What a year for the University of South Florida (USF) System and our profound global commitments! USF was the third highest producer of Peace Corps graduate volunteers in the United States this past year and will have four colleges hosting Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows in 2017-18. We are delighted to be the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion in International Education Award. It is a very rare university where the diversity of students studying abroad approximates the student profile of the whole institution. Our indefatigable President, Dr. Judy Genshaft, received the 2016 Michael P. Malone International Leadership Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Then to cap it all, USF was also the highest ranked producer of Fulbright scholars among all public and private universities across the entire United States.

This book summarizes the constant ongoing accomplishments that were the foundation to these important awards. From fall 2011 through fall 2016, USF increased our international student enrollment by 267%, from 1,745 to 4,656 students representing 145 countries. Over the same time span, the university increased the number of students studying abroad by 253% with our faculty led programs to Florence and London leading the way. The Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies now communicates with more than 2,500 people across the United States and beyond. Our Confucius Institute described by the Hanban as “Magnificent” continues to forge community linkages, and our Global Discovery Hub database is consistently recognized as a national exemplar.

The success of the USF System is measured in our accomplishments. However, it is our collaborative and visionary partners locally and internationally who generate the beneficial and innovative partnerships that help this university extend our global impact. To our USF faculty and staff who passionately believe in graduating global citizens and extending our institutional research, our success is truly your success. To the remarkable international students whose unquenchable thirst energizes them to attend our world class university from 145 countries around the world, you strengthen our diversity. To our domestic students determined to understand their world through our global campus and Education Abroad opportunities, you will be empowering your careers. To our university partners from Sarasota to Stockholm, from St. Petersburg to São Paulo, and from Tampa to Tianjin, I extend our deep gratitude. It is our partners that help USF reach our global goals and we greatly value your contributions to our efforts. Finally, my thanks to the faculty and staff of USF World for their tireless dedication and personal commitments to this work!

Together this community of practice enacts the vision of the university and by working with our partners we will continue to support academia in an increasingly global world.

My best wishes to you all,
This year, the Office of International Services (OIS) developed innovative ways to meet the ever-changing needs of international students and scholars by fully maximizing the use of case management software, Sunapsis, to eliminate paper requests, forms, and applications for students, providing them with 24/7 access to requests and more information. In addition to our record high enrollment of 4,656 international students, the USF System hosted 296 new and continuing J-1 scholars using the Professor, Research Scholar, Short-term Scholar, and Specialist categories. Our international student success initiatives have resulted in six-year graduation rates close to 75%!

In an effort to introduce international students and scholars to Florida’s unique culture, OIS collaborated with multiple campus and community partners to begin an adventure program series. International students and scholars now have the opportunity to take short day trips where they’re able to meet new friends and develop leadership skills outside of the classroom or lab. This year’s programs included options to explore downtown St. Petersburg, kayak through the bioluminescence at the Canaveral National Seashore, hike the trails at the Weeki Wachee Preserve, snorkel through the crystal clear waters at Wekiwa Springs State Park, and serve families in the Tampa Bay area around the holidays at Metropolitan Ministries.
Fall 2016 Total Enrollment = 4,656
Source: USF InfoCenter Add/Drop Benchmark 8/29/2016
USF named Avijit Sengupta as the first Kalam Fellow for the 2016-17 academic year. A design researcher from Kolkata, India, Sengupta demonstrated all of the Fellowship qualifications and more. A graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, a public engineering and research institution located in Mumbai, he spent three years working at the Center of Social Media Innovation for Communities at the National University of Singapore.

Left to Right: USF Muma College of Business Dean Moez Limayem, USF Provost Ralph Wilcox, Kalam Fellow Avijit Sengupta, and USF System Vice President of USF World, Dr. Roger Brindley
The Office of International Admissions completed a merger in 2015 bringing together teams from both Office of Admissions and INTO USF to form a shared service for all university international recruitment and marketing. Together with undergraduate and INTO USF evaluation services, International Admissions joined the USF World family in July 2016.

The team physically recruited in more than 50 countries while collecting applications from a total of 145 countries, leading to record enrollments in the INTO USF Center as well as diverse new First Time in College (FTIC) and Transfer student populations. In 2016-17, more than 1,000 new International Graduate students from 70 countries started their degree programs, including 400+ progressing from INTO USF Graduate Pathway programs.

Digital marketing and recruitment initiatives became a focus during 2016. Partnerships with USF’s Innovative Education, StudyPortals, EdUSA, Uni in the USA, and others have resulted in increased prospect traffic that is being funneled through with new automated marketing resources. Applicant volume is up for 2017. Best practices and tools acquired are being extended to assist with recruitment for Education Abroad programs.
The USF Education Abroad Office (EAO) reports a very successful year, boasting an increase of 14% in the number of USF System students engaging in international credit and non-credit experiences in 56 countries. In addition, EAO supported a large number of individuals in addition to USF students, including: 77 non-degree seeking students from more than 2 dozen US universities; 173 faculty and staff; 1,244 students through our School of Record relationships; and 36 students through our bilateral exchange partnerships, among others.

Of particular note was the significant growth of the USF in London program, which grew from 97 students in 2015 to 176 in 2016. Other program developments included the expansion of the USF Science in Florence program which allows students to complete core chemistry courses (biochemistry, and organic chemistry) combined with culturally rich offerings through our partner, Florence University of the Arts. New programs included USF Paris Dance semester, USF’s first semester-length faculty led program, an embedded Communications Disorders program in Rome, as well as a Tropical Marine Ecosystems program that partnered with Sea|mester in the British Virgin Islands, among many others.

