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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
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Convocation

Fall 2009

USF St. Petersburg
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
Dear Graduate,

Congratulations to you, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Fall 2009 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
Interim Regional Chancellor
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. Nearly 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 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.

During the last five academic years, nearly 750 courses have engaged USF St. Petersburg students with community businesses, agencies and schools in focused academic service. That translates to more than 12,000 students dedicaing service to the community. Applying a national valuation for volunteer service, the economic impact of USFS P student civic engagement is nearly $10 million.

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 will open Spring 2010, adding classrooms, teaching labs and research labs for faculty and students. Designed to meet the rigorous standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System certification, it is expected to earn the Silver level and be the first building in the USF System to achieve a LEED recognition.

The Harborwalk at USF St. Petersburg has 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, the Harborwalk at USF St. Petersburg design 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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Processional

Ceremony Opening
Brianne L. Reck
Commencement Marshal

National Anthem
Laura Davis, '01

Platform Introductions and Welcome
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Interim Regional Chancellor

President’s Welcome
President Genshaft

Student Welcome
Jonathon E. Ellington, College of Arts & Sciences,
B.S., Environmental Science & Policy

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Pat Jones, '72

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Outstanding Graduate Presentation
Sean Amodeo, College of Business, B.S., Accounting

Regional Chancellor’s Award for Civic Engagement
Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan posthumously honoring
Dr. David Carr

Presentation of Master Degrees
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Malcolm Butler, Thomas Carter, Grover Kearns; Patricia Pettijohn,
Richard Smith and Melanie Riedinger-Whitmore
David R. Carr
Regional Chancellor’s Award for Civic Leadership

David R. Carr was a husband, professor, university leader and a community volunteer whose contributions to the field of history enriched our university in ways that his colleagues and students will remember for years to come.

Carr joined USF St. Petersburg in 1971, moving to St. Petersburg for his first faculty position after receiving his doctorate in History from the University of Nebraska. By 2009 he held rank as the most senior faculty member in terms of service at USF St. Petersburg and joined a small group of USFSP employees with more than 35 years of employment. His primary areas for teaching and research were medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation history, as well as urban, social, intellectual, and constitutional history.

Carr witnessed the growth of USF St. Petersburg and his service grew along with the boundaries of the university. He offered sage guidance to the USFSP Library Committee, University Library Council, the Lecture Series Committee, the Honors Program, Faculty Senate, and the University Undergraduate Council, among other bodies, from the mid-1970s into the 1980s. Carr attained the rank of Associate Professor in 1989.

He oversaw the USFSP Honors Program from 1992 to 1995. From 1999 until 2002, he served as director of the USFSP College of Arts and Sciences and took an important administrative role in directing USF St. Petersburg’s independent accreditation efforts beginning in 2001.

His work extended beyond USF St. Petersburg through his involvement with cultural and historical organizations in Pinellas County. A member of the Pinellas County Historical Commission from 1975 through 1978, he played an important role in the establishment of Heritage Village, Pinellas County’s open-air museum. Carr served as a founding officer of the Pinellas County Historical Society and provided guidance for early exhibits and collections at the museum, offered fieldwork and practicum opportunities for students in historic preservation, and helped to establish a successful foundation for the museum. He served on the board of the St. Petersburg Historical Society, as a commissioner and chair of the St. Petersburg Planning Commission (1982-1987), and as a commissioner on the St. Petersburg Historical Preservation Commission (1985-1987).
Roger Frazee Alumni Association President

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
Sean Amodeo, Outstanding Graduate

The Fall 2009 Outstanding Graduate is Sean Amodeo. Mr. Amodeo is a College of Business student graduating with a degree in Accounting.

He has excelled as a student, earning a 4.0 GPA while balancing Accounting coursework, the USFSP Honors Program, research and community service. During his undergraduate career Mr. Amodeo earned a number of awards and scholarships, including the Chancellor's Scholar List, the USF Presidential Scholarship and acceptance into Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma.

He developed professional skills in the competitive PricewaterhouseCoopers Summer Leadership Program and completed a tax internship with Jabil Circuit. As a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society, he participated in more than 30 professional activities and was active in the chapter's community service efforts; he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the ASAP Homeless Shelter.

An internship with the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce allowed him to improve online tourism data collection for the agency. Mr. Amodeo also helped organize mayoral debates for the City of St. Petersburg, an activity related to other passions - history and politics.

He served as the historian for the USFSP Pre-Law Society and earned an Honors Program Travel Grant to research World War II in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in New York where he conducted original archival research for his honors thesis. He worked as a research assistant for two history professors, researching international treaties and legal cases related to World War II.

