer, stroke and obesity biomarkers and drug-discovery projects. The students, from left, are Cedric D. Sheffield, Ty J. Lively, Dale B. Bosco, Paul A. Stewart, Jennifer S. Myers and Jennifer Luks.
Instructor-led and online training opportunities are available to Florida State faculty and staff members. To view a schedule of classes and registration information, visit www.hr.fsu.edu/train. To register for classes, log in to www.omni.fsu.edu.

More information: (850) 644-8724.

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More information: Michael Horgan, (850) 644-4017 or retirement@admin.fsu.edu.
RECOGNITIONS

Matthew Earhart (Institutional Research) received the 2013 Sheila B. Lutz Memorial Scholarship, given annually by the Department of Biological Science to a Florida State employee. Earhart is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree.

WFSU received an American Graduate Champion award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for its commitment to education and support of students and their families through its ongoing participation in the “American Graduate: Let’s Make It Happen” initiative, November.

BYLINES

James K. McNulty, Ph.D. (Psychology), co-wrote an article, “Though They May Be Unaware, Newlyweds Implicitly Know Whether Their Marriage Will Fail,” with M.A. Olson and M.J. Shaffer of the University of Tennessee and A.L. Meltzer of Southern Methodist University, published in the journal Science, November 2013.

Scott Steppan, Ph.D. (Biological Science), co-wrote an article, “Ecological Opportunity and Incumbency in the Diversification of Repeated Continental Colonizations by Muroid Rodents,” with former post-docs John J. Schenck (Tulane University) and Kevin C. Rowe (Victoria Museum, Australia), published in the journal Systematic Biology, Vol. 62, No. 6, 2013. The article was featured as the journal’s cover story.


PRESENTATIONS

John Crossley, Ed.D. (Recreation, Tourism and Events Program, FSU Panama City), made a presentation, “From Gaming Capital to Diversified Tourism Destination — Lessons from Las Vegas in Diversifying Macao’s Tourism,” with Carlos Siu Lam, Ph.D., of Macao Polytechnic University, at the Research Symposium of the Resort and Commercial Recreation Association, Amelia Island, Fla., November 11.

Jeanette DeDiemar, Ph.D. (University Relations/Integrated Marketing and Communications), co-presented research and a white paper on how universities across the country address the challenges associated with showing the value of communications staff resources and strategic efforts during the American Marketing Association’s annual Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education, Boston, November. The presentation, “When Doing Isn’t Enough: Showing the Impact of Your Integrated Marketing and Communications Strategy,” included a survey of more than 100 universities from across the nation. DeDiemar also served as a judge for the annual conference awards.

Jessica De Leon, Ph.D. (Medicine), presented a poster, “Barriers and Facilitators to Conducting Adolescent Health Risk Assessments in Primary Care,” at the 141st annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, Nov. 5. Focus groups with primary care providers and staff revealed that barriers and facilitators to conducting adolescent health risk assessments are multidimensional and multifactorial, and are associated with providers, patients, practices, processes, instruments and referral systems. Addressing barriers and the means to facilitate adolescent health risk assessments can expand and enhance their administration and application.

MILESTONES

Chris Poole (Intercollegiate Athletics, Indoor Volleyball) achieved his 700th career victory leading Florida State’s indoor volleyball team over Notre Dame, 3-0, Nov. 17. Poole ranks in the top 10 in victories among all active Division I coaches in the nation.
Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and a fabulous new year!

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>>SEEKING BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS: Post-menopausal breast cancer survivors of stages 0-III who have been finished with chemotherapy for at least two months are needed to participate in a 12-week exercise and functional food intervention intended to improve body composition (muscle and fat mass). Participants must be between 40 and 75 years old. Assessments and training will be conducted in the Exercise Physiology Laboratory, 100 Sandels Building.

More information: Lynn Panton, (850) 644-4685 or lpanton@fsu.edu, or Takudzwa Madzima, (850) 322-3930 or tam07g@my.fsu.edu.

>>TEACHING BEYOND TALLAHASSEE: International Programs is accepting faculty applications to teach or lead programs abroad in 2015 and 2016. Courses of broad general interest or ones that meet the new Liberal Studies for the 21st Century requirements are of particular interest. Faculty members interested in participating in study abroad programs are encouraged to submit their online applications via www.international.fsu.edu. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 15, 2014.

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