



October/November 2024



Update From the Vice President



As our friends, family, and colleagues across the Southeast recover from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we are deeply saddened at the sudden passing of our **Men's Basketball Coach**, Amir Abdur-Rahim. His passion, leadership, and dedication to serve our community left a legacy that will live in the hearts and minds of Bulls forever. Whether we are supporting each other in the midst of crisis, rebuilding in the wake of a hurricane, or working together to achieve a new milestone, one of our greatest assets at USF is our ability to come together and build a strong community.

Due to delays caused by Hurricane Milton, **USF's Homecoming celebrations** are slated for November 4-8. We have so much to celebrate this year regarding our community's resilience. USF World will be hosting a watch party at the annual Running of the Bulls Parade on November 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the Tampa campus. Please join us; be on lookout for the collection of country flags carried by USF's international students! Earlier that day we will be celebrating with Bulls everywhere for the long-awaited **groundbreaking of the new campus stadium** at 3:30 p.m.

November also brings our annual **International Education Month**. Inspired by International Education Week, a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of State, USF World hosts a full month of events for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community and international partners to recognize the university's global connections. Throughout the month, we'll showcase a variety of global events and programs across all three campuses. To help support students seeking to study abroad,

David Mearns — distinguished USF alum and world renowned deep sea shipwreck hunter — has generously offered to match donations to the **USF Education Abroad Scholarship Fund**. *Make the most of this special matching opportunity to double your impact!*

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USF World

Update From the Vice President, Con't.

Recent events say so much about our university's ability to make ambitious goals a reality. In their respective fall addresses, USF President Rhea Law and Provost Prasant Mohapatra highlighted our goal of becoming a Top 25-ranked public university and maximizing USF's impact across the Tampa Bay region, the State of Florida, and around the world. The university will grow research funding to \$1 billion annually by 2030, which will require our faculty to work in interdisciplinary groups to generate innovation and research outcomes of global significance. An important catalyst for this bold endeavor is the creation of a [new college dedicated to the study of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and computing](#). The college will be the first of its kind in Florida and will offer new academic programs and the opportunity for researchers from diverse disciplines to collaborate to explore the opportunities and challenges associated with the growing application of generative artificial intelligence in our daily lives.

We can accomplish these bold goals because of the knowledge, creativity and innovation of faculty, staff, students and alumni whose impact is felt around the world. In this month's newsletter, you will read about the fascinating work of USF Professor of Anthropology Jonathan Bethard in Transylvania. I was thrilled to visit the [field research sites in Romania](#) this summer along with Provost Mohapatra and Education Abroad Director Amanda Maurer. We spent several days learning about the region's complex history from students who are conducting painstaking archeological research uncovering medieval communities otherwise lost to time.

Our community is strong, connected, engaged and looking toward the future! I hope to see many of you at Homecoming 2024 to celebrate our shared community. We are stronger together!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

World Class



USF fall addresses by President Law and Provost Mohapatra

During her address to kick off the fall semester, USF President Rhea Law shared her strategic vision for the university, highlighting recent milestones and record-breaking achievements with the USF community.

[President's Fall Address](#)

[Provost's Fall Address](#)



USF alumna Dr. Jyotika Virmani from Manchester, U.K., recognized as a *Forbes* 50 over 50, continues her groundbreaking work in marine biology

Dr. Virmani, an alum of the USF College of Marine Science, was recently featured in *Forbes'* 50 Over 50 list for her achievements. She also led a team that captured the first footage of a live *Promachoteuthis* squid.

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Destination World



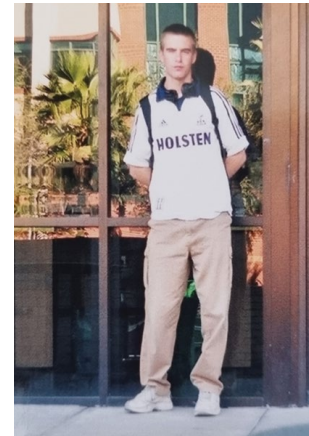
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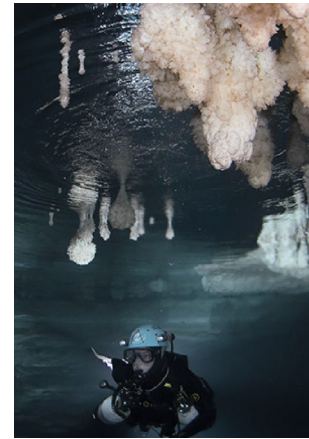
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Events



Live event at USF



Live event abroad



Virtual event



International Education Month Events

All of November

Throughout all USF campuses and online

Please visit <https://www.usf.edu/world/participate/week.aspx>



Global Student Center Opening Celebration

November 18

USF Faculty Offices building (FAO), First Floor

12:00 p.m.

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Live event at USF



Live event abroad



Virtual event



USF Network France: French Business Forum

November 22

[Register here](#)

USF Patel Center for Global Solutions (CGS)

9:00 a.m.



International Sash Ceremony (RSVP required for graduates)

December 11

USF Marshall Student Center (MSC) Ballroom

4:30 p.m.

For more information regarding events, contact us at USFWorldEvents@usf.edu.



Check out the International Student Support Team's new student newsletter, *GloBull Lens*, [here!](#)



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