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Dear Graduates,

Today is a very proud moment for you, your family and friends, and for the University of South Florida. Congratulations on achieving your dream.

We fully appreciate just how hard you worked to reach this milestone. You have faced high standards since you entered USF. You have undoubtedly changed in many ways, some obvious, others more subtle. You have refined your skills in the arts of listening, researching and thinking. You have learned the confidence to challenge ideas and developed the communication skills to preserve relationships while engaging in dialogue with others.

May your life's journey never take you far from these principles, and may it frequently bring you back to USF.

Sincerely,

Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida
University of South Florida
St. Petersburg

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida is a national research university with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is classified among the nation’s premier research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Of the 4,321 colleges and universities classified by the foundation, USF is one of only 95 in the U.S. honored to be in the top one and one of four universities in Florida at the highest level.

USF St. Petersburg opened for classes September 7, 1965 in the barracks of a World War II Merchant Marine Base. The state legislature established St. Petersburg as an official branch campus of the University of South Florida in 1968, the first regional campus in the State University System. The first degrees were conferred that year to 51 students in elementary education.

Throughout its history, the St. Petersburg City Council and business leaders lobbied to expand the campus. Their visionary efforts garnered today’s campus for classrooms, laboratories, library and support facilities. After 30 years of teaching juniors, seniors and graduate students, USF St. Petersburg admitted a limited number of freshmen in a special Learning Community Program in 1998. It proved so popular that two years later the campus admitted freshmen into every program. This step spurred enrollment growth and increased higher education choices for Florida’s students.

Today, USF St. Petersburg is a separately accredited, fiscally autonomous institution of the University of South Florida. More than 5,000 students are enrolled in 38 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Education.

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs in a close-knit, student-centered learning environment. Faculty and students conduct wide-ranging, collaborative research projects and partnerships to enhance the university and community’s social, economic and intellectual life. As an integral and complementary part of a university system, USF St. Petersburg retains a separate identity and mission while contributing to and benefiting from the associations, cooperation and shared resources of a premier national research university.

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| PROCERNSIONAL (please stand) | Margaret Hewitt  
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| CEREMONY OPENING | Margaret Hewitt  
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| NATIONAL ANTHEM | Laura Davis, '01  
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| PLATFORM INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME | Karen A. White  
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|

| PRESIDENT'S WELCOME | President Genshaft  
|----------------------|-----------------|

| STUDENT WELCOME | Ernest McDonald  
|------------------|-----------------|

| ALUMNI WELCOME | Audrey Gilmore, '80, President, Pinellas County Alumni Chapter  
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| KING O'NEAL AWARDS | Audrey Gilmore, presenting  
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| OUTSTANDING GRADUATE PRESENTATION | Audrey Gilmore, presenting  
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| PRESENTATION OF MASTER DEGREES | Frank Biafora, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
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| CONFERRING OF MASTER DEGREES | President Genshaft  
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| PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES | Frank Biafora, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
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| CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES | President Genshaft  
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| ALMA MATER | Laura Davis  
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| CLOSING/RECESSIONAL | Margaret Hewitt  
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**PARTICIPANTS**

| COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL | Margaret Hewitt  
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| UNIVERSITY READER | Todd Shank  
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Dear Graduate,

Congratulations to you, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg graduating class of Spring 2008. Graduation is a defining time in your life—it is the fulfillment of past goals and holds the promise of future challenges and accomplishments. I am honored to be associated with you, our graduates, and to be affiliated with a university so committed to the value of higher education.

The university’s commitment to high standards and academic excellence will prove important to you as you now focus on your future whether you choose to enter the job market or apply to graduate school. I am confident you will find that your hard work and dedication, as well as the high expectations and standards set by your professors, have well prepared you for success.

You made a good choice in choosing to attend the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, an institution with a continuing tradition of close interaction between students and a caring faculty committed to excellence in education.

As educated citizens of this city, this state, this nation, and ultimately the world at large, you have a greater responsibility than you did when you first entered the university. We expect great things from you; but, most of all, we expect you to do things for the betterment of humanity with the knowledge and skills you gained during your university experience.

Sincerely,

Karen A. White, D.M.A.
Regional Chancellor
Congratulations!
Today you join a proud tradition.

Since the very first graduating class in 1963, USF alumni have brought honor and distinction to the university in many areas, including medicine, business, law, the arts, public service, technology, engineering and education. With each passing year—and graduating class—the university's stature continues to grow as its alumni are recognized across the state and nation, and around the world. From this day forward, you will carry on that tradition.

