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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 St. Petersburg. 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 St. Petersburg. You have undoubtedly changed in many ways, some obvious, others more subtle. You have refined your skills in the arts of listening, research 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.

Sincerely,

Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida System

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
46th USF ST. PETERSBURG COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

May 9, 2010
Dear Graduate,

Congratulations to you, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Spring 2010 graduates. Graduation is a defining time in your life. We come together to celebrate this achievement, for graduation represents persistence, courage, honor and determination.

You graduate during a period in our nation's history that will be remembered for its extraordinary challenges. You will face many obstacles in the years ahead. Remember that the qualities and values that served you well during your studies here have positioned you for success.

Learning has taught you that your success involves hard work and determination. You have been well educated by some of the best faculty in the country. Your professors, fellow graduates and family stand here today to celebrate your achievements.

Though you will be faced with many difficult tasks in the days to come, do not lose confidence or sight of your goals. Your university education has prepared you to face these uncertain days with courage, creativity and persistence. Maintain your intellectual curiosity and the persistence that carried you to commencement. These values will mark you as a leader and will enrich your life in many ways.

Remember fondly your days on the harbor and come back often. You bring pride and credit to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. May your hopes and dreams be realized.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Sullivan
Regional Chancellor
University of South Florida St. Petersburg

An Academic Pioneer

Nestled along the waterfront on beautiful Bayboro Harbor, USF St. Petersburg opened for classes September 7, 1965 in the barracks of a World War II Merchant Marine Base. The state legislature established it as an official campus of the University of South Florida in 1968, the first regional institution of the State University System. Its first degrees were conferred to 51 students in elementary education.

Today, USF St. Petersburg has come of age. It is considered one of the loveliest urban campuses in the nation and is part of the University of South Florida System. This separately accredited university offers programs at the baccalaureate and master’s levels. More than 6,000 students are enrolled.

Students say that USF St. Petersburg’s rich core of arts and sciences, business and education programs combined with stellar faculty creates a vibrancy and dynamic energy that pervades the campus community.

Curricula in the Community

Civic engagement is an important value that unites the institution. By pairing courses with corporate and community partners for immersive learning, professors involve students in the world outside the classroom. Students are engaged in a wide variety of service learning opportunities and are committed to improving the community.

Steward of its Environment

USF St. Petersburg values its stewardship of the environment. The institution is a test site for the collection and storage of renewable solar energy.

The Science and Technology Building opened in Spring 2010, adding classrooms, teaching labs and research labs for faculty and students. It received Gold certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System certification. It is the first building in the USF System to achieve LEED recognition.

Harborwalk at USF St. Petersburg transformed the university’s Second Street corridor into a tree-lined pedestrian promenade featuring native and drought-tolerant plants. Continuing the environmental stewardship exhibited in the Science and Technology Building, Harborwalk at USFSP features solar-powered lighting and dark-sky compliant fixtures to present a beautiful foreground for the academic buildings that line Bayboro Harbor.

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Alanna Lecher, Outstanding Graduate

The Spring 2010 Outstanding Graduate is Alanna Lecher. Ms. Lecher is a College of Arts and Sciences student graduating with a degree in Environmental Science and Policy.

Ms. Lecher has excelled in academics. She was recognized on the Dean’s List and the Chancellor’s List, and received a Director’s Award and a Progress Energy Fellowship. She is a member of the USFSP University Honors Program.

She has been a leader in Student Government. She served two terms as Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences and Senate President Pro Tempore. She also served on the Boat Parade Committee and Fitness Center Renovations Committee. She was captain of the winning team at the Homecoming competitions two years in a row.

Ms. Lecher has been especially active in undergraduate research. Working with Environmental Science Professor Dr. James Krest, she used radiochemistry to study the effect of effluent from the Mississippi River on the Gulf of Mexico dead zone. She also measured submarine groundwater discharge along the continental shelf off the west coast of Florida. She presented her research findings at the American Chemical Society Meeting in Miniature in 2008, where she received the award for the Best Undergraduate Presentation. For her Honors thesis, she mathematically modeled marine groundwater discharge off the coast of Tampa Bay.

She is an engaged community citizen. She tutored US Coast Guard service personnel taking college-level courses, served as a science ambassador to a local elementary school, and was a judge for the middle school science fair held here on campus. She volunteered aboard a USF College of Marine Science vessel mapping the underwater landscape of Dry Tortugas National Park.

In the Fall, Ms. Lecher will enter the Ph.D. program in Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ms. Lecher excelled in and outside of the classroom — as a student, a researcher, and a volunteer. Her service to the university and the community is a credit to USFSP and earns her the Outstanding Graduate Award for Spring 2010.
Graduating U.S. Army Commissioned Officers

2LT Eric Scherer

2nd Lieutenant Eric Scherer majored in Economics with a minor in Military Science, and has received an Army Reserve appointment. He graduated top of his Cadet class (3.87 GPA) and has been awarded the George C. Marshall Award. He served in the United States Navy from 1999 to 2006. In 2009, he graduated from the Leaders Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, WA. Throughout his time at USF St. Petersburg, he volunteered at the Veterans Administration at Bay Pines. Upon graduation, he will serve as an ROTC, Gold Bar Recruiter for the USF System and then attend Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, GA. His first duty station is at Joint Communications Support Element at MacDill Air Force Base, FL, as a Signal Corps Officer.

2LT Michael Mach

2nd Lieutenant Michael Mach majored in Criminology with a minor in Military Science. During a pre-commissioning course in the summer of 2009, he attended and successfully completed the Leaders Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, WA, and Airborne School, Fort Bragg, NC. He has also volunteered his time at the Armed Forces Military Museum and The Fisher House at Bay Pines. Upon graduation into the active duty Army, he will attend Armor School in Fort Knox, KY, as part of the Officer Basic Course (OBC). After completing OBC, he will arrive to his first duty station at Fort Bliss, Texas as an Armor Officer.
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,

Roger T. Frazee, ’71
President, USF Alumni Association
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Candidates For The Bachelors Degree

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.

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Economics**
- Tucker Chadwick Aguirre
- Jeremy Michael Robert
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- Sarah Lynn Jonas

**English, Literature**
- Nicole M. Bloze
- Cum Laude
- Bruce Raymond Bostick
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The Symbols of Learning

Modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of 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 of 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 definitive 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 USF doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and three black bars on the sleeve. The doctoral robe also has the seal of the university on the velvet facing.

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 President 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 honors 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
- Copper — Economics
- 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
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