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Convocation : 2008 : 08 : 24 : Freshman Convocation Program

University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
New Student Convocation

August 24, 2008
Campus Activities Center
University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Alma Mater

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater
May thy name be told,
Where above thy gleaming splendor,
Waves the green and gold.
Thou our guide in quest for knowledge.
Where we all are free
University of South Florida,
Alma Mater, Hail to thee!
Be our guide in truth and wisdom
As we onward go,
May thy glory, fame and honor
Never cease to grow;
May our thoughts and prayers
be with thee through eternity,
University of South Florida,
Alma Mater, Hail to thee!
New Student Convocation

Presiding
D. Kent Kelso, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

America the Beautiful
Laura Davis, Class of 2001

Welcome
Karen A. White, Chancellor

Student Government Welcome
Christopher Talley, Student Government President

The Student Experience
Shadi Fackih, Student Leader of the Year, Class of 2008

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
David Carr, Chair of the Faculty Senate

Keynote Speaker
Margaret Hewitt, Associate Professor

Significance of the University Seal
Norine Noonan, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Presentation to Students
Karen A. White, Chancellor

Alma Mater
Laura Davis, Class of 2001

Guests are requested to stand for the processional, the alma mater, and the platform party's recessional.

Reception
The University of South Florida St. Petersburg

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