The University of South Florida and the University of Malaysia-Sarawak (UNIMAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in April 2005 when senior-level UNIMAS officials visited USF. A U.S. Department of State Educational Partnership grant assisted in bringing these two universities together. Dr. Michael Churton, a former Fulbright Scholar at UNIMAS and principal investigator of the grant, has developed the relationship between the two universities as a basis for mutual and beneficial exchange. One outcome of the UNIMAS/USF memorandum was an agreement to co-sponsor a conference on Public Health in Kuching, Sarawak and to explore other areas of potential research and exchange collaboration between the universities.

In early October, Dr. Churton led a group of USF administrators and faculty to Sarawak. The three-day conference and seminar focused on Public Health issues and infectious disease, which included over 100 Sarawak health workers and officials as well as UNIMAS faculty and students.

As a result of this visit, student and faculty exchanges and collaborative research proposals will take place. Several UNIMAS faculty will be on the USF campus beginning in January 2006 as doctoral students, research associates, and lecturers providing seminars on area studies of Southeast Asia. Elizabeth Cooper, USF doctoral student combining anthropology and public health issues, will be fulfilling internship requirements at UNIMAS in summer 2007.

The USF group also experienced the cultural diversity of Borneo, including the Sarawak Cultural Village, Buka Puana (breaking fast), Bidayuh Longhouse, and a rare up close glimpse of the endangered orangutan roaming in a rehabilitative center close to Kuching.

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The endowment, which also honors Dr. Orr’s late wife Kay, will be matched by fifty percent through the state matching funds program. Annual proceeds from the gift are expected to award three students $2,000 each for study abroad expenses. Dr. Orr has generously added an additional amount to his gift to enable the scholarships to begin in Fall 2006.

The relationship between Dr. Orr and the university dates back to 1966, when he began teaching international studies and building USF’s international program. In 1982, he was named Director of the newly formed International Affairs Center, a position he held until his retirement in 1999. Prior to his tenure at USF, he built a distinguished 20-year career in the US. Air Force, highlighted by his contributions to the reformation of the Japanese education system while serving as Chief of the Education Division under General Douglas MacArthur.

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Dear Colleagues:

In his latest book, _The World is Flat_, Thomas Friedman remarks that to flourish in a flat world it takes the right imagination and the right motivation - to seize opportunities and seek innovative ways to participate in an increasingly complex and globalized world. In this issue of USF International, we are pleased to recognize the creative imagination and drive of Dr. Mark T. Orr, Professor Emeritus of International Studies and the founding director of the International Affairs Center. Through his generous gift, we will increase our ability to fund USF students to participate in academic programs abroad. As a scholar, educator, and mentor to generations of USF students and faculty, Dr. Orr understands that standards of excellence in academe today require participation in a global community. He has been a long-standing advocate of study abroad not only as an enriching academic experience but also as a fundamental tool to promote cultural understanding and tolerance.

As we celebrate Dr. Orr’s extraordinary commitment to our students, USF faculty are forging new ground in program development and research across the globe. Within the next year, USF Health will extend its programming in Panama. USF Health’s initiative is particularly exciting as the City of Tampa is also committed to forging stronger trade and business ties with Panama.

This issue of USF International also highlights an array of new exchange agreements that are also exemplary of USF’s global reach. Each partnership extends our ability to attract among the best international students and scholars and to implement collaborative research initiatives with leading institutions of higher education.

These initiatives are but a sampling of USF’s drive to establish itself as a vibrant and truly global university. Building on our diverse and highly talented faculty and student body and our strong infrastructure including the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, USF can become a key link in the emerging global marketplace for higher education.

Sincerely,

Morris C. Patel, Ph.D.
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**Trade Mission to Panama**

Representatives from the University of South Florida joined Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce officials, and business leaders on a trade mission to Panama October 5th through October 8th. Attending from USF were Dr. Steven Klasso, USF Health Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine; Dr. Ann DeBaldo, Associate Vice President, International Programs USF Health and Associate Dean, International Programs College of Public Health; and Dr. María Crummett, Interim Dean of International Affairs.

