The U.S. Senate has declared 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad,” encouraging initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. The bipartisan resolution stresses that educating students internationally is an important way to create goodwill for the United States around the world and to work toward a peaceful global society. NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, has been instrumental in disseminating information about the importance of study abroad.

According to a 2002 American Council on Education poll, 79 percent of people in the U.S. agree that students who seek a semester abroad experience in a country where the language and culture are different from their own.

American students currently study abroad each year. USF currently offers 39 study abroad programs in 27 countries, ranging in length from one week to one year. Students can study abroad at any time in their academic careers, and can typically find a program of study to enhance their field of study. Students seeking to round out their resumes with experiences abroad can find options for internships, certificates, or service learning. Federal and state financial aid can be applied to USF programs abroad, and the Study Abroad Office offers scholarship opportunities.

Orr Scholarship Details Announced

The Fall 2005 issue of USF International unveiled the receipt of a $100,000 gift from Dr. Mark T. Orr to fund study abroad scholarships. The Mark and Kay Orr International Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship was created to encourage and assist students who seek a semester abroad experience in a country where the government will give three students $2000 each for study abroad expenses. Full-time undergraduate or graduate students on any USF campus may apply. The application deadline for Fall 2006 study abroad is June 1, 2006. Students may obtain applications and additional information for all study abroad scholarships and programs from the Study Abroad Office, located in Cooper Hall, Room 468. Learn more about study abroad and other international activities at USF by visiting the International Affairs web site at http://web.usf.edu/iac.

President Genshaft Receives Honorary Doctorate in South Korea

On February 22, 2006, USF President Judy Genshaft became the first woman to receive an honorary doctorate from the prestigious Yeungnam University in South Korea. The honorary degree in literature was presented by Yeungnam University President Dong Ki Woo, who had visited USF in July 2005. In her keynote address, President Genshaft described our current world as one that “extends beyond the boundaries of geography, customs and cultures.” In such a global environment, partnerships between institutions become even more critical. She stressed that “one way in which both of our institutions will become even more critical. She stressed that “one way in which both of our institutions will realize their goals is by providing our students with the opportunity to expand their understanding of their future collaborators from around the world, by working side-by-side with them today.”

Yeungnam University is one of the largest universities in South Korea outside of Seoul. Since its foundation in 1967, Yeungnam University has built a respected reputation, garnering numerous awards for its academic excellence. Last year, USF and Yeungnam University signed an agreement that lays the foundation for the development of mutually strengthening and enriching educational and research experiences for both faculty and students. To date, 31 students from Yeungnam University have studied at USF’s English Language Institute, and additional programs are currently in development.
Message from the Interim Dean

The spring 2006 semester unfolds with two superb news items. First, USF is celebrating its 50th anniversary and second, the Carnegie Foundation has classified the University of South Florida as a Research University, the highest level of classification for U.S. universities and colleges. The Carnegie classification is an extraordinary achievement for any institution, but it is particularly impressive given our relative youth. A committed leadership, an outstanding faculty and staff, and a talented student body have all contributed to USF’s research excellence. And throughout our short history, international faculty, scholars, students, and alumni have shaped our academic trajectory in numerous ways.

Provost Renu Khator’s article, USF Builds a Bridge to India, provides a window on the contributions and extraordinary success stories of Indians and Indian Americans at USF. We are delighted to note that the bridge between India and USF has been further strengthened by the presence of Fulbright scholar Deepali Nimbalkar, profiled in this issue.

As we herald the successes of the past, we also have our sights set high on the next 50 years—and that future is one that will increasingly showcase USF as a global institution, sharing with the world the very best that it has to offer. In this context, the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions will certainly play a major role. In this issue of USF International, you will find highlights of two major conferences co-sponsored by the Patel Center. The February conference, Global Impact Tampa Bay, brought together key business, academic, and government sector representatives to explore Tampa Bay’s role in the global economy. The March conference, USF World Water Forum, moderated a panel discussion regarding international trade opportunities, focusing on resources, institutional integration, and engagement in 2006 and beyond. Panelists stressed the importance of uniting forces and moving outside of organizational comfort zones.

The keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Kiran C. Patel, delivered an inspiring talk entitled, “Global Social Entrepreneurism,” in which he urged the attendees to focus on one regional area and use a holistic approach to bring about change. He outlined the five most critical areas to address: agriculture; basic health; safe drinking water and sanitation; education; and power, transportation, and communication. Dr. Patel emphasized, “Poor people are not the problem, they are the solution.”

USF Co-Sponsors Global Impact Tampa Bay Conference

International Affairs and the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions were co-sponsors, along with GunnAllian Financial, of the 1st Annual International Meeting of "Global Impact Tampa Bay," held on February 13th at the University Club. The conference focused on Tampa’s international trade opportunities, and was attended by Prime Minister Kenneth Davis Anthony of St. Lucia and Chief Minister Michael Eugene Misick of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio joined the Chairman of the Mayor’s Global Business Community in a panel discussion on the recent Panama Trade Mission.

USF’s Interim Dean of International Affairs Maria Crummett held in conjunction with the 2006 United Nations World Water Day, provided keen insights into a critical resource issue facing the global community.