Wherever your future takes you, you'll carry with you the distinguished reputation of a world-class university. As a student, you benefited from those who came before you and helped contribute to the value of your USF experience and degree. Now, as an alumnus, you will make your own contributions to benefit generations of USF students to come. Pride, Loyalty, and Tradition—We challenge all USF alumni to get involved in some way. Whether it's with a local alumni chapter, a national society or by attending Alumni Association events, you can make a difference.

We are truly proud of the accomplishments you celebrate today. We hope we can count on your support to help improve our university through your participation with the USF Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spalding, '87
President
USF Alumni Association
Susan M. Herbert
Outstanding Graduate

Suzi Herbert, the Spring 2008 Outstanding Graduate, has consistently demonstrated diligence and integrity through her academic, professional and personal accomplishments. From day one of her coursework toward two majors – Management and Marketing – Suzi worked at least 40 hours a week while taking classes full time, completing her work exceptionally well and standing out as a leader among her peers. Her intelligence and work ethic have impressed her professors, leading to multiple scholarships and a Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Business Fraternity membership.

Suzi has a long list of community service activities, from helping raise money for the American Cancer Society with Relay for Life to visiting incarcerated women through a program at her church. In her professional pursuits she worked quickly to become a top sales director with Mary Kay, Inc. and was appointed in March 2007 to the position of Vice President at BNI Tidal Revenue in Apollo Beach. She did all of this while being an exemplary student at USF St. Petersburg.

The first in her family to graduate from a university, Suzi describes her USF St. Petersburg career as life-changing, with lessons and experiences she will always carry with her as a professional. In her award application Suzi described her deepest gratitude to her professors for their support, but today the University recognizes Suzi – for her dedication and commitment to making her dreams a reality.

Congratulations, Suzi.
Candidates for the Master’s Degree

**College of Arts and Sciences**
- **Frank Biasora, Dean**

**Master of Arts**
- Mass Communications, Journalism Studies
  - Giuseppa Ando
  - Elise Victoria Bouchard
  - Erin Leigh Buchanan
  - Edith Karlynn Graham
  - Ayumi Hattori
  - Deborah MacPherson
  - McCarthy
  - Donna Louise Rogers

**Master of Liberal Arts**
- Liberal Arts, Florida Studies
  - Jennifer Lynn Aldrich
  - Zanetta Louise Starks
  - Justin Charles Whitney

**College of Business**
- Geralyn McClure Franklin, Dean

**Master of Business Administration**
- Business Administration
  - Charles Baker II
  - Nicholas Paul Buscemi
  - Justin A. Buskho
  - Natalie Hoffman Chandler
  - Christine George Homsi
  - Jenna Nicole Pac
  - Christy Carr Wildk
  - Margarita Zabelina

**College of Education**
- Vivian Fueyo, Dean

**Master of Arts**
- Elementary Education
  - Amy Lynn Carlson
  - Debra A. Cascone
  - Jennifer S. Fernandez
  - Danette Marie Garcia
  - Krista Gintere Rukas
  - Carol Beth Marion-Smith
  - Robert I. Rushworth
  - Kimberly Stevens Task
  - Jennifer Ruth Willis

- Special Education: Varying Exceptionalities
  - Philip A. Gill
  - Patricia E. Jones
  - Dimitrios A. Paparizos

- Reading Education
  - Leticia M. Brull
  - Erin Eileen Geraghty
  - Lynn Marie Hagelin
  - Lisa Ann Hardy
  - Karen Lynn Knight
  - Adela R. Lopez
  - Tina L. March
  - Tionbhe Martin
  - Maybelle Popon

- Language Education
  - Vinyun
  - Exceptionalities
  - Courner Melen Conover
  - Carrie Mae Kirkpatrick
  - Jessica Lynne Langwell
  - Teresa Anne Siwett
  - Diana Grace Soule

**Master of Business Administration**
- Business Administration
  - Charles Baker II
  - Nicholas Paul Buscemi
  - Justin A. Buskho
  - Natalie Hoffman Chandler
  - Christine George Homsi
  - Jenna Nicole Pac
  - Christy Carr Wildk
  - Margarita Zabelina

**Master of Science in Teaching**
- Elementary Education: Varying Exceptionalities
  - Philip A. Gill
  - Patricia E. Jones
  - Dimitrios A. Paparizos

- Educational Leadership
  - Teresa Crisp Clark
  - James S. Cooper
  - Carolyn Kay McDaniel
  - Kim Lois Carley Richards
  - Jasmine Laselle Turner
  - Sharon Elizabeth Weber