Mr. Amodeo excelled in and outside of the classroom - as a student, a researcher, a volunteer and an intern. His service to the university and the community is a credit to USFSP and earns him the Outstanding Graduate Award for Fall 2009.
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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
Frank A. Biafore, Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology
Chase N. Bodden
Robert Morgan Dall'Acqua
Tracy Ann Hadlett
Lindsay E. Mobshy
Katherine Shevlin

Criminology
Deserae Anderson
Dallbor Bramda
Yonne M. Buchanan
Brian Richardson Dana
Belma Ganibegovic
Thomas Frank Garcia
Stephen Mikhail Handal
Erica W. Jennings
Cum Laude
Taryn Leigh Jenrette
Benjamin Carter Johnson
Frank Robert Johnson, Jr. III
Magnu Cum Laude
Jaselyn Demetria Mayes-Walker
Brian Dean McClymont
Joshua Lorenzo Pringle
Amber Lynn Raulerson
Krystal N. Shaw
Sherry Lynn Stenger
Derrill Steven

Economics
John Allen Adams

Economics and Political Science
Thomas George Gay

English, Literature
Keith Campbell Douglas
Kimberly A. Malcolm

Regina Marie Quattrocchi
David Lee Reynolds
Summa Cum Laude
Christopher J. Thornton
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Program
Clare Thurmon-Bryan

English, Professional-Technical Writing
Erika L. Krause
Rodericka Laroya Riley
Tina Marie Stagliano
Inna Yakubova

History
Erie Lee Adams
Cum Laude
Shawn M. Ahern
Philip Lawrence Bernier
Chase N. Bodden
James Gamoero
Tracy Ann Shimer

Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
Holly Elizabeth Betske
Christian Annette Brady
Jeremy William Brewer
Gina Lynette Brice
Christopher Alden Cowell
Ruthie Ernestine Doles
Cum Laude
Ralph Edward Draper III
David D. Edwards
Reba M. Harrison
Jonathan Hopkins
Amy Kathleen Llosoya
Jeffrey Joseph Macolino
Cum Laude
Honors Program
Dusten Christian Minardi
Jana C. Richardson
Amanda Leigh Scarchboub
Stephanie Alyxse Schub
Douglas Allan Timmons
Jessica Moscarillo Watts
Amanda N. Weimer
Lauren Wilkins

Mass Communications, Journalism and Media Studies
Lindsay Elyse Mira

Mass Communications, Journalism-Magazine
Amanda Brady Liston
Steven Matthew Santoro
Kristina Renee Welch
Cum Laude

Mass Communications, Journalism-News
Editorial
Lauren Elizabeth Burg
Timothy Hooks
Sara Layne Palmer

Mass Communications, Visual Communications
Marisa Arruda Barbosa
Erica Kerrin Janik
Kalli Marie Lipke

Political Science
Dossie-Lee Marrone
Nicholas Masey
Danita A. Moutiuki
Jillian G. Wolfe

Psychology
Rebecca Jean Albert
Lauren Allman
Star Meadow Beard
Mary Alice Bolione
Nathan Franklin Caputo
Todd E. Clark II
Geetanjali Cooman
Ashley Marie Cusimano
Lauren Michelle Deufel
Summa Cum Laude
Dianna Gail Dove
Jotham Alan Fady
Joy M. Fahey
Summa Cum Laude
Kevin J. Fitzgerald
Christopher Lee Gilgosch

Leanne Hendry
Erie Brie Hoover
Barbara E. Jones
Timothy J. King
Elena M. McKenna
Kasey McMahon
Meredith Muniz
Angie E. Reginelli
Kristen Elizabeth Scoles
Cum Laude

Michele Saint Serra
Summa Cum Laude
Lianne Kara Solomon
Magana Cum Laude
Matthew Stock
Lauren Timberlake
Carol J. Wallace
Devon Ibuguen Willette

Bachelor of Science

Environmental Science and Policy
Abigail Elizabeth Bennett
Honors Program
Joseph A. Boyle, Jr.
Joci Conrad
Nicholas Leif Gudgal
Laura Hadeec
Honors Program
Valoree Lynn Skiles
Janelle M. Southall-Waters
Miles Tweed
Brian C. Welch

Social Work
Laura Brown
Jessie Connell
Gail Davis

Jessica Gardner
Kathleen O'Neil
Monisha Anne Rios
Cherie Chevelle Taylor
Peggy Ann Wilburn
Erie Marie Williams

College of Business
Maling Ebrahimpour, Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Accounting
Sheri Lynn Klapka
Stacy Padgett
Michele Carole Smith
Joan F. Sullivan
Nancy Walenta

Finance
Jasen Horbay
Deborah Hunsicker
James T. Johnson
Melissa Marie Rivera

Management
Nikole A. Andrade
Patricia Brio
Steven P. Guy, Jr.
Carolyn Elaine Ruby
Tiffany M. Sanford

Management Information Systems
David Michael O'Brien

Marketing
Anthony Lee Baker II
Christian Joseph Abraham
Buckler
Taryn Smith
Darnan Scott Stallo
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Accounting
Sean Gerard Amodeo
Honors Program
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Ana G. Borisova
Ana Gabriela Arenas
Brown
Michael J. Caudullo
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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 definate 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 masters, 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
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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
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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,
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