USF faculty continue to embrace and expand the boundaries of international programming on campus and across the globe. Events sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts are a true testament to the impact of the arts on global peace and understanding. ISLAC’s conference, New Social Movements and Democracy in the Americas, brought together USF experts and renowned scholars from across the Americas to address vital issues affecting the region. And finally, take a look at the award winning photographs from the 2005 International Photo Competition submitted by USF faculty and students. They provide a marvelous visual presentation of the breath and depth of USF International.

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ISLAC Symposium

USF’s Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) hosted a symposium entitled “New Social Movements and Democracy in the Americas” on March 20-21, 2006. ISLAC’s Director, Dr. Jorge Nef, opened the conference by offering that the state of democracy in Latin America has presented a most promising picture since the 1990s, and that the study of social movements offers new vistas and paths of intellectual inquiry.

The symposium consisted of four topics: Social Movements, Globalization, and Democratization in Latin America; Gender and Women’s Movements; Brazil’s Landless Workers’ Movement (MST); and Indigenous Movements, Land, and Democratization. Fr. Erminio Canova, Coordinator for Agrarian Issues for the Catholic Church Commission on Land Reform in the Americas, delivered the keynote address entitled “The Agrarian Question and the Brazilian Catholic Church.”

Provost Renu Khator welcomed the symposium participants and stated, “Gatherings like these are really what make a university great...What is important is the intellectual climate that is created in the university.”

USF World Water Forum

In celebration of the 2006 United Nations World Water Day, USF held its first World Water Forum on March 24th. Organized by the Dr. Kitam C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, the Friends of the United Nations, the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, and USF’s student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World, the afternoon was a synergistic gathering of world-class water professionals and young engineers and scientists.

Dr. Mark Amen, Academic Director of the Patel Center for Global Solutions, opened the forum by discussing the importance of the Millennium Development Goals, which include reduction of the number of people without access to safe drinking water. Irving Sarnoff, founder and director of the Patel Center for Global Solutions, continued the dialogue by describing the changing face of U.S. water programs.

Dr. Daniel Yeh, Civil & Environmental Engineering, also relayed his experiences from the 4th World Water Forum recently held in Mexico City.

This year’s World Water Day theme, “Water and Culture,” draws attention to the fact that there are as many ways of viewing, using, and celebrating water as there are cultural traditions across the world. Additional information regarding global water issues can be found at http://www.unesco.org/water/.

Summer 2006 Faculty Development

International Affairs has received an overwhelming response to the two faculty development programs offered for Summer 2006.

PANAMA

This Language Immersion Program focuses on learning conversational Spanish for personal and professional development. The program includes four language classes at USF Tampa campus, and travel to Panama for two weeks of additional language instruction and cultural visits.

INDIA

Faculty members will be joining Dr. Gurleen Grewalk (Women’s Studies) and Dr. Ann Delgado (College of Public Health) on a tour of South India. This program provides faculty with the opportunity to experience India’s immense cultural landscape.

Faculty experiences will be highlighted in the Fall 2006 issue of USF International. For upcoming faculty development opportunities, please contact the International Affairs Center.

Faculty Survey

USF’s Faculty Advisory Committee on International Affairs (PACIA), comprised of representatives from all colleges and departments, has developed a faculty survey regarding international interest and experience.

Survey results will be compiled into a database of international expertise across all USF campuses. All faculty members are encouraged to complete the short survey, which can be found on the International Affairs website at http://web.usf.edu/iac.

Summer Session on Public Health and Development

A graduate of USF’s with a B.A. in International Studies, Dr. Gonzalez was sworn into office as Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on January 4, 2006. As an Under Secretary within the Department of Homeland Security, he leads an organization of more than 15,000 federal and contract employees responsible for the processing of immigration benefits.

Following his studies at USF (1977), Dr. Gonzalez earned M.A. degrees in Latin American Studies from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and in Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He was awarded a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Miami.

His distinguished career has focused on foreign affairs and international security policy issues. He has served in or traveled to almost every country in the Western Hemisphere, and has represented the United States government on special diplomatic missions. Dr. Gonzalez is a noted commentator on Hispanic and international affairs and has appeared on local, national and international radio and television programs.

As a Cuban immigrant and naturalized American, he shares a special connection with the American immigrant population. In outlining his goals as the new director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Gonzalez stated, “I am myself an immigrant with a passion for facilitating legal immigration with world-class customer service.”

Michelle Bachelet- President of Chile

Her election has been groundbreaking for women’s rights in Chile. Her first official act as president reflected her commitment to this cause - she swore in a 20-member Cabinet composed of equal numbers of men and women.

Kerry Sanders- NBC News Correspondent

An alumnus of USF (Journalism, B.A., 1992), NBC News Correspondent Kerry Sanders has become a daily presence in many homes with his reporting on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams,” “Today,” MSNBC and “Dateline NBC.”

Mr. Sanders’ journalistic career has taken him around the world, from his early days as a newsreader for Radio del Pacifico in Lima, Peru to his recent embedded reporting from Iraq. In 1994, he was honored with the prestigious Columbia-duPont award for his reporting from Iraq. In 1998, he won the Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage in Kosovo. Among numerous other honors, Mr. Sanders also received the National Headliner Award for his coverage of the Persian Gulf War.