**Master of Education**
- Educational Leadership
  - Teresa Crisp Clark
  - James S. Cooper
  - Carolyn Kay McDaniel
  - Kim Lois Carley Richards
  - Jasmine Laselle Turner
  - Sharon Elizabeth Weber
Candidates for the Bachelor’s Degree

**College of Arts and Sciences**

Frank Biafora, Dean

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Anthropology**
- Justin M. Courterier
- Andrea Christen Donzlek
- Aaron James Kinyon
- Zoë Rita Placiotis
- Laura Lynn Schmidt

**Anthropology and English**
- Megan Allyn Oliver

**Literature**
- Amanda Eileen Bush
- Matthew Ryan Gilbey
- Samantha M. Goodman
- Corey Alan Rollins
- Laura Elizabeth Schnedler
- Christine Scott Schrader
- Elisha Bond

**History**
- Karen Ann Beasy
- Juan Carlos Diaz
- Mark Lewis Granham
- Erica Renee Mackey
- Kimberly Morgan Nesbitt
- Robert John Quattrocchi
- Tiffany E. Schreiber
- Jonathan Tallon
- Mary Patricia Wilson

**Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**
- Melissa K. Bonaby
- Jay Francis Charboneau
- Roxanne Woodward
- Charboneau
- Donna Marie Conte
- Christopher Daughtery
- Elizabeth Keaton Foy
- Janice Louise Hatcher
- Lea Leslie Heffner
- Katherine Adele Honahan
- Kelly Icton
- Honors Program

**English, Literature**
- Sarah Elisabeth Edwards
- Stephen Michael James
- Crystal Lorraine Kelly
- Chetree M. Khandani
- Sarah Kirstine Lain
- Allison Nicole More
- Lulania Marie Seeders

**English, Professional-Technical Writing**
- Emily Louise Hager
- Michael Haworth
- Jessica Lynn Koch
- Caitlin Mitchell
- Irving Ramos
- Russell Boyd Snead

**Geography, Economic, Social, and Planning Issues in the Urban Environment**
- Jennifer Leigh Icton
- Steven Eric Winsor

**Psychology**
- Karie Beth Arthur
- Ricardo Dominic Bernabe
- Haley Elizabeth Bruns
- Ryan Robert Carver
- Marc Daniel Chavez
- Crystal Michelle Claus
- James Robert Coffey

**Mass Communications**
- Christina Castellana
- Caitlin Jean Kuleci
- Kathleen Gwyndolyn Pearson
- Jena Marie Todaro
- James Philip Vasey
- Joshua Charles Wamsley

**Mass Communications, Journalism- Magazine**
- Amanda Eileen Bush
- Matthew Ryan Gilbey
- Samantha M. Goodman
- Corey Alan Rollins
- Laura Elizabeth Schnedler
- Christine Scott Schrader
- Marquel B. Skinner
- Tiquila L. Snead
- Fred Joseph Soly
- Steve H. White
- Keith William Wedin
- Paul Vincent Yoho

**Economics**
- Ramesh J. Guirguis
- Steven Christopher White

**Honors Program**
- Jamie Leigh Jones
- Magna Cum Laude
- Matthew Buchanan Lawrence
- Jennifer Lynn Leitner
- Adrian Aash Huxton
- Stacey Luckins McKee
- Bonnie J. McNally
- Magna Cum Laude
- Marissa D. Messer
- Blake Edward Moore
- Keyana Chance Murphy
- Kristy L. Ryan
- Peter John Villafana
- Lindsay Kate Wismer

**Honors Program, Summa Cum Laude**
- David R. Davis
- Magna Cum Laude
- Christina Lauren Edenfield
- Jordan Lea Elliott
- Anthony Hernandez
- Raquel Asencio Hodge
- Christina Castellana
- Honors Program
- Summa Cum Laude
- Kathleen Gwyndolyn Pearson
- Jena Marie Todaro
- James Philip Vasey
- Joshua Charles Wamsley
- Summa Cum Laude
- John Patrick Cowan
- Brandi Amelia Cross
- Nicholas B. Johnson
- Magna Cum Laude
- Priscilla Mader
- Michael Radford Mahaney
- Kimberly Candice Ross