The overall goal of the mission was to build and strengthen business relationships between Tampa and Panama. Particularly important to USF participants was the celebration and expansion of the formal relationship between USF Health and the Ciudad del Saber (City of Knowledge) in Panama City. USF was formally admitted to the City of Knowledge, an international community in which the academic, scientific and business communities interact - this final approval paves the way for a “USF Campus” presence there.

Discussions regarding future collaboration, including research, Spanish immersion programs for faculty, and study abroad programs were also held. Follow-up visits to Panama to finalize these proposals are expected. A Panamanian delegation will visit USF in mid- November to continue discussions.

**USF Health Office of International Programs**

USF Health has developed a new Office of International Programs. It has been designed to expand the global reach of educational, research, and development initiatives at the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health and School of Physical Therapy at USF. With Dr. Ann DeBaldo as the new Associate Vice President, International Programs USF Health, this office is developing opportunities for students and faculty to apply their knowledge to real-world, mutual health challenges - emerging infectious diseases, environmental degradation, natural and manmade disasters, changing patterns of chronic disease, and health disparities.

Sustainable projects require an interdisciplinary approach. By encouraging collaboration across the USF campus and combining the multidisciplinary philosophies of public health, medicine and nursing, these initiatives can empower communities to deal with the root causes of their health problems and to develop stronger infrastructures.

In cooperation with the International Affairs Center, the office has established international study abroad, service learning and field placement sites for USF Health students interested in learning in other countries. USF Health students have conducted field work in a wide range of countries, including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Costa Rica, Barbados, Panama, India, Venezuela, Belize, Bolivia, and Thailand.

**Marco Carrillo- USF's 2005 ACE Fellow**

Dr. Marco Carrillo, Chair of Graduate College at CETYS University in Mexico, is currently working with USF President Ginshaft and Provost Khator as an ACE Fellow. The American Council on Education (ACE), the major coordinating body for all the nation’s higher education institutions, seeks as its mission “to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues and to influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives”. One of the ACE Fellow program initiatives is to place senior leadership at other universities in order to cross-train in leadership development. The appointed ACE Fellows are involved in all aspects of the host institution’s executive processes and strategic planning to supplement their understanding of the current and future best practices in higher education.

Originally from Mexico City, Dr. Carrillo studied law in Mexico and received his Master’s and Ph.D. degrees in Public Administration in the U.S. He has worked for CETYS University, with campuses in Mexicali, Tijuana, and Ensenada, Mexico, for over 10 years. As an ACE fellow, Dr. Carrillo had a variety of U.S. universities to choose from and was encouraged to select at least three that interested him; however, USF became his first choice. In an interview, Dr. Carrillo noted the main reasons for his choice, the top three being: USF’s rapid growth in research that promotes social, cultural and economic development; the pace at which USF is rising in the rankings, and the praises of the university from 2004 ACE Fellow Matthew Buyu (Kenya).

In addition, Dr. Carrillo also mentioned he has always had “an affinity for multicultural studies and wanted to experience this multicultural sphere that is so apparent at USF.”
USF Center for HIV Education and Research Receives $14 Million Florida/Caribbean Grant

Dr. Michael Knox, founder and director of the USF Center for HIV Education and Research, announced the Center has been awarded a highly competitive, $14 million five-year grant to provide HIV/AIDS training to healthcare providers in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Awarded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the grant is the largest in the Center’s history, and will allow for continuation and further development of its work in the Caribbean.

“Almost 5 million people become newly infected with HIV each year,” said Dr. Knox. “Yet, despite evidence of a serious crisis, there is a critical lack of qualified health care providers who can respond to this epidemic. Since the first AIDS cases were identified, knowledge of the disease and its treatment has increased exponentially. The new funding will allow the Center to offer the very latest in AIDS education, training, and consultation so that front-line healthcare providers can give their patients the best care possible.”