Mr. Sanders established the NBC News International Fellowship at USF, and identified its first recipient, Raf Raif Barrak, an Iraqi student pursuing an M.A. in International Studies. Mr. Barrak had been Mr. Sanders’ interpreter while reporting from Iraq.

In 2003, Mr. Sanders received USF’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes the USF alumnus who has reached the pinnacle of success in their profession or career.
USF Builds a Bridge to India

Imagine University of South Florida (USF) President Judy Genshaft and her Chief of Staff Cindy Visot enjoy a ride in an auto-rickshaw. This was the latest brick to be added to the bridge to India that USF has been building for many years.

This year, USF is celebrating 50 years of excellence by paying tribute to the extraordinary achievements of its students and alumni, faculty and staff, and community partners across Florida and throughout the world. Fifty years ago, when the University of South Florida opened its doors, it served 2,000 students in three buildings. Fifty years later, USF is educating a student body of more than 43,000 in 300 buildings on four campuses. A recent study of economic impact showed that today USF gives back $3.2 billion in direct and indirect spending. From its origins as a small liberal arts school on the outskirts of Tampa, USF has developed into one of the nation’s fastest growing research universities. As we celebrate 50 years of USF’s success, let’s also celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of Indians and Indian-Americans at USF.

As the institution of higher learning, students are our treasure and USF has more students from India than from any other country! It is no surprise that Indian student organizations are some of the most active clubs on campus. Two weeks ago, I made an unscheduled stop at the Hindu Student Council’s get-together where I found myself with students from all walks of life learning about Hinduism over a plate of spicy blueberry that made me feel like I was in Chorwady.

For the past two years, undergraduate students from Indian origin have successfully run and won elections as president and vice-president of Student Government. For those who may not know, these are the most hotly debated and hard won elections on campus. Graduate students from India are also some of the role models in the university.

Take Amlan Banerjee. He is from Calcutta, West Bengal, and pursuing a Ph.D. in the Graduate Transportation Program of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Within the past three years, he has published more than 10 research papers and was awarded the Georgia Brosch Transportation Scholarship for outstanding contributions as a graduate student in the transportation engineering program. Recently, he was selected for the prestigious 2006 International Road Federation (IRF) Executive Leadership Fellowship Grant. Another one of our shining stars is Bina Nayak from Mumbai, Maharashtra, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Biology. She is working on an interdisciplinary project with the departments of Biology and Civil and Environmental Engineering. The project involves teasing out the chemical and microbiological characteristics of leachate from laboratory-scale lysimeters and actual landfills. She has received both the President’s Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation and the Henry Aldrich Student Research Grant from the American Society for Microbiology.

Indian-Americans are well represented in leadership positions at USF. In addition to my being the Provost and Vice President, USF can boast of an Indian American, Dr. Alshay Desai, as a Board of Governors member. USF’s largest gift has come from an Indian American couple, Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel, to establish the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions. As a member of the USF Board of Trustees, Dr. Patel has given USF a chance to put itself on the world map. Five heads of departments in Engineering and Physics are currently from Indian heritage, as is University of South Florida President Judy Genshaft and her Chief of Staff Cindy Visot enjoy a ride in an auto-rickshaw on a street in New Delhi.

Environmental Sciences Fulbright Scholar

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Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Fulbright Paths Al-Salam Alaykoom!

Al-Salam Alaykoom (greetings in Arabic) from the City of Knowledge, Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates! Last fall, we decided along with our daughters to come to UAE as Mahmoud was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to work in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Sharjah. It is a great opportunity to witness and be part of the amazing transformation and economic boom happening in this part of the world.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), indeed, has come a long way since the seven emirates united. Assuming this place as the land of sand and camels is very much outdated. In contrast, in the past few years the UAE has earned a reputation for being a glamorous destination in the Middle and Far East.

University City houses University of Sharjah and three other institutions of higher education. Initiated in 1998, University City is part of the vision of Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al-Qassimi, the president of the university and supreme ruler of Sharjah, to transform his emirate to a center of education, knowledge, and wisdom in the region. The University of Sharjah is a non-profit institution funded by the Sheikh. The university is founded on Islamic tradition and includes completely separate male and female campuses. Over 75% of UAE’s population are expatriates and English is widely spoken and considered the language of business. Having an M.A. in TESOL and yearning for a new teaching experience, Nadia accepted a teaching position at the English Language Center in University of Sharjah. It was not long after we started teaching that we recognized the distinctiveness of this culture. Women’s role in UAE society has expanded gradually and successfully over the last decade. Noticeably more females are pursuing education. For instance, at the English Language Center over 75% of the students are females.

Like most Asian countries, a teacher in UAE is an authoritative figure and treated with a lot of respect. Based on our experience, we realized that it took Emirati students longer to break the ice. Yet, once done, the result is a bond that leads to many office visits coupled with trays of desserts and souvenirs. We can say that our teaching and work experiences are quite gratifying.

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“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

– J. William Fulbright

The Fulbright Program provides grants for graduate students, scholars, professionals, and administrators from the U.S. and other countries through short-term and long-term programs. Participants are chosen based on academic merit and leadership potential.

