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Update From the Vice President



For a decade, the University of South Florida has been recognized nationally as a Top Producer of faculty Fulbright Scholars. This year, USF builds upon that proud tradition by [once again making the list of the top institutions](#) in faculty scholars for the 2024-25 academic year.

This record of success stems not only from the institutional support we provide for those interested in pursuing highly prestigious and competitive Fulbright awards, but because of the university's commitment to global engagement. Our mission to best prepare students for the future means engaging with the wider world today.

Our [Fulbright Scholars bring global insights back to USF](#) when they return from their research abroad and create novel educational experiences for their students. In turn, USF students bring their international literacy to their future careers for the benefit of Florida's economic growth.

We know that Florida's business community is hungry to gain greater understanding of global trends because programming from USF World and its community has become incredibly popular. The [2nd Annual USF International Business Forum](#), taking place on March 13, has already attracted over 350 registered attendees—and there's still time to sign up for the event at the Marshall Student Center.

Gayle Sheppard, a USF alumna and global technology leader, will be the keynote speaker at the forum. She is a former Corporate VP & Chief Technology Officer for Microsoft in Asia and currently serves on the boards of Tokyo-based Astroscale and Nutanix, a leading Silicon Valley cloud computing company. Attendees will also be able to learn about USF's new [College of Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Computing](#) launching later this year.

Just a few weeks ago, we welcomed large audiences who learned about the [global megatrends driving change across Florida](#) in a program featuring Government Analytica Founder and CEO John Pournoor and FloridaCommerce Deputy Secretary of Economic Development Jason Mahon. That same week, USF World was a sponsor of the [St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs](#), which brought leading figures in international diplomacy, business, and media together to discuss a wide array of economic, geopolitical, and technological challenges facing the world.

We are grateful for the culture of engagement and curiosity that thrives both on campus and across the community. USF is proud to be the place where conversations about our shared global future occur, and we hope you join us in learning, connecting, and networking.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

World Class



USF is a top producer for Fulbright Scholars

The University of South Florida is again a Top Producer nationally for the highly competitive Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program for the 2024-25 academic year. This is the ninth time over the last decade USF has been named a Top Producer.

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Live event abroad



Virtual event



International Business Forum
March 13
USF Marshall Student Center (MSC) Ballroom
[Register here](#)
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



USF Network India Alumni + Student Connect
March 27
Traditions Hall
[Register here](#)
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Events Cont.



Live event at USF



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Spring International Sash Ceremony
May 6 & 8
USF Marshall Student Center (MSC) Ballroom
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