The Florida/Caribbean AETC is federally mandated to “train health personnel in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV disease.” The Center has a strong history of developing successful collaboration with many organizations throughout the world. A network of training partners, including the University of Puerto Rico and the University of the Virgin Islands, will provide faculty and clinical training sites under this grant. In addition, Dr. Knox recently traveled to Jamaica to visit with faculty at the University of the West Indies to discuss the opportunity for a partnership, as the AETC seeks to expand its presence in the Caribbean. - Annie Waggoner

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Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa

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The agreement, initiated by the Institute on Black Life/Center for Africa & the Diaspora, promotes collaboration in research, cultural exchange, and infrastructure development.

The agreement was signed by Ada C. Okwuosa, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation in Africa; Sule Yakubu Bassi, Acting Director General of the DTCA; Provost Renu Khator; Maria Crummett, Interim Dean of International Affairs; and O. Geoffrey Okogba, Director of the Institute on Black Life. Permanent Secretary Okwuosa referred to the agreement as providing “a platform for capacity building in the continent.”

International Partnerships

On July 20, 2005, President Judy Genshaft signed an Agreement for Collaboration with Yeungnam University. One of the largest institutions of higher education in South Korea, Yeungnam University is recognized for its programs in medicine, technology, engineering, and science. The delegation accompanying Yeungnam University President Tongsik Woo toured USF Health laboratories and met with faculty and administrators from international Affairs and the colleges of Medicine, Engineering, and Public Health.

President Genshaft will travel to South Korea in February 2006, when Yeungnam University will bestow her an honorary doctorate. Benefiting from our strategic partnership, a group of approximately 30 Yeungnam University students is due to begin studies through the English Language Institute in Spring 2006.
Upon arrival in Paris on the morning of June 1, 2005, I was met by Dr. Dominique Archambault of the University of Paris VI. The Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris houses more than 13,000 students from 135 countries, making it one of the largest communities of international students in the world. My room was in the Pavillon Cambodge, or the Cambodia Pavilion.

My visit centered around the design, development and deployment of assistive technology tools to assist blind students in the learning of math. Dr. Archambault’s group is developing tools to translate French Braille Mathematics codes to present to students. My work is to make these codes understandable to students via verbal methods.

As much of our software is designed to be international in nature, one interest of our efforts was to try to make our software multilingual. To that end, French language capabilities were developed for the math reading tool.

The capstone of our efforts was the conference at University of Paris St. Denis presented to the assistive technologies master’s program housed at that institution. We were pleased with the significant degree of interaction between the presenters and the audience.

Art Karshmer

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Dr. Irene Hayrapetian, Dept. of World Languages/English Language Institute, Applied Linguistics, Syria.

Dr. John Louis Daly, Dept. of Government and International Affairs, Public Administration/Policy, Swaziland.

Dr. Mahmood H. Nachabe, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Engineering, United Arab Emirates.

Greetings from John Daly in Swaziland

Warmest greetings from Southern Africa to my USF colleagues, students and other friends. It’s springtime here in Swaziland and the jacarandas are in bloom. They create an amazing display of lavender growing up the sides of the magnificent Swazi mountains. Springtime is a time for renewal and change. As with seasonal change, so is change coming to Swaziland.

To bring you up-to-date, on August 1st my wife, Debby, and I returned to the Kingdom of Swaziland. I am serving here again as a Fulbright Senior Scholar. This is our second “Fulbright year” in Swaziland, with the first one occurring in 1998-99. The University of Swaziland and its Department of Political and Administrative Studies serves as our host this time around. Some of you probably know about Swaziland and its “notorious” reputation. It has two international distinctions. First, Swaziland’s 37-year old ruler, King Mswati III, receives recurrent media coverage each time he selects a new Swazi bride. Swazi traditional custom encourages their kings to select additional wives, typically on an annual basis. The Swazis take this seriously, and they respect and admire their king. Mswati’s father (the late King Sobhuza II) reportedly had 80 - 100 wives, with 400 to 600 offspring during his six decade reign. Recently, King Mswati selected another bride, in this case a young girl who is 17 and preparing to take her final exams to complete high school. This young lady will undergo rigorous traditional training to prepare her for her responsibilities as one of King Mswati’s many wives.

