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Commencement Convocation
St. Petersburg Campus
Spring 2003
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 USE.

Sincerely,

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

Mission

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive graduate and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a close-knit, student-centered learning community that welcomes individuals from the region, state, nation and world. We conduct wide-ranging, collaborative research to meet society's needs and engage in service 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, 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.

Inaugural Programs of Distinction

Following a campus-wide extensive review this past year, USF St. Petersburg announced four "Programs of Distinction" that will establish a unique regional and national identity for the campus.

- Journalism and Media Studies strengthens the teaching of science journalism, visual communication and media convergence, and increases support of a student-run news bureau that covers life in a rapidly changing city. Students will receive an academic foundation that prepares them to research, edit, report, present and interpret the news with skill, responsibility, and social consciousness.

- Environmental Science, Policy and Geography brings together faculty from the biology, chemistry, geography, geology, mathematics and political science for the study of environment and society. Whether students focus on science, policy or geography - they will strengthen their understanding of the broader social and natural contexts in which they will apply those skills.

- Social Responsibility and Corporate Reporting builds on the university's national reputation in accounting to focus on management and marketing ethics, fraud prevention and detection. In addition to preparing students for a job market in which integrity in decision-making is becoming increasingly important, the program will include the delivery of seminars and conferences to assist the local business community with better understanding the important of ethics to financial governance.

- Florida Studies brings together faculty from history, economics, geography, political science, anthropology and other disciplines to create an integrated, in-depth exploration of our state's changing identity as a part of the American South as well as a bridge to the Caribbean Basin.

Campus

Nearly 4,000 students enroll in 45 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education. The campus is the site of 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 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Marine Research Institute, and the Florida Institute of Oceanography are also located on campus.

With more than 400 employees, the campus is one of the largest employers in St. Petersburg and provides a $78 million economic impact annually for St. Petersburg, Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region. USF St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront campus resides within St. Petersburg's downtown area featuring waterfront parks, shops, restaurants, arts galleries, museums and performing arts and sports venues.

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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 united 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 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. Among the trimming colors of hoods worn by our faculty today are:

- Apricot — Nursing
- Blue (Dark) — Philosophy
- Blue (Light) — Education
- Blue (Peacock) — Public Administration
- Brown — Visual & Performing Arts
- Citron — Social Work/Criminology/Rehab. Counseling
- Crimson — Journalism/Communication
- Drab — Business
- Golden Yellow — Science
- Green — Medicine
- Lemon Yellow — Library Science
- Orange — Engineering
- Pink — Music
- Salmon — Public Health
- Scarlet — Theology
- Violet — Architecture
- White — Arts and Letters

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Prelude Concert
Pomp and Circumstance
(please stand)
Processional
National Anthem
Greetings
Remarks
Recognition
Student Reflections
Outstanding Seniors
Outstanding Graduate
Conferring of Graduate Degrees
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees
Closing Remarks
Alma Mater
Recessional
Trumpet Tune

The Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet
Elgar
Robert Dardenne
Commencement Marshal
Laura Davis
Ralph C. Wilcox
Interim Campus Vice President
President Genshaft
Vice President Wilcox
Cassie Hawkins
Vice President Wilcox
Ken Griffin
President, Pinellas County Alumni Chapter
President Genshaft
President Genshaft
Vice President Wilcox
Laura Davis
The Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet
Purcell
Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg - a member institution of this nation's small and most select group of Doctoral/Research -Extensive universities. As Interim Vice-President and Campus Executive Officer, I share with everyone here our deep pride in your accomplishment. At this exciting time, I encourage you to pause and reflect on those who have helped you reach this important milestone - your family and friends, faculty, fellow students and others.

You now join the proud ranks of USF Alumni. I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to join the USF Alumni Association, a terrific way to further develop a network and make contacts which will be so essential to your continued academic and professional growth. Furthermore, joining the Association is a meaningful way to support your alma mater and is the very best way to stay in touch with USF St. Petersburg. We care very much about you and your future accomplishments. Your active participation in the Pinellas County Alumni Chapter will, I know, support your professional career advancement.

In a way, our alumni are USF St. Petersburg's best advertisements. Indeed your success is a measure of the quality of our institution, and so I hope you will share your experiences and achievements with us in the future. Moreover, please remember that learning is a lifelong endeavor, and I hope that we will see you again on campus for classes or alumni activities - there will always be a place for you at USF St. Petersburg whether in graduate school or at homecoming.

