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Update From the Vice President



When the University of South Florida was invited to join the **Association of American Universities (AAU)** — an organization of the leading 71 public and private research institutions in North America — it was the culmination of a decades-long goal.

Our university has started a bold, new chapter where we leverage our strengths for everyone's benefit. Our Be Bold campaign aims to inspire our community, wherever they are in the world, to envision ways we can come together to benefit society and our planet.

In May, we celebrated our bold international students with the much-beloved **sash ceremony tradition**. We are especially proud of **USF Muma College of Business senior Kha Do**, who was competitively selected as a student speaker at one of USF's 10 graduation ceremonies. "Growth happens when we step outside our comfort zone," Kha told the crowd. "Remember that feeling, the one in the pit of your stomach when you're not sure where you're headed? We've all been there, but that feeling helps us explore, helps us overcome obstacles and, ultimately, helps us discover our passions."

There are so many ways our students and alumni are bold. Recently, two international students from India — Suryakanth Prasad Gottipati and Sumit Subhash Jadhav — **were elected** as president and vice president, respectively, of our student body. USF researchers are **partnering with colleagues around the world** to find innovative solutions to today's grand challenges. The efforts of USF faculty to make the world a better place also knows no bounds, as evidenced by **new Florida Inventors Hall of Fame inductees** and engineering faculty members Dr. Sylvia Wilson Thomas, vice president for USF Research & Innovation, and professor Daniel Yeh. Their work in advanced materials has involved collaborations in Italy, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Portugal, South Korea, Mexico, and South Africa. Yeh's pioneering NEWgenerator, a self-contained solar-powered system that converts waste into fertilizer nutrients, renewable energy, and clean water is being used in villages in India and South Africa.

USF students are stepping boldly into the world this summer as they embark on more than 50 study abroad experiences sponsored by Education Abroad. Follow their adventures on the **USF Education Abroad Instagram page**. We're excited for the transformative experiences they are sure to have while studying in another country.

Lastly, USF looks forward to welcoming two new experienced leaders to the university. This academic year, the College of Arts and Sciences will be led by **Dean Elizabeth Spiller** and the Muma College of Business will be led by **Dean David Blackwell**. Please join us in welcoming them to our community!

Please stay in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you about how you are embracing USF's challenge to "Be Bold."

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

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The University of South Florida is on a bold trajectory

Nearly 20 years ago when current President Rhea Law was chair of the USF Board of Trustees, the University of South Florida set out a bold vision to earn an invitation into the prestigious **Association of American Universities** (AAU). Today, we are among the 71 **leading research universities** to achieve that distinction. With campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, USF is leading the charge to shape the future and drive innovation in the Tampa Bay region.

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Summer Graduation
International Sash
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July 31

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USF Network UK Dinner
at Botanica in London

Register and join
university leaders, faculty,
students and alumni for a
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June 26

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August 5

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