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John L. Daly

The flag of Swaziland was adopted on October 6, 1968. The red stands for past battles, the blue for peace and stability, and the yellow for the resourcefulness of Swaziland.

The central focus of the flag is a shield and two spears, symbolizing protection from the country’s enemies. Its color is meant to show that white and black people live in peaceful coexistence in Swaziland.

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The university’s global reach can be clearly seen in the map to the right - our students come from every continent. This semester, the highest number of foreign students come from these countries:

Top 10 Countries
1. India - 224
2. Colombia - 106
3. China - 91
4. Canada - 65
5. Belize - 52
6. Jamaica - 50
7. Venezuela - 47
8. Germany - 46
9. United Kingdom - 44
10. France - 39

Map Legend: The following colors represent the number of international students from each country currently attending USF:
- No students this semester
- 1-10 students
- 11-30 students
- 31-50 students
- 51-74 students
- 75-200+ students

2005 International Students of Distinction

USF welcomes the following international students who are U.S. government sponsored scholarship recipients:

Ford Foundation International Fellows
- Yewande Afolabi, Nigeria
- Charmy Sabigan, Philippines

Fulbright Recipients
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- Erika Arteaga Cruz, Ecuador
- Mustafa Aziz, Iraq
- Juana Canul Reich, Mexico
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The International House at the Cité Internationale Universitaire

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Dr. Michael Knox, founder and director of the USF Center for HIV Education and Research, announced the Center has been awarded a highly competitive, $14 million five-year grant to provide HIV/AIDS training to healthcare providers in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Awarded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the grant is the largest in the Center’s history, and will allow for continuation and further development of its work in the Caribbean.

Almost 5 million people become newly infected with HIV each year,” said Dr. Knox. “Yet, despite evidence of a serious crisis, there is a critical lack of qualified health care providers who can respond to this epidemic. Since the first AIDS cases were identified, knowledge of the disease and its treatment has increased exponentially. The new funding will allow the Center to offer the very latest in AIDS education, training, and consultation so that front-line healthcare providers can give their patients the best care possible.”

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The College of Engineering signed an Agreement of Cooperation for the creation of a graduate fellowship program with the National Council for Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT) on August 13th.

The signing ceremony occurred during a reception welcoming CONACYT’s Director General Jaime Parada Ávila at the reception. Dr. Jorge Nef, Director of ISLAC, conveyed a cautionary message during his discussion of human security in Latin America, indicating that “globalization for some of the population has been a benefit, while for others it has been a net loss.” It is exactly this exchange of perspectives from different disciplines which led to a successful discussion of world issues. Many of the papers presented at the conference are available at: http://www.cas.usf.edu/GlobalResearch/.

“With the new funding, we can continue to train health personnel in the latest advances in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV disease,” said Dr. Knox. “This grant will allow us to continue and develop our programs, not only in the Caribbean, but also in other regions of the world.”

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Dr. Dwayne, Senior Research Fellow, spoke of the need to bridge social sciences and engineering in order to reach global solutions. Dr. Dwayne also advocated for “the reduction of the human footprint at the global level.” He stressed this point during the opening remarks of the conference, stating, “Environmental stresses have an impact on global relationships.”

