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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 faced high standards when you entered USF, you have changed in many ways, some obvious, others subtle and nuanced. 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 necessary to preserve relationships while engaging in dialogue with others.

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

Sincerely,

Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

ST. PETERSBURG
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005
Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida is a national research university with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Manatee and Lakeland. It is ranked in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's top tier, Doctoral/Research Extensive, and is ranked among the Top 100 public research universities in the annual report The Top American Research Universities.

USF St. Petersburg began in 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.

Over the years, the St. Petersburg City Council and business leaders lobbied to expand the campus. Their visionary efforts garnered today's 46.5 acres 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 rapidly growing, fiscally autonomous, urban campus of the University of South Florida, a Carnegie-designated Doctoral/Research Extensive University. More than 4,600 students are enrolled in 34 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Education. Students can choose from 19 minors.

The campus hosts a branch of USF's College of Nursing, the Children's Research Institute of USF's College of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics and the nationally renowned College of Marine Science. The Florida Humanities Council, the USGS Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Institute of Oceanography are also located on campus.

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs in business, education and arts and sciences in a close-knit, student-centered learning community. 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 multi-campus 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 institution.

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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 Academic Ceremonial Mace, which is closely related to maces used by ecclesiastical and civil authorities, dates back to at least the 14th century and is derived from the original battle mace that was designed to protect a king and was carried by the royal bodyguard. This symbolism of authority and power has been conveyed to the Academic Mace, and signifies the authority of the Chief Executive Officer of the university. The size, shape and design of academic maces vary tremendously. The most common design has a major shaft that is topped with a head and an ornament, with the lower end of the shaft having a terminal finial.

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 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.
Order of Exercises
Judy Genshaft, President, Presiding

PRELUDE
(PLEASE STAND)
Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet

PROCESSIONAL
H. William Heller
Commencement Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Laura Davis, '01, USF Alumnus

GREETINGS
Karen White
Regional Chancellor

REMARKS
President Judy Genshaft

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Regional Chancellor White

STUDENT REFLECTIONS
Jeffrey D. Cole, Student Government Secretary
B.A., Management and Finance, College of Business

OUTSTANDING SENIORS & GRADUATE
Gene Haines, '97, President, Pinellas County Alumni Chapter

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
President Judy Genshaft

CLOSING REMARKS
Regional Chancellor White

ALMA MATER
Laura Davis, '01, USF Alumnus

RECESSIONAL
Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet

(Please remain in your seats until recessional is complete.)
Karen A. White  
Regional Chancellor

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations to you, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg graduating class of Spring 2005. Graduation is a defining time in your lives; 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 futures—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 you and your professors, have well prepared you for success in your employment and academic endeavors.

You made a good choice in attending the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, and 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, skills, and relationships you gained during your university experiences. I wish you luck in your future careers. Make us proud!

Sincerely,

Karen A. White, D.M.A.  
Regional Chancellor
The Graduates

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College of Education

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Robin D. Baer
Delonda K. Boyd
Richard S. Bradin
Barbara S. Brawner
Gina N.B. Broadbent
Ragan A. Brown
Keri S. Brown-Robbins
Karrah M. Buchanan
Brenda K.T. Butler
Deborah E. Chin
Thomas M. Doughity
Cameron T. Frey
Lauren M. Friedman
Gay A. B. Hagaman
Taylor K. Henderson
Grace M. Hughes
Sharity M. Keith
Tanya A.R. King
Ernest Lee

Candidates for the Bachelor’s Degree

College of Arts and Sciences

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Christopher R. Bauer
Tamara Beatty-Buntz
Karen E. Bennett
Magna Cum Laude
Stacie L. Bingham
Kelly J. Bray
Anna E. Brooks
Christopher L. Burke
Cum Laude
Cara N. Burton
Patrick H. Bustle
Nadine J. Campbell
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College of Business

Cum Laude
Tricina A. DeMint

College of Education

Magna Cum Laude
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Bernard M. DesRoches
Kelly E. Dressback
Michelle E. Durbin
Cum Laude
Ashley E. Dykes
Aldina Dzebo
Magna Cum Laude
Holley N. Fenstemaker
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Christina Frasciello
Katherine E. Frisbie
Lisa M. Gamauche
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Becker T. Gerald
Anaris Gonzalez

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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!