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Commemoration Commencement Convocation
Dear graduates,

All of the hours, all of the late nights and early mornings, all of the sacrifices you made over the past few years have led you here. To this day, this stage, this moment. This ceremony represents the culmination of each of the individual decisions you made – day in and day out – to keep reaching for your goals.

But today is more than a closing of a chapter. Today represents continual growth in your chosen craft. Today honors the life-changing insights you've gained by engaging in dialogue with others of differing viewpoints. Today knows that you will be empowered by your confidence, and today knows you are only limited by your wildest dreams. It is because you are here, and because again and again you made the choice to reach higher, and because you know that today is just the beginning.

May today's celebration be not of what's behind you, but of the incredible potential ahead. May today you toast to the challenges you'll face head-on; To the problems you will solve; To the opportunities you'll have to make life better, to change the world.

May you continue to embrace every challenge that comes your way. May your growth never cease. May your journey take you all over the world, and may you always find a way back to USF.

Congratulations, and GO BULLS!

JUDY GESHAFT, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SYSTEM
Dear graduates,

Today is a great day – it is a day to be remembered for a lifetime – to proudly be recognized as a University of South Florida St. Petersburg Spring 2017 graduate. And I feel privileged to be part of your day.

Every class you’ve taken, every essay you’ve written, every test you’ve taken and every friend you’ve met along the way are all key steps to help shape and prepare you for a more promising future. I hope you will share your strength and knowledge learned with those in your community and make a difference.

The Faculty and Staff at USFSP are very proud to have played a part in your achievement. We hope we have prepared you with the most important tools needed for your new journey and that your experience at USFSP has been challenging, rewarding and worthwhile.

Graduation is an achievement worth celebrating, so today we celebrate your accomplishments and wish you a fruitful career and success in all your endeavors in the coming years.

SOPHIA T. WISNIEWSKA
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. Its first degrees were conferred to 51 students in elementary education.

Today, USF St. Petersburg is considered one of the loveliest urban campuses in the nation, and as part of the University of South Florida System, serves more than 6,600 students. This separately accredited university offers programs at the baccalaureate and master's levels.

USF St. Petersburg's array 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

USF St. Petersburg, identified as a master's comprehensive institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, also holds the elective Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation. The designation honors the university's alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.

By pairing courses with corporate and community partners for immersive learning, professors involve students in the world outside the classroom.

STEWARD OF ITS ENVIRONMENT

USF St. Petersburg values its stewardship of the environment. Students lead efforts to improve the environment in and around the university and the wider community. Students established a green energy fee to help fund sustainability initiatives at the university. The institution currently is leading research around the collection and storage of renewable solar energy, and worked closely with City officials to author a Climate Action Plan for the campus.

In spring 2017, USFSF officially opened the Kate Tiedemann College of Business and new Science Labs, its third and fourth buildings constructed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards. In fall 2014, the University Student Center earned LEED gold certification. USF St. Petersburg's Science and Technology building was the first in the USF System to achieve LEED recognition.

LEED certifications underscore the university's commitment to sustainability. The sustainability ribbon represents the students' lifetime commitment to a healthy environment.

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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 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 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
ORDER OF EXERCISES
Judy Genshaft, Presiding

Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
69th Commencement Convocation

PROCESIONAL
CEREMONY OPENING
NATIONAL ANTHEM
PLATFORM INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
STUDENT WELCOME
KING O'NEAL SCHOLAR PRESENTATION
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE PRESENTATION
PRESENTATION OF MASTER DEGREES
CONFERRING OF MASTER DEGREES
PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
ALMA MATER
CLOSING/RECESSONAL

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MACE BEARER
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Deb Sinclair
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Jeremiah Pagan, '15

Deanna Michael

Thomas Smith and Todd Shank

Deborah Henry, Steve Lang, Dan Martin, Jerry Lin, Jill McCracken,
Mark Pesce, Deb Sinclair
HUNTER PAUL DRAKE  OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg Outstanding Graduate Award, given by the USF Alumni Association, recognizes a graduating senior who embodies leadership, school spirit, community service, character and scholarship. The Spring 2017 Outstanding Graduate is Hunter Paul Drake.