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Dear Colleagues:

In his latest book, *The World is Flat*, Thomas Friedman remarks that to flourish in a flat world it takes the right imagination and the right motivation - to seize opportunities and seek innovative ways to participate in an increasingly complex and globalized world. In this issue of USF International, we are pleased to recognize the creative imagination and drive of Dr. Mark T. Orr, Professor Emeritus of International Studies and the founding director of the International Affairs Center. Through his generous gift, we will increase our ability to fund USF students to participate in academic programs abroad. As a scholar, educator, and mentor to generations of USF students and faculty, Dr. Orr understands that standards of excellence in academic education today require participation in a global community. He has been a long-standing advocate of study abroad not only as an enriching academic experience but also as a fundamental tool to promote cultural understanding and tolerance.

As we celebrate Dr. Orr’s extraordinary commitment to our students, USF faculty are forging new ground in program development and research across the globe. Within the next year, USF Health will extend its programming in Panama. USF Health’s initiative is particularly exciting as the City of Tampa is also committed to forging stronger trade and business ties with Panama.

This issue of USF International also highlights an array of new exchange agreements that are also exemplary of USF’s global reach. Each partnership extends our ability to attract among the best international students and scholars and to implement collaborative research initiatives with leading institutions of higher education.

These initiatives are but a sampling of USF’s drive to establish itself as a vibrant and truly global university. Building on our diverse and highly talented faculty and student body and our strong infrastructure including the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, USF can become a key link in the emerging global marketplace for higher education.

Sincerely,

Maria Crammett, Ph.D.
Interim Dean of International Affairs

USF Health Office of International Programs

USF Health has developed a new Office of International Programs. It has been designed to expand the global reach of educational, research, and development initiatives at the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health and School of Physical Therapy at USF. With Dr. Ann DeBaldo as the new Associate Vice President, International Programs USF Health, this office is developing opportunities for students and faculty to apply their knowledge to real-world, mutual health challenges – emerging infectious diseases, environmental degradation, natural and manmade disasters, changing patterns of chronic disease, and health disparities.

Sustainable projects require an interdisciplinary approach. By encouraging collaboration across the USF campus and combining the multidisciplinary philosophies of public health, medicine and nursing, these initiatives can empower communities to deal with the root causes of their health problems and to develop stronger infrastructures.

In cooperation with the International Affairs Center, the office has established international study abroad, service learning and field placement sites for USF Health students interested in learning in other countries. USF Health students have conducted field work in a wide range of countries, including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Costa Rica, Barbados, Panama, India, Venezuela, Belize, Bolivia, and Thailand.

Trade Mission to Panama

Representatives from the University of South Florida joined Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce officials, and business leaders on a trade mission to Panama October 5th through October 8th. Attending from USF were Dr. Steven Klasko, USF Health Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine; Dr. Ann DeBaldo, Associate Vice President, International Programs USF Health and Associate Dean, International Programs College of Public Health; and Dr. Maria Crammett, Interim Dean of International Affairs.

The overall goal of the mission was to build and strengthen business relationships between Tampa and Panama. Particularly important to USF participants was the celebration and expansion of the formal relationship between USF Health and the Ciudad del Saber (City of Knowledge) in Panama City. USF was formally admitted to the City of Knowledge, an international community in which the academic, scientific and business communities interact - this final approval paves the way for a "USF Campus" presence there.

Discussions regarding future collaboration, including research, Spanish immersion programs for faculty, and study abroad programs were also held. Follow-up visits to Panama to finalize these proposals are expected. A Panamanian delegation will visit USF in mid-February to continue discussions.

Dr. Marco Carrillo, Chair of Graduate College at CETYS University in Mexico, is currently working with USF President Genshaft and Provost Khator as an ACE Fellow. The American Council on Education (ACE), the major coordinating body for all the nation’s higher education institutions, seeks as its mission “to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues and to influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives.”

One of the ACE Fellow program initiatives is to place senior leadership at other universities in order to cross-train in leadership development. The appointed ACE Fellows are involved in all aspects of the host institution’s executive processes and strategic planning to supplement their understanding of the current and future best practices in higher education.

