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USF Soprano Featured on New CD

USF Professor Kay Lowe is the featured vocalist on a new CD entitled the "Poems of Margaret Proctor Wood." Lowe, who has



performed in such prestigious venues as the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, brings to life

the poems of a high school teacher in Danvers, Massachusetts, during the late 19th to early 20th century.

"More than anything else, the poems are about American values," says Lowe, a trilingual lyric soprano. "Many of the issues Wood talks about are concerns we all deal with today, ranging from feelings about war to making ends meet."

Hot Subjects

USF **School of Accountancy** advanced degree graduates posted the country's second best scores on the November 2002 certified public accountant exam, according to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

In the May 2002 exam, USF advanced degree graduates ranked eighth in the nation. USF students without advanced degrees placed fourth in the nation among those with only bachelor's degrees.

Top rankings on the CPA exam are nothing new for USF students. USF students with advanced degrees have placed among the top ten universities 14 of the 20 times the exam was given during the past decade.

USF's **Psychology Department** was named Department of the Year by the American Psychology Association's Graduate Student organization. The award is based on running a student-centered department.

USF St. Pete is On the Move

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg is an institution on the move. With an enrollment increase of more than nine percent from last year, it serves 4,600 students. In addition to a record number of new students this fall, the university welcomed 10 new administrators and 51 new faculty members.

The newly-designated Programs of Distinction—Environmental Science and Policy, Florida Studies, Journalism and Media Studies, Social Responsibility and Corporate Reporting—have unique research and teaching identities and are collaborative partners with businesses and federal, state and private agencies.

"We have substance and depth in our academic programs," says Karen White, vice president and CEO. "As we continue to focus on our academic programs and the faculty who make them the stellar programs that they are, we also are turning our attention to developing the facilities and environment that will enable us to meet the ever-increasing needs of

our students and the community."

The campus underwent a massive transformation during the past year, including establishing three distinct homes on campus for the colleges of business, education and arts and sciences. And plans are in process for a new Barnes & Noble bookstore, a parking garage and student housing.

White joined USF in July from the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she served as dean of the College of Fine Arts and professor of music. She earned a baccalaureate degree in music education from the University of Arkansas and a masters and doctor of musical arts from the University of Arizona. She has led nationwide initiatives on ways metropolitan universities can be more engaged in the communities they serve.

"This is an exciting time for our regional campus, for the community and the university as a whole," says White. "We strive to create a positive climate where learning and achievement thrive."

Alumni Center Expansion Nearing Completion

A major expansion project to more than double the size of the Sam and Martha Gibbons Alumni Center is entering its final stages. The project will add 22,000 square feet to the existing 20,000 square-foot facility, as well as provide a showcase for USF history and traditions.

Traditions Hall, a 3,100 square-foot multipurpose room, is a major feature of the expansion. Also included in the project are two new conference rooms, office space and overall enhancements to the existing facility.

"This is an exciting phase in the history of

our Alumni Center," says USF Alumni Association President Lisa Lewis. "When the expansion and renovations are complete, visiting alumni will be surrounded by memorabilia, photography and displays that will enhance their sense of 'coming home.'"

The expansion project is privately funded by USF alumni and friends of the university. There are still opportunities for honoring donors, loved ones, friends, mentors and business associates. For more information, contact Tracy Muir, Alumni Center expansion project coordinator, at (813) 974-1888 or read more about the project by logging on to www.giving.usf.edu

