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Fall Commencement for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg on Sunday included a ceremony honoring the Hough Family for their dedication to the arts, culture and education in St. Petersburg.

The Hough Family of St. Petersburg — William and Hazel Hough and their children, Robb Hough, Susan Henry and Helen Feinberg — received the Regional Chancellor’s Award for Civic Leadership, the most prestigious honor granted by USF St. Petersburg and bestowed in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community.

The institutions the Hough Family has supported individually and collectively include USF St. Petersburg, the Museum of Fine Arts, Canterbury School, the Palladium at St. Petersburg College and the Dali Museum.
“St. Petersburg would be a diminished community without the Hough Family,” Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogart said in announcing the award. “Their unstinting support of the arts, culture and education are unmatched and their dedication to giving back is an inspiration to the entire community.

The Fall Class of 2012 totals 399 – 337 receiving bachelor’s degrees and 62 receiving Master’s degrees. About 260 students participated in Sunday’s commencement ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st Street South.

Seating at the Mahaffey is limited, so the ceremony was live-streamed to the University Student Center for those who could not attend.

The Outstanding Graduate Award went to Daniel Boyd, a College of Business student who is earning a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting.

**USF St. Petersburg 2012 Fall Commencement by the numbers**

- **399** Total number of graduates
- **337** Number of students awarded bachelor’s degrees.
- **62** Number of students awarded Master’s degrees.
- **260** Number of graduates participating in Sunday’s commencement.
- **11**: Number of students graduating Summa Cum Laude
- **20**: Number of students graduating Magna Cum Laude
- **25**: Number of students graduating Cum Laude
- **3**: Number of students graduating in the Honors Program.
- **3**: Number of students with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.