Originally from Mexico City, Dr. Carrillo studied law in Mexico and received his Master’s and Ph.D. degrees in Public Administration in the US. He has worked for CETYS University, with campuses in Mexicali, Tijuana, and Ensenada, Mexico, for over 10 years. As an ACE fellow, Dr. Carrillo has a variety of U.S. universities to choose from and was encouraged to select at least three that interested him; however, USF became his first choice. In an interview, Dr. Carrillo noted the main reasons for his choice, the top three being: USF’s rapid growth in research that promotes social, cultural and economic development; the pace at which USF is rising in the rankings, and the praises of the university from 2004 ACE Fellow Matthew Buyu (Kenya).

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As one of her first international initiatives, Dr. DeBaldo participated in Tampa’s Oustbound Trade Mission to Panama, and met with key faculty at the Ciudad del Saber (City of Knowledge) in Panama. “International education and research are priorities of USF Health,” she said, “and establishing a USF presence in Panama for those purposes is in keeping with the USF and Tampa’s global strategies.” To follow up, three faculty members from this Panamanian consortium are coming to USF in November to discuss the wide range of opportunities there. This link is one of many that USF Health hopes to foster in order to benefit students, faculty and global health.

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USF in Malaysia

The University of South Florida and the University of Malaysia-Sarawak (UNIMAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in April 2005 when senior-level UNIMAS officials visited USF. A U.S. Department of State Educational Partnership grant assisted in bringing these two universities together. Dr. Michael Churton, a former Fulbright Scholar at UNIMAS and principal investigator of the grant, has developed the relationship between the two universities as a basis for mutual and beneficial exchange. One outcome of the UNIMAS/USF memorandum was an agreement to co-sponsor a conference on Public Health in Kuching, Sarawak and to explore other areas of potential research and exchange collaboration between the universities.

In early October, Dr. Churton led a group of USF administrators and faculty to Sarawak. The three-day conference and seminar focused on Public Health issues and infectious disease, which included over 100 Sarawak health workers and officials as well as UNIMAS faculty and students. As a result of this visit, student and faculty exchanges and collaborative research proposals will take place. Several UNIMAS faculty will be on the USF campus beginning in January 2006 as doctoral students, research associates, and lecturers providing seminars on area studies of Southeast Asia. Elizabeth Cooper, USF doctoral student combining anthropology and public health issues, will be fulfilling internship requirements at UNIMAS in summer 2007.

The USF group also experienced the cultural diversity of Borneo, including the Sarawak Cultural Village, Buka Puana (breaking fast), Bidayuh Longhouse, and a rare up close glimpse of the endangered orangutan roaming in a rehabilitative center close to Kuching. Michael Churton

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The University of South Florida International Affairs Center is honored to announce the receipt of a $100,000 gift from Dr. Mark T. Orr. The Mark and Kay Orr International Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship, the largest gift ever received by the Center, will fund study abroad scholarships.

The endowment, which also honors Dr. Orr’s late wife Kay, will be matched by fifty percent through the state matching funds program. Annual proceeds from the gift are expected to award three students $2,000 each for study abroad expenses. Dr. Orr has generously added an additional amount to his gift to enable the scholarships to begin in Fall 2006.

The relationship between Dr. Orr and the university dates back to 1966, when he began teaching international studies and building USF’s international programs. In 1982, he was named Director of the newly formed International Affairs Center, a position he held until his retirement in 1999. Prior to his tenure at USF, he built a distinguished 20-year career in the US Air Force, highlighted by his contributions to the reformation of the Japanese education system while serving as Chief of the Education Division under General Douglas MacArthur.

This gift continues Dr. Orr’s long history of giving and service to the University of South Florida. The Mark and Kay Orr International Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship is intended to give deserving students study abroad opportunities that they may not otherwise have had. Details regarding scholarship eligibility and application deadlines will be available soon on the International Affairs website, http://web.usf.edu/iac/.