**Honors Program, Visual Communications**
- Christina Marie Holloway
- Roseanne Claire Tillo

**Political Science**
- Amy Alarnillo
- Ashley Linn Burgess
- Tara Rae Malley
- Andrew William Hayman
- Jacqueline Renee Hicks
- Summa Cum Laude
- Carolyne Kirschner
- Tiffany Michelle Shalib
- Jennifer R. Sindler
- Claire G. E. St. Jacques
- Honors Program
- Megan Leigh Taylor
- Magna Cum Laude
- Jennifer Ward
- Summa Cum Laude
- Carolyne Kirschner
- Tiffany Michelle Shalib
- Jennifer R. Sindler
- Claire G. E. St. Jacques
- Honors Program
- Megan Leigh Taylor
- Magna Cum Laude
- Jennifer Ward
- Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Art, Graphic Design
Marcela Carolina Arias
Julie Marie Broolkins
Anthony Nello Cucione
Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Anna Di Maggio
Kelsey Ann Donahue
Brianna Rose Faulkner
Matthew Ryan Gorden
Adiliana Krzalija
Heidi Lin Kyees
Magna Cum Laude
Michael Angelo Macaluso
Eric Field Montanari
Julia Kathleen Mullins
Cum Laude
Jennifer Nieves
Magna Cum Laude
Justin Cory Page

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Ernest R. McDonald
Hend Annette Nassar
Enrique Navarro
Tempi Savio
Tatiana Ivanova Thibeault
Grant Taylor Walker

Business Economics
Nayanaka Xavier
Honors Program

Finance
John Lee Whitmer, Jr.

General Business
Administration, Management, Management Information Systems
Mark Jeremy Riddlebarger

General Business
Administration, Management, Marketing
Afram Malaki

Management
Nelson Miguel Amorim Varajao
Cum Laude
Laura Ann Wiggins

Bachelor of Science
Environmental Science & Policy
Chad Thomas Anderson
John Christopher Barnes
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Tyler L. Colcez
Nicholas Paul Elerman
Karen E. Hamel
Christopher K. King
Michelle Delane Masi
Julia Elizabeth Mary Reeves
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Social Work
Social Work
Adelina Ferreira
Barry Greer
Cheryl Johnson
Kristina Moser
Kathy Peterson
Lori Pritchard
Jennifer Teoli
Anh Vu
Dawn Williams

College of Business
Geralyn McClure Franklin, Dean

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting
Robert M. Ratkiewicz
Nancy Joan Revlohe
Heather Marie Reese
Mitchell B. Rosen
Magna Cum Laude
Doris Denise Salvas
Hermena Setick
John William Siewert
Peter Temko
Tracey J. Wynn

Business Economics
Matthew A. Grabina
Liam C. Zappia

Finance
Jillian Margaret Abramowski
Deanne Nicole Adkins
Dustin Thomas Braun
Carina Elena Capella
George Ronald Daicoff, Jr.
William Doerlir
Joshua Douglas Dull
Christine N. Dunkle
Cum Laude
John Richard O. Ealdama
Joshua S. Farris
Sunshine Amber Fritz
Courtney Patricia Glanzrock
Michael Matthew Grey
Mack Odell Kilpatrick II
Joshua Elijah Moon
Timothy Lee Myers
Katie Marie Pulisifer
Kimberly Mark Rodgers
Theresa Irene Stone
Anthony Tyrone Sullivan
Brooke Leigh Thompson
Mary Jane Wermuth
Gerry Brandt Westbrook
David John Wosobec

Management
Janette Nicole Hunt

General Business
Administration, Accounting, Management
Eileen Brennan Griffin

General Business
Administration, Finance, Marketing
Brooke Alana Bennett
Christie Ann Francis
Stephanie Lynn Jayne

Management
Ralph G. Beyrouty
Nathan William Blair
Jacqueline Lee Carroll
Steven Christopher Dalena
Jeffrey Ryan Dedinsky
Matthew Bryan Douglas
Sarah Lynne Caglardi
Cum Laude
Tiffany A. Gregory
Kristi Marie Holbrook
Paul B. Letellier
Richard C. Linticum, Jr.
Mathew Keith Lowery
Angela Marie Moore
Jessica Leigh Moore
Jonathan Christian Moser
Joshua Hale Myers
Marcell Perkins
Jorge Enrique Rangel
Nicky Lee Russell
John Lee Sellas
Peter V. Seriano
Lacey Chandell Smith
Patricia M. Szymanki
Jennifer Elaine Trent
Naomi Elaine Whitehill

Management & Marketing
Susan Mary Herbert
Magna Cum Laude

Management Information Systems
Gregory David Chance
Elon Jaime McIntosh
Christian A. Minaya
Anthony Moshourtis, Jr.
Jennifer A. Silva
Nikolas Ariel Townsend