For additional information regarding Fulbright opportunities, please contact USF’s Fulbright campus representative, Dr. Crummett at crummett@usc.usf.edu or visit http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/.

Contributed by Mahmood Nachabe and Nadia Anisaul-Nadheeb. Dr. Nachabe is an Associate Professor on sabbatical leave from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at USF. Nadia has a M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language and is an instructor in the English Language Institute at USF.

Dr. Bani Khan, President and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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International Performing Arts Perspectives

**Visions of Peace**

Inscribed by the International Book of Peace by Chantal Bernard, USF faculty member and choreographer Jeanne Travers designed an exquisite evening of dance performed at USF on March 8th, 2006. The evening echoed the messages of peace and hope written by Nobel Peace Prize recipients, dignitaries, presidents, artists, scholars, and religious leaders.

This collaborative, choreographic project debuted in Paris, France at the Theatre Dejazet in April 2005, under the patronage of the Mayor of Paris, to a full house of five hundred audience members. The USF performance brought together local (including the Moving Sufi Chanting, Andalusian music and Sufi chanting, Andalusian music and Sacred Christian chanting.

Ms. Travers is deeply involved in collaboration and interdisciplinary choreographic projects. She has also taught master classes, seminars and dance workshops in France, Italy, Germany, Bolivia and within the U.S.

**International Jazz Composer’s Symposium**

The USF Center for Jazz Composition hosted the first ever International Jazz Composer’s Symposium on March 9-11, 2006. This unique three-day event brought together composers, scholars, and students from throughout the country and abroad to interact with each other.

Three prominent master artists, Bob Brookmeyer, John Clayton, and Dave Douglas, as well as industry representatives, led a series of lectures, master classes, research presentations, performances, new music reading sessions and panel discussions.

“This Symposium, dedicated to addressing issues exclusively related to jazz composers, is a first in the field,” stated Chuck Owen, director of the Center for Jazz Composition. “As such, it has generated tremendous interest amongst composers throughout the world and has already put USF and its newly inaugurated Center for Jazz Composition on the map.”

Scholars and composers were selected for their original research related to aspects of jazz composition including analysis, historical perspective, the creative process, criticism and business/audience models.

**Musical Ties Between USF and South Korea**

The School of Music welcomed students from Ewha Womans University to the Ewha Music Camp 2006 from January 15 to February 4.

Ewha Womans University is a private women’s university in central Seoul, South Korea. It is one of the city’s largest institutions of higher education, and the best-known of South Korea’s women’s universities.

The music camp, directed by School of Music faculty Dr. Sang-Hee Lee, gave sixteen Ewha students the opportunity to experience musical life at USF. The connection between the Ewha students and USF provides the opportunity to develop new artistic perspectives and represents a growing list of School of Music partnerships around the globe.

50th Anniversary Speakers Focus on Global Issues

In commemoration of USF’s 50 years, the university is honored to host an impressive array of distinguished speakers, many of whom bring a strong international perspective to their message.

To kick off this special year, Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited USF on January 19th, delivering a talk entitled, “No Future Without Forgiveness” to a crowd of nearly 4,800. He urged peace and forgiveness throughout his speech, saying that “forgiveness is a gift.” Born in South Africa, Tutu is a world-renowned activist for human rights and recipient of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize.

On March 2nd, Pulitzer Prizewinning scientist Jared Diamond spoke on the environmental and social problems that led to the collapse of previous civilizations and the lessons we might learn from them. Author of the best-selling non-fiction books, “Guns, Germs, and Steel” and “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed”, Diamond speaks a dozen languages, and combines a wide range of academic fields to support his research, including anthropology, molecular biology, archeology, linguistics, genetics and history.

2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai delivered her lecture, “Grassroots Environmental Activism” on March 23rd.

The first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctoral degree, Dr. Maathai was elected to the Kenyan Parliament in 2002 and was named Deputy Minister in her nation’s Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife. She is a founder of the Greenbelt Movement, which has empowered women to plant more than 30 million trees throughout Kenya. She assured the audience that even small actions can make a difference.

For upcoming events in USF’s year long celebration visit the 50th anniversary website at http://usfweb3.usf.edu/50/.
INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2005

GRAND PRIZE WINNER - STUDY ABROAD
"Maasai Mzungu" (The White Maasai)
Near Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kenya
Ryan Orgera

GRAND PRIZE WINNER - PORTRAIT
"Semana Santa: Incognito" (Holy Week: Incognito)
Antigua, Guatemala
Tobin Graham

GRAND PRIZE WINNER - LANDSCAPE
"The Waking Giant"
Quito, Ecuador
Tobin Graham

International Photo Competition

Winners of the 2005 International Photo Competition were announced as part of USF’s International Education Week celebration in November. An awards ceremony was held in the International Affairs Center and prizes were presented by Interim Dean of International Affairs, Dr. María Crummett.

Grand prize and honorable mention photos in all three categories - Landscape, Portrait, and Study Abroad -- are on display in Cooper Hall 475.

Keep the photo competition in mind during your summer travels abroad! USF students, faculty, and staff are eligible to submit entries.