I trust that we have prepared you well for future success in an evermore competitive marketplace and changing society. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ralph C. Wilcox, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President and
Campus Executive Officer
The Graduates

Doctoral degree

College of Marine Science
Doctor of Philosophy

Robert William Helber
B.S., Virginia Commonwealth
M.S., Virginia Commonwealth
Dissertation: Upper Ocean Upwelling, Temperature, and Zonal Momentum Analysis in the Western Equatorial Pacific
Major Professor: Robert Weisberg

Christina Lynn Holland
B.S., Eckerd College
M.S., University of Hawaii @ Manoa
Dissertation: Interannual Volume Changes and Heat Transport Pathways in the Tropical Pacific
Major Professor: Gary Mitchum

Bret Donald Jarrett
B.S., Florida State University
M.S., University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Dissertation: Late Quaternary Carbonate Sediments and Facies Distribution Patterns Across a Ramp Rim Transition: A New Depositional Model for the Southwest Florida Platform
Major Professor: Albert Hine
# Master's degree

## College of Arts and Sciences

- Karen Bowel Espinoza
- John Walter Gentry
- Lorri J. Helmsland
- Michael W. Hennessey
- Gary S. Ludvigsen
- Brooke Lindsay Palanc
- Ronald David Smith, Jr.
- Kristin Ann Thom

## College of Business Administration

- Terri Lynn Burghart
- Michelle O'Neal Cavallo
- Mark Thomas Early
- Dushyan K. Galati
- Domingo Portillo Hernandez
- Travis Rivers Hopkins
- Christopher Eric Staniaci
- Franziska Stieus-Tronby

## College of Education

- Nancy Ann Bannar
- Linda Kay Bays
- Stephanie Marie Branson
- Christopher Calle
- Victoria Lynn Chielo
- Jason Edward Cook
- Gail Lee Cox
- Robin Marie Crabbaum
- Deoralette Vette Davis
- Claudius Bussey Effiom
- Francesca Larosa-Green
- James Michael Hargrave
- Susan Marie Heyden
- Kimberly Eileen Hill
- Laura Ellen Hoffman
- Sabrina Gay Hotz
- Robert Chudwick Hudson
- Donna Lee Hubbert
- Donald D. Jackson
- Barbara Jean Johnson
- Tanya Sian Krawass
- Abigail Jayne Kennedy
- Delores Adarian Lovett

## College of Marine Science

- Nancy Therese Dewitt
- Michelle D. Grigby
- Karen Louise Miller
- Marilyn D. Minchey
- Nancy Ann Nuplerala
- Desiree Prudence Nation
- Kathy Mendenhall Nortlingen
- Bonnie Salzman Paquette
- Matthew Allen Pfeiffer, Jr.
- Tammy Jean Proctor
- Jennifer Graham Purcell
- Melissa Bowers Radle
- Rhonda Lee Reilly
- Sandra Miriam Rogers
- Michael Charles Sharman II
- Ashley E. Sharp
- William Douglas Thomas
- Karen Sowards Whitmire
- Lisa Marie Wright
- Donna Lee Zeoli

## College of Nursing

- Kimberly Belle Babcock
- Constance Ann Bannister
- Annette Conlin
- Martha S. Falson
- Chester John Grabowski, Jr.
- Jacqueline Hagenbuch
- Connie Marie May
- Darlene Ingrid Mclaughlin
- Cheryl Vern Moore
- Laura Davault Moore

# Bachelor' degree

## College of Arts and Sciences

- Mistine Adams
- Ronda Anderson
- University Honors College
- Marie A. Amirio
- Lisa Ann Basta
- Camballe
- Naline Ray Beard
- University Honors College
- Betty H. Beeler
- Latusha Nicole Bethune
- Shepherd Lee Bethune, Jr.
- Kristina Marin Booker
- Gloria Graham Boyd
- Crystal Lee Calhoun
- Camballe
- Rock Martin Campbell
- University Honors College
- Jennifer Lee Carlson
- Camballe
- Dauny E. Castan
- Joyce Regina Casto
- University Honors College
- Raymond H. Ciaus
- Michael John Colucci
- University Honors College
- Katrina Hamilton Cox

## College of Business Administration

- Jennifer Ryan Dublquist
- University Honors College
- Michelle Charlotte Darden
- Nancy Lyn Di Bella
- Karen Marie Dragula
- Jennifer A. Drieu
- Heary Dale Edgar
- Summer Denise Evans
- Robyn Stahl Fitzgerald
- Elizabeth Flower
- Colleen Geraline Fowler
- Jane Johnson Franklin
- Kathryn Jeannette Gemmer
- Scott Thomas Golczewski
- Courtney E. Grady
- Anthony M. Green
- Jennise L. Hart
- Marcia Lynn Haugoeth
- Cassandra M. Hawkins
- Michele Ann Holland
- Samantha Sherrie Holmes
- Pamela G. Holthaus
- Jennifer D. Howard-Black
- Tina Michelle Ruedeman
- Heath Harwood Hunt
- Kalie Thorne Jackson
- Sara Ann Johnson
- Kevin Charles King
- Tina Louise Kotlenensky

## College of Education

- Laronica Nichelle Maurer
- Kristina Louise Miller
- Marilyn D. Minchey
- Nancy Ann Nuplerala
- Desiree Prudence Nation
- Kathy Mendenhall Nortlingen
- Bonnie Salzman Paquette
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- Lisa Marie Wright
- Donna Lee Zeoli

## College of Marine Science

- Nancy Therese Dewitt
- Michelle D. Grigby

## College of Nursing

- Laronica Ann Sava
- Jessica Leigh Sacher
- Kristin Holly Schleicher
- Margaret Crozier Sill
- Wendy Yvonne Smith
- University Honors College
- Camballe
- Erika Jane Stanley
- Elissa Lauren Tait
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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!