Marketing
David Justin Apple
Sonja Nicole Baker
Shannery Patrice Barnes
Laura Michelle Eller
Brian Jack Fisher
Kevin Thomas Gray
William C. Hess
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Summa Cum Laude
Jamie Yasmin Mohamed
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At the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, we take great pride in the academic achievements of our students. Undergraduate students who are graduating with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are identified in this Commencement program as graduating with honors. The honors designations are as follows:

- **Cum Laude**, graduating with honor: grade point average of 3.5 or higher
- **Magna Cum Laude**, graduating with high honor: grade point average of 3.7 or higher
- **Summa Cum Laude**, graduating with highest honor: grade point average of 3.9 or higher

Graduates with the highest cumulative grade point average, 4.0, are also identified as King O'Neal Scholars.
The Symbols of Learning

Modern academic regalia evolved from the apparel worn by monks and students in the 11th and 12th centuries to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied. Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages — first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, and the Bachelor was the apprentice to the Master. Their dress was the outward sign of stature and responsibility. Academic regalia was thus a visible manifestation — in color, pattern and design — that unified those of common discipline and like purpose. In later centuries, to preserve the regalia’s dignity and meaning, universities set rules of academic dress. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895, establishing a code of approved attire. In 1932, the American Council on Education revised this code, which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today. The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

THE GOWN — The gown has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing. The sleeves of the gown indicate the level of the degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates the bachelor’s degree. The master’s gown has an oblong sleeve cut in an arc, with a slit at either the upper arm or wrist. The doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may also have velvet facing and sleeve bars or chevrons. The trimming may be black, or it may match the degree color on the gown edging.

THE CAP — The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square symbolizing the book, although other authorities claim that it is a mortar board, the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline. The tassels on the caps (mortar boards) worn by the faculty may be black or a color indicating the degree. Those who hold a doctoral degree may wear a gold tassel. It is traditional for degree candidates to wear their tassels on the right and for those holding degrees to wear them on the left. Graduates transfer their tassels to the left after conferring of the degrees by the President.

THE MACE — The USF Mace, used during all Commencement ceremonies, is a ceremonial staff similar to those used by many institutions of higher learning to show the right of academic institutions to grant degrees to graduates. The USF mace is used during all Commencement ceremonies and is carried by the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Our mace includes a gold pine cone at its top to represent growth and continuity. Eight silver semicircles, which support the pine cone, stand for the eight colleges in existence at USF when the mace was commissioned in 1998. When not in use, today’s mace is displayed in the foyer of the President’s office. The original university mace is on display in the Alumni Center.

THE MEDALLION — The medallions worn by candidates for the bachelor’s degree identify those graduating with honors. The black hood of a bachelor’s candidate indicates a student who has earned the Honors College degree.

THE SASH — The golden-colored sash is made available to students who are members of university honors societies. The sash is embroidered with the university seal and the student’s honor society. International students may choose to wear a special sash honoring their home country. The colors of their sash reflect the colors of their native flags.

THE HOOD — The hoods are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. They are edged and bound with velvet of the color appropriate for the degree. At USF, the lining of the hood is green with a gold chevron, representing the university’s colors.

THE COLORS — In regalia, academic disciplines are noted by color. These colors can be found on undergraduate and masters tassels and on master and doctorate hoods on the velvet edging.

- Apricot — Nursing
- Black — Independent Studies
- Blue (dark) — Philosophy, African Studies, Economics, History, International Studies, Medical Sciences (doctorate), Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women’s Studies
- Blue (light) — Education
- Blue (peacock) — Public Administration
- Blue (Rhodes) — Audiology
- Brown — Visual and Performing Arts
- Citron — Social Work, Criminology, Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- Crimson — Mass Communications
- Drab — Business
- Green — Medicine
- Orange — Engineering
- Pink — Music
- Salmon — Public Health
- Violet — Architecture
- Silver — Speech Communications
- Teal — Physical Therapy
- Yellow — Anthropology, Biology, Bio Medical Sciences, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Gerontology, Information Technologies, Medical Sciences (Masters), Medical Technology, Mathematics, Marine Science, Physics, Speech Pathology
- Yellow (lemon) — Library Science
- Yellow (pineapple) — Hotel and Restaurant Management

The University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s, specialist and doctoral levels, including the Doctor of Medicine. Events, activities, programs and facilities of the University of South Florida are available to all without regard to race, color, marital status, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, Vietnam or disabled veteran status as provided by law and in accordance with the university’s respect for personal dignity.
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!