Applications and competition deadlines for the 2006 International Photo Competition can be found at the International Affairs website at http://web.usf.edu/iac/.
International Performing Arts Perspectives

Visions of Peace

Inscribed by the International Book of Peace by Chantal Bernard, USF faculty member and choreographer Jeannie Travers designed an exquisite evening of dance performed at USF on March 8th, 2006. The evening echoed the messages of peace and hope written by Nobel Peace Prize recipients, dignitaries, presidents, artists, scholars, and religious leaders.

This collaborative, choreographic project debuted in Paris, France at the Theatre Dejazet in April 2005, under the direction of the Moving Theatre Dejazet. However, the performance is a part of USF’s activities that includes presentations of scholars and composers who were invited to collaborate with the College of Performing Arts.

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Scholars and composers were selected for their original research related to aspects of jazz composition including analysis, historical perspective, the creative process, criticism and business/audience models.

International Jazz Composer’s Symposium

The USF Center for Jazz Composition hosted the first ever International Jazz Composer’s Symposium on March 9-11, 2006. This unique three-day event allowed composers, scholars, and students from throughout the country and abroad to interact with each other.

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Musical Ties Between USF and South Korea

The School of Music welcomed students from Ewha Woman’s University to the Ewha Music Camp 2006 from January 15 to February 4. Ewha Woman’s University is a private women’s university in central Seoul, South Korea. It is one of the city’s largest institutions of higher education, and the best-known of South Korea’s women’s universities.

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In commemoration of USF’s 50 years, the university is honored to host an impressive array of distinguished speakers, many of whom bring a strong international perspective to their message.

To kick off this special year, Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited USF on January 19th, delivering a talk entitled, "No Future Without Forgiveness" to a crowd of nearly 4,000. He urged peace and forgiveness throughout his speech, saying that "forgiveness is a gift." Born in South Africa, Tutu is a world-renowned activist for human rights and recipient of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize.

On March 2nd, Pulitzer Prize-winning scientist Jared Diamond spoke on the environmental and social problems that led to the collapse of previous civilizations and the lessons we might learn from them. Author of the best-selling non-fiction books, “Guns, Germs, and Steel” and “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed”, Diamond speaks a dozen languages, and combines a wide range of academic fields to support his research, including anthropology, molecular biology, archæology, linguistics, genetics and history.

2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai delivered her lecture, “Grassroots Environmental Activism” on March 23rd.

ARS OF EXCELLENCE

50th Anniversary Speakers Focus on Global Issues

Dr. Anila Jain is the former president of our 200,000 member strong Alumni Association. Indian faculty members are outstanding scholars, winning national and international recognition. Dr. Vijay Jain holds the coveted title of India-Chart works with Indian professionals in the training of HIV-AIDS.

The promise of the USF-India partnership is yet to be realized. I strongly believe that we have only taken baby steps toward building the ultimate synergy that could benefit both Indians and Americans. On behalf of President Judy Genshaft and the entire University of South Florida, I would like to thank the Indian community for embracing USF and for believing in us.

Renu Khator, Ph.D., is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Photos and articles reprinted with permission of Khous Baas (www.khousbaas.com). This article first appeared in the March 2006 issue of Khous Baas.

The first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree, Dr. Maathai was elected to the Kenyan Parliament in 2002 and was named Deputy Minister in her nation’s Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife. She is a founder of the Greenbelt Movement, which has empowered women to plant more than 30 million trees throughout Kenya. She assured the audience that even small actions can make a difference.

For upcoming events in USF’s year-long celebration visit the 50th anniversary website at http://usfweb.usf.edu/50/.
USF Builds a Bridge to India

Imagine University of South Florida (USF) President Judy Genshaft and Medical School Dean Steve Klasko clenching the bar of an auto-rickshaw, as the driver swings and swivels on the crowded roads of New Delhi! Now, picture their foreheads colored deep red from multiple kicks and their necks lowered with the weight of fresh flower garlands. These images are two of many from the memory book of the USF delegation that spent 12 days in India exploring educational opportunities between USF and India. This also was the latest brick to be added to the USF Bridge to India. As the institution of higher learning, students are our treasure and USF has more students from India than from any other country! It is no surprise that Indian student organizations are some of the most active clubs on campus. Two weeks ago, I made an unscheduled stop at the Hindu Student Council’s get-together where I found myself with students from all walls of life learning about Hinduism over a plate of spicy bluepuri that made me feel like I was in Chawpatty.

For the past two years, undergraduate students from Indian origin have successfully run and won elections as president and vice-president of Student Government. For those who may not know, these are the most hotly debated and hard won elections on campus. Graduate students from India are also some of the role models in the university.

Take Amlan Banerjee. He is from Calcutta, West Bengal, and pursuing a Ph.D. in the Graduate Transportation Program of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Within the past three years, he has published more than 10 research papers and was awarded the Georgia Brosch Transportation Scholarship for outstanding contributions as a graduate student in the transportation engineering program. Recently, he was selected for the prestigious 2006 International Road Federation (IRF) Executive Leadership Fellowship Grant.