Hunter is a psychology major in the USFSP Honors Program. He has held teaching assistantships with three different professors on campus and, for two years, has served as research assistant and lab manager in Dr. Tiffany Chenneville's Pediatric HIV Lab. Hunter was elected President of the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology this spring, and Treasurer of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society last fall. He has been an active member of the Psychological Science Organization.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Hunter has been earnestly engaged in the community, volunteering at a local HIV service agency where he does everything from counseling to operating a food pantry to answering phones. He also tutors students at St. Petersburg College.

"With each of these roles and responsibilities," Hunter says, "I have proven to myself that I can achieve, that I deserve to achieve, and that my community needs me to rise to my potential."

Meeting that potential wasn't always easy for Hunter. He says for many years he struggled with an unsatisfying career, illness and even a period of homelessness. At 42, he made a decision to draw strength from the hardships he'd endured and chart a new course for himself. He applied to USF St. Petersburg.

"Being unsure of my capacity to succeed, I started out at school by attempting to surround myself with the best and brightest peers and faculty," Hunter recalls. "I sought out and was granted admission into the Honors Program by Dr. Thomas Smith. I begged for a position as a research assistant from Dr. Chenneville. Summarily, I was introduced to the world of global consciousness, social justice, applied research psychology and arduous, yet tremendously passionate, work."

Hunter is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Following graduation, he will continue his studies at USFSP as a master's student in psychology.

"My experiences at this university have been illuminating and transformative," Hunter says. "I am no longer a person defined by the label and stigma of disability, but instead a person of ability, or more fitting for a USFSP student, 'a-bull-it.'"
USF ST. PETERSBURG KING O'NEAL SCHOLAR

A tradition since 1988, the King O'Neal Scholars are recognized each semester by the USF Alumni Association in honor of charter graduates Lucas King and Evelyn O'Neal. Graduating seniors with the highest overall grade point average, a 4.0 GPA, are identified as King O'Neal Scholar candidates during commencement ceremonies. The recipients of the King O'Neal award also receive a certificate of accomplishment and a gold medallion with the university seal.

SEAN MULLEN

Sean Mullen is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the College of Arts and Sciences. While at USF St. Petersburg, he volunteered his time to numerous campus activities that were aimed at engaging the local community and bringing about a better understanding of local, national, and international affairs. In addition, Sean is a part of the USF St. Petersburg veteran community. He served 14 years on active duty in the Marine Corps, and currently is a member in the Marine Corps Reserve. After graduation, Sean will pursue a legal career and has been accepted on scholarship into the Juris Doctorate program at Stetson University College of Law.
ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) at USFSP is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is part of the Cadet's college curriculum. During classes and field training, the Cadets learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups, and how to conduct missions as an Officer in the Army. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, the Cadets earn the bar of a Second Lieutenant and become a leader for life.

KENNETH MICHAEL HAYNES
Major: Business Economics
Active Duty
Branch: Corps of Engineers

JOSE CARDENAS
Majors: Criminology & Anthropology
Active Duty
Branch: Military Intelligence
Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! Today is your first day as a USF alumnus, a distinction you have earned and will proudly hold for the rest of your life. It is a special day for you and the friends and family who supported you.

Since the 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 grows 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. I personally invite and encourage you to stay connected to your Alma Mater through the USF Alumni Association.

Your membership connects you with your fellow Bulls and creates meaningful ways for all of us to:
- Promote and protect USF
- Share your USF pride
- Stay connected
- Make an impact and help USF succeed

Take full advantage of your first year complimentary USF Alumni Association membership by getting involved in your local chapter (we have USF alumni chapters around the globe!) and your college alumni society.

We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments you and your family celebrate today. With your degree and educational experiences to reflect on, you are now truly Unstoppable!

In Bull Pride,

JIM HARVEY '88
CHAIR, USF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER’S DEGREE

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**Liberal Arts**
- Kristin Andersen
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**Environmental Science and Policy**
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

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**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
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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 recognized in this Commencement program as graduating with honors, designated 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.

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- Lauren M. Barker
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- Timothy J. Harrer
- Elise L. Hummel
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- Kenneth Yu

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- Stephen Brooks Overcast

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- Leah Hart
- Rachel E. Pacini**
- Honors Program
- Jordan M. Pauscher
- Sarah Lynne Rambo
- Honors Program
- Clayton A. Richards***
- Honors Program
- Kasey M. Vandegrift

**Political Science**
- Joshua P. Carbaugh**
- Honors Program

**Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**
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- Donnelly
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**Biology**
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- Stephanie Noelle Andrich**
- Kristie Isabel Armas
- Honors Program
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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!