



May 2024



## Update From the Vice President



May brings USF to the end of the academic year, but for our students it's the start of exciting new chapters of their lives. Many of our graduates will be joining the impressive community of highly skilled professionals working in our region's business community; others will choose to pursue an advanced degree.

We look forward to welcoming families and friends from across the world who will travel to Tampa for Commencement and our traditional sash ceremony, in which students are presented with a commemoration of their home country. Graduation is only the beginning of new ways of connecting with USF.

We're grateful USF has become a part of these students' stories, and they are part of ours. I am always astounded at the impact of our global programs. For example, international students contribute more than \$142 million to the regional economy each year and support more than 1,400 jobs. When the USF Muma College of Business named its **25 Under 25** this year, 12 of these accomplished professionals were current international students. You can also read about the amazing **accomplishments of international students** at USF's Patel College for Global Sustainability. You may also be interested in President Rhea Law's recent opinion piece about **USF's rise as a major research institution**.

We thank our community members who recently contributed to USF World's 2024 annual giving campaign to support our International Student Success Fund, surpassing our goal. You can still donate [here!](#) All funds will be used to support international students adversely affected by world events.

In coming weeks, hundreds of USF students will be on their way to study abroad on several continents. We're excited for their **life-changing experiences ahead** and know they will represent USF well with their enthusiasm for learning about new places, people and cultures. We wish them happy and safe travels!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kiki Caruson



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Spring Graduation  
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Ceremony

May 1

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students, and alumni for a  
complimentary dinner  
reception!

June 26

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