Another one of our shining stars is Bina Nayak from Mumbai, Maharashatra, who is pursuing a Ph.D in Biology. She is working on an interdisciplinary project with the departments of Biology and Civil and Environmental Engineering. The project involves teasing out the chemical and microbiological characteristics of leachate from laboratory-scale lysimeters and actual landfills. She has received both the President’s Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation and the Henry Aldrich Student Research Grant from the American Society for Microbiology. Indian Americans are well represented in leadership positions at USF. In addition to my being the Provost and Vice President, USF can boast of an Indian American, Dr. Akshay Desai, as a Board of Governors member. USF’s largest gift has come from an Indian American couple, Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel, to establish the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions. As a member of the USF Board of Trustees, Dr. Patel has given USF a chance to put itself on the world map. Five heads of departments in Engineering and Physics are currently from Indian heritage, as is recent study of economic impact showed that today USF gives back $3.2 billion in direct and indirect spending. From its origins as a small liberal arts school on the outskirts of Tampa, USF has developed into one of the nation’s fastest growing research universities. As we celebrate 50 years of USF’s success, let’s also celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of Indians and Indian-Americans at USF.

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USF’s success, let’s also celebrate the extraordinary achievements of its students and alumni, faculty and staff, and community partners across Florida and throughout the world. Fifty years ago, when the University of South Florida opened its doors, it served 2,000 students in three buildings. Fifty years later, USF is educating a student body of more than 43,000 in 300 buildings on four campuses. A

Fulbright Paths Al-Salam Alaykym!

Al-Salam Alaykym (greetings in Arabic) from the City of Knowledge, Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates! Last fall, we decided along with our daughters to come to UAE as Mahmood was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to work in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Sharjah. It is a great opportunity to witness and be part of the amazing transformation and economic boom happening in this part of the world.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), indeed, has come a long way since the seven emirates united. Assuming this place as the land of sand and camels is very much outdated. In contrast, in the past few years the UAE has earned a reputation for being a glamorous destination in the Middle and Far East.

University City houses University of Sharjah and three other institutions of higher education. Initiated in 1998, University City is part of the vision of Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al-Qassimi, the president of the university and supreme ruler of Sharjah, to transform his emirate to a center of education, knowledge, and wisdom in the region. The University of Sharjah is a non-profit institution fully funded by the Sheikh. The university is founded on Islamic tradition and includes completely separate male and female campuses. Over 75% of UAE’s population are expatriates and English is widely spoken and considered the language of business. Having an M.A. in TESOL and yearning for a new teaching experience, Nadia accepted a teaching position at the English Language Center in University of Sharjah. It was not long after we started teaching that we recognized the distinctiveness of this culture. Women’s role in UAE society has expanded gradually and successfully over the last decade. Noticeably more females are pursuing education. For instance, at the English Language Center over 75% of the students are females.

Like most Asian countries, a teacher in UAE is an authoritative figure and treated with a lot of respect. Based on our experience, we realized that it took Emiratization longer to break the ice. Yet, once done, the result is a bond that leads to many office visits coupled with trays of desserts and souvenirs. We can say that our teaching and work experiences are quite gratifying!

Contributed by Mahmood Nacekah and Nadia Ameedah. Dr. Nacekah is an Associate Professor on sabatical leave from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at USF. Nadia has a M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language and is an instructor in the English Language Institute at USF.

Environmental Sciences Fulbright Scholar

Deepali Nimhalkar, Ph.D. candidate in Environmental Science at the University of Pune, India, is currently a Fulbright scholar at USF. Deepali is working with Dr. Yogi Goswami at USF’s Clean Energy Research Center, as her research interest matches his current research in photocatalysis for the treatment of distillery spentwash (a highly polluting and colored effluent). The purpose of the project is to set a scientific-technical basis for the development of solar radiation/energy use in efficient treatment processes. Ms. Nimhalkar is also interested in learning about women in leadership and hopes to collaborate with other USF researchers. She noted, “I look forward to Fulbright being a cultural experience along with an educational/professional experience.”

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Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

– J. William Fulbright

The Fulbright Program provides grants for graduate students, scholars, professionals, and administrators from the U.S. and other countries through short-term and long-term programs. Participants are chosen based on academic merit and leadership potential.

For additional information regarding Fulbright opportunities, please contact USF’s Fulbright campus representative, Dr. Crummett at crummett@jacks.usf.edu or visit http://exchanges.state.gov/education/full bright/.
**ISLAC Symposium**

USF’s Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) hosted a symposium entitled “New Social Movements and Democracy in the Americas” on March 20-21, 2006. ISLAC’s Director, Dr. Jorge Nef, opened the conference by offering that the state of democracy in Latin America has presented a most promising picture since the 1990s, and that the study of social movements offers new vistas and paths of intellectual inquiry.

The symposium consisted of four topics: Social Movements, Globalization, and Democratization in Latin America; Gender and Women’s Movements; Brazil’s Landless Workers’ Movement (MST); and Indigenous Movements, Land, and Democratization. Fr. Erminio Canova, Coordinator for Agrarian Issues for the Catholic Church Commission on Land Reform in the Diocese of Pernambuco, Brazil, delivered the keynote address entitled “The Agrarian Question and the Brazilian Catholic Church.”

Povost Renu Khator welcomed the symposium participants and stated, “ Gatherings like these are really what make a university great...What is important is the intellectual climate that is created in the university.”

**USF World Water Forum**

In celebration of the 2006 United Nations World Water Day, USF held its first World Water Forum on March 24th. Organized by the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, the Friends of the United Nations, the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, and USF’s student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World, the afternoon was a synergy-building event surrounding the critical issues of water resource conservation and development.

