

Bulls Run the World

USF World Newsletter

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Update From the Vice President



As we approach the final weeks of 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the support of our university community as well as our local and global partners. The end of each semester is special for USF World as we honor our graduating international students with the iconic Sash Ceremony, just days before the [Fall Commencement](#), marking a meaningful transition into the holiday season.

On November 18, we celebrated two events that reflect USF's commitment to international education. The day began with the announcement from [Open Doors](#) that for the third consecutive year, USF was named the top destination for international students in Florida. The report is published by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education.

USF President Rhea Law then kicked off the grand opening of the new [Global Student Center](#) on the Tampa campus. With more than 7,000 international students from nearly 140 nations attending USF and more than 1,500 USF students studying abroad, global engagement has become a hallmark of a USF education—one that prepares our students for success in the global economy.

In recognition of the importance of the global business community to the vitality of the Tampa Bay region, USF World partnered with the French-American Business Council of West Florida to host the [inaugural USF French Business Forum](#) featuring France's Miami-based Counsel General M. Raphaël Trapp. The forum focused on innovation in life and health sciences, a key economic sector for the State of Florida. We look forward to January 24, 2025, when we will host British Consul General Rufus Drabble also based in Miami, and a panel of experts to explore "[Growing Business between the U.K. and Tampa Bay](#)." The event will serve as the launch for the British American Business Council in Tampa Bay and will formally welcome Honorary Consul Justine Assal to the region. The international community recognizes Florida as a business-friendly climate and USF as a key pipeline for highly skilled talent. These two events will pave the way for the second annual [USF International Business Forum](#) on March 13, 2025, focusing on "AI and the Future of Global Business."

We hope you will begin the new year with us by joining a timely discussion with USF Global and National Security Institute Executive Director General (Ret) Frank McKenzie U.S. Marines and Chief Global Officer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and former U.S. Ambassador Barbara Stephenson on January 16, 2025. The event, "[Post-U.S. Election Global Diplomacy & Security: Opportunities & Challenges](#)," is open to the public and is sure to be an enlightening conversation.

I will conclude this last issue of *Bulls Run the World* for 2024 with my sincerest wish for health, happiness, and safe travels to all our friends near and far. Our community is strong and optimistic because of the genuine connections we have forged. I am grateful for each one of you!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

A Special Message



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USF REMAINS #1 IN FLORIDA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

For the third year in a row USF is the #1 destination in Florida for international student enrollment, #29 nationally, and #19 among public universities. USF ranks #38 nationally, and #28 among public universities for student participation in credit-earning study abroad experiences. Overall, USF is among the Top 40 universities and colleges nationally for inbound and outbound student mobility.

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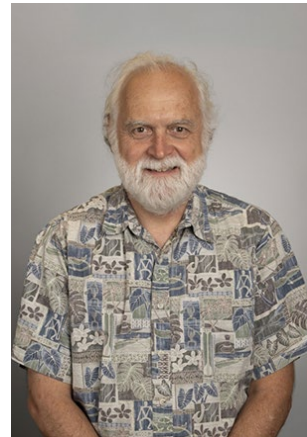
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Events



Live event at USF



Live event abroad



Virtual event



International Sash Ceremony (RSVP required for graduates)
December 11
USF Marshall Student Center (MSC) Ballroom
4:30 p.m.



Post-U.S. Election Global Diplomacy & Security: Opportunities & Challenges
January 16
[Register here](#)
C.W. Bill Young Hall (CWY)
6:30 p.m.



USF Network the U.K. Welcome Reception
January 24
[Register here](#)
USF Patel Center for Global Solutions (CGS)
4:00 p.m.



International Business Forum
March 13
[Register here](#)
USF Marshall Center (MSC) Ballroom
8:00 a.m.

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