Dr. Mark Amen, Academic Director of the Patel Center for Global Solutions, opened the forum by discussing the importance of the Millennium Development Goals, which include reduction of the number of people without access to safe drinking water. Irving Sarnoff, founder and director of Friends of the United Nations, continued the dialogue by describing the UN’s water programs.

Dr. Daniel Yeh, Civil & Environmental Engineering, also relayed his experiences from the 4th World Water Forum recently held in Mexico City.

This year’s World Water Day theme, “Water and Culture,” draws attention to the fact that there are as many ways of viewing, using, and celebrating water as there are cultural traditions across the world. Additional information regarding global water issues can be found at http://www.unesco.org/water/.

**Summer 2006 Faculty Development**

International Affairs has received an overwhelming response to the two faculty development programs offered for Summer 2006.

**PANAMA**

This Language Immersion Program focuses on learning conversational Spanish for personal and professional development. The program includes four language classes at USF Tampa campus, and travel to Panama for two weeks of additional language instruction and cultural visits.

**INDIA**

Faculty members will be joining Dr. Gurleen Grewal (Women’s Studies) and Dr. Ann Delgado (College of Public Health) on a tour of South India. This program provides faculty with the opportunity to experience India’s immense cultural landscape.

Faculty experiences will be highlighted in the Fall 2006 issue of USF International. For upcoming faculty development opportunities, please contact the International Affairs Center.

**Faculty Survey**

USF’s Faculty Advisory Committee on International Affairs (PACIA), comprised of representatives from all colleges, have developed a faculty survey regarding international interest and experience.

Survey results will be compiled into a database of international expertise across all USF campuses. All faculty members are encouraged to complete the short survey, which can be found on the International Affairs website at http://web.usf.edu/iaic.

**USF’s Global Reach**

**Dr. Emilio Gonzalez- Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

A graduate of USF’s with a B.A. in International Studies, Dr. Gonzalez was sworn into office as Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on January 4, 2006.

As an Under Secretary within the Department of Homeland Security, he leads an organization of more than 15,000 federal and contract employees responsible for the processing of immigration benefits.

Upon completing his studies at USF (1977), Dr. Gonzalez earned M.A. degrees in Latin American Studies from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and in Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He was awarded a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Miami.

His distinguished career has focused on foreign affairs and international security policy issues. He has served in or traveled to almost every country in the Western Hemisphere, and has represented the United States government on special diplomatic missions. Dr. Gonzalez is a noted commentator on Hispanic and international affairs and has appeared on local, national and international radio and television programs.

As a Cuban immigrant and naturalized American, he also shares a special connection with the American immigrant population. In outlining his goals as the new director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Gonzalez stated, “I am myself an immigrant with a passion for facilitating legal immigration with world-class customer service.”

**Michelle Bachelet- President of Chile**

Her election has been groundbreaking for women’s rights in Chile. Her first official act as president reflected her commitment to this cause - she swore in a 20-member Cabinet composed of equal numbers of men and women.

**Kerry Sanders- NBC News Correspondent**

An alumnus of USF (Journalism, B.A., 1992), NBC News Correspondent Kerry Sanders has become a daily presence in many homes with his reporting on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams,” “Today,” MSNBC and “Dateline Nightly News with Brian Williams,” “Today,” MSNBLive and “Dateline NBC.”

Mr. Sanders’ journalistic career has taken him around the world, from his early days as a newswriter for Radio del Pacifico in Lima, Peru to his recent embedded reporting from Iraq. In 1994, he was honored with the prestigious Columbia-duPont award for his reporting from Haiti as a military coup rocked the country. In 2000, he won the Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage in Kosovo. Among numerous other honors, Mr. Sanders also received the National Headliner Award for his coverage of the Persian Gulf War.

Mr. Sanders established the NBC News International Fellowship at USF, and identified its first recipient, Raf Raf Raisan Barak, an Iraqi student pursing an M.A. in International Studies. Ms. Barrak had been Mr. Sanders’ interpreter while reporting from Iraq. In 2003, Mr. Sanders received USF’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes the USF alumnus who has reached the pinnacle of success in their profession or career.
Message from the Interim Dean

The spring 2006 semester unfolds with two superb news items. First, USF is celebrating its 50th anniversary and second, the Carnegie Foundation has classified the University of South Florida as a Research University, the highest level of classification for U.S. universities and colleges. The Carnegie classification is an extraordinary achievement for any institution, but it is particularly impressive given our relatively small number of faculty, enrolled students, and alumni. A committed leadership, an outstanding faculty and staff, and a talented student body have all contributed to USF’s research excellence. And throughout our short history, international faculty, scholars, students, and alumni have shaped our academic trajectory in numerous ways.

Provost Renu Khator’s article, "USF Builds a Bridge to India," provides a window on the contributions and extraordinary success stories of Indians and Indian Americans at USF. We are delighted to note that the bridge between India and USF has been further strengthened by the presence of Fulbright scholar Deepali Nimbalkar, profiled in this issue. As we herald the successes of the past, we also have our sights set high on the next 50 years—and that future is one that will increasingly showcase USF as a global institution, sharing with the world the very best that it has to offer. In this context, the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions will certainly play a major role. In this issue of USF International, you will find highlights of two major conferences co-sponsored by the Patel Center. The February conference, "Global Impact Tampa Bay," brought together key business, academic, and government sector representatives to explore Tampa Bay’s role in the global economy. The March conference, "USF World Water Forum," will provide a marvelous visual presentation of the breadth and depth of USF’s interna- tional programming spans the globe. We congratulate USF President Judy Genshaft on her honorary doctorate from Yeungnam University, South Korea. Our relationship with Yeungnam University will create new opportunities for expanding international scholarship, teaching, and student exchange.

USF faculty continue to embrace and expand the boundaries of international programming on campus and across the globe. Events sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts are a true testament to the impact of the arts on global peace and understanding. ISLAC’s conference, "New Social Movements and Democracy in the Americas," brought together USF experts and renowned scholars from across the Americas to address vital issues affecting the region. And finally, take a look at the award winning photographs from the 2005 International Photo Competition submitted by USF faculty and students. They provide a marvelous visual presentation of the breadth and depth of USF International.

Maria Crummett
Interim Dean of International Affairs

USF Co-Sponsors Global Impact Tampa Bay Conference

International Affairs and the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions were co-sponsors, along with GunnAllen Financial, of the 1st Annual International Meeting of "Global Impact Tampa Bay," held on February 13th at the University Club. The conference focused on Tampa’s international trade opportunities, and was attended by Prime Minister Kenneth Davis Anthony of St. Lucia and Chief Minister Michael Eugene Minnick of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio joined the Chairman of the Mayor’s Global Business Community in a panel discussion on the recent Panama Trade Mission.

USF’s Interim Dean of International Affairs Maria Crummett moderated a panel discussion regarding international trade opportunities, focusing on resources, institutional integra- tion, and engagement in 2006 and beyond. Panelists stressed the importance of uniting forces and moving outside of organizational comfort zones.

The keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Kiran C. Patel, delivered an inspiring talk entitled, “Global Social Entrepreneurship,” in which he urged the attendees to focus on one regional area and use a holistic approach to bring about change. He outlined the five most critical areas to address: agriculture; basic health; safe drinking water and sanitation; education; and power, transportation, and communications. Dr. Patel emphasized, “Poor people are not the problem, they are the solution.”

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USF St. Petersburg Names International Director

In November 2005, Dr. Lisa Kahn was named Interim Director of International Affairs and Campus Assessments at USF St. Petersburg. Prior to her affiliation with USF, Dr. Kahn was Associate Dean and Director of the Center for the Applied Liberal Arts at Eckerd College, as well as Curator of Education at the Tampa Museum of Art.

Dr. Kahn describes the campus’ current and upcoming initiatives: “USF St. Petersburg is celebrating its 40th anniversary and it is a new time of change and growth. The Office of International Affairs is focusing on the creation of an international recruitment campaign.

The coming year will also see an effort to expand the global perspective for our students through more international travel, study, and service opportunities. As the campus attracts more international scholars, our services to our faculty and staff are also expanding.”

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The U.S. Senate has declared 2006 as the "Year of Study Abroad," encouraging initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. The bipartisan resolution stresses that educating students internationally is an important way to create goodwill for the United States around the world and to work toward a peaceful global society.

NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, has been instrumental in disseminating information about the importance of study abroad.

According to a 2002 American Council on Education poll, 79 percent of people in the U.S. agree that students should have a study abroad experience sometime during college, but only one percent of American students currently study abroad each year. USF currently offers 39 study abroad programs in 27 countries, ranging in length from one week to one year. Students can study abroad at any time in their academic careers, and can typically find a program of study to enhance their field of study. Students seeking to round out their careers, and can typically find a program of study to

The Mark and Kay Orr International Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship was created to encourage and assist students who seek a semester abroad experience in a country where the language and culture are different from their own. In an effort to increase student interest in more diverse cultural experiences, preference will be given to applicants who wish to study at a university in Brazil, China, Egypt, Ghana, India, Japan, Jordan, South Africa or South Korea. Annual proceeds from the gift will award three students $2000 each for study abroad expenses. Full-time undergraduate or graduate students on any USF campus may apply. The application deadline for Fall 2006 study abroad is June 1, 2006. Students may obtain applications and additional information for all study abroad scholarships and programs from the Study Abroad Office, located in Cooper Hall, Room 468. Learn more about study abroad and other international activities at USF by visiting the International Affairs web site at http://web.usf.edu/iac.

President Genshaft Receives Honorary Doctorate in South Korea

On February 22, 2006, USF President Judy Genshaft became the first woman to receive an honorary doctorate from the prestigious Yeungnam University in South Korea. The honorary degree in literature was presented by Yeungnam University President Dong Ki Woo, who had visited USF in July 2005.

In her keynote address, President Genshaft described our current world as one that “extends beyond the boundaries of geography, customs and cultures.” In such a global environment, partnerships between institutions become even more critical. She stressed that “one way in which both of our institutions will become even more critical. She stressed that “one way in which both of our institutions will

USF President Judy Genshaft with Yeungnam University President Dong Ki Woo at the commencement ceremony