Photo by USF Student Allison Schleutker, Italy
$135,650 GIFTED IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS

EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

USF was the recipient of the 2017 Institutional Award from Diversity Abroad.

10.5% of the 2015-16 USF Tampa graduating class participated in a credit-bearing global experience.
The Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies (CSDS) conducts cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research on national security issues and develops programs dealing with diplomacy and strategy. Successes of the year include:

Conferences & Conversations: CSDS hosted 7 conversations with prominent thinkers, and 4 major conferences, dealing with major global issues. Throughout the year, CSDS invited 15 experts to USF with more than 1,200 students, faculty and members of the community who attended the events.

Collaborative Projects: 4 collaborative projects with the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, with USF Student Government, with the British Consulate in Miami and with USF College of Global Sustainability.

Fundraising Initiatives: CSDS organized its first fundraising event in October 2016. More than 120 people attended the event. Private contributions to the Center’s account at USF Foundation reflect new levels of support.
**Student Engagement:** CSDS hosted Ms. Firouzeh Khoshnoodiparast from the Australis National University, at no cost to USF. Additionally, CSDS offered 7 internship positions to undergraduate students and supervised their activities. 4 of the interns received credit hours for their internship.

**Expansion of the Advisory Board:** New members to the CSDS Advisory Board include: Dr. David Stamps, former USF Provost; Mr. Ted Wilhite and Mr. Sam Bell.

**Publications:** Dr. Mohsen Milani, CSDS Executive Director, was published 5 times in *Foreign Affairs* (the country’s leading journal on international relations), a detailed research project on Iran in a reconnecting Eurasia published by the prestigious Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C., an article on the CNN website, an article by the Rice University’s Baker Institute, and one by National Iranian-American Council.

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Opposite Page: (1) Dr. Mohsen Milani, CSDS Executive Director, with the Honorable Senior Circuit Judge Raymond Gross, CSDS Advisory Board Chair; (2) Dr. Denise Natali, Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, with USF graduate student Andrew Huneycutt during the “Western Responses to Refugee Crisis and Migration from the Middle East and North Africa” Conference. (3) The first CSDS Fundraising Dinner was held in the fall; more than 120 guests attended. (4) A Global Conversation with General Wesley Clark, Retired 4-Star General and Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander. (5) A conversation with Zalmay Khalilzad, Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Afghanistan and the United Nations. (6) Questions from the audience during a Conversation Series event. (7) A conversation with Ellen Laipson, former Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council. (8) Dr. Ebtesam Al Ketbi, President and Founder of Emirates Policy Center, was a guest speaker for multiple CSDS events.
The USF Confucius Institute (CI) has made significant achievements in 2016, thanks to the support from USF, its partner Qingdao University and the Hanhan/CI Headquarters. Priority areas of services were focused on supporting the USF academic programs (including providing two Chinese language instructors), assisting local K-12 schools with Chinese programs (including four Confucius Classrooms), and facilitating cultural exchange or community engagement. The Confucius Institute has contributed to the USF World efforts in globalizing campus by providing CI Scholarships to USF students, bringing visiting scholars from China, offering non-credit classes, and extending efforts locally to K-12 schools and Tampa Bay communities. The CI also partners with USF Health, the USF College of the Arts, and the Department of History to co-sponsor events and programs in order to better integrate into the USF System.

Over the course of the last year, the CI events across USF and the broader community have been attended by more than 7,500 community members.
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO USF**

- Continued support to the USF Chinese language program with two instructors and peer mentors at the Chinese Cultural Center
- Provided CI Scholarship to 4 students to study in China for one year
- Expanded support to other units by co-sponsoring events and projects with the USF College of the Arts, USF College of Public Health on traditional Chinese medicine, and the Department of History

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Co-sponsored cultural events (such as the Chinese New Year celebration) at USF and in the Tampa Bay region, reaching thousands of people
- Offered non-credit classes on Chinese language and culture to USF staff and community members, particularly OLLI members (about 100 in three classes, each 8-12 hours)
- Provided 7 Confucius Institute Lectures to the public with attendance of about 400 people

**EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS**

- Enhanced the ongoing collaborative programs at the University of Florida Harn Museum and Saint Petersburg College, and started co-sponsored events at the New College of Florida and Ringling Museum Center for Asian Art
- Partnered with the International Trade Center of Tampa to host the local event of the National China Town Hall organized by the National Committee of US-China Relations

**K-12 CHINESE PROGRAMS**

- Co-sponsored multiple cultural events with local schools
- Provided Youth Chinese Test to nearly 100 students, a significant increase from last year
- Coordinated the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp to China with 15 students and two chaperones
- Established the 4th Confucius Classroom at Saint Stephens Episcopal School in Bradenton, Fla.
- Co-sponsored the 3rd annual Confucius Institute Day event with Pine School, more than 450 students in attendance
- Enhanced collaboration with the Florida Chinese Teachers Association and Florida Foreign Language Association
GLOBAL DISCOVERY HUB

USF World is committed to linking faculty, students and staff with resources available across the USF System to promote and support international scholarship and global engagement. Within the USF Global Discovery Hub (www.usf.edu/world/resources), members of the USF community may access an array of resources for international research including funding sources, global partnerships, the Fulbright Program, Peace Corps, travel, and links to guidance regarding managing risk and safety, export control practices, proposal development services, and country and city guides.

In addition, the Global Discovery Newsletter provides information about a wide range of opportunities for funding travel, partnership development and research to promote global mobility among faculty across disciplines and areas of expertise.

Opposite Page: British scholar Catherine Law was selected as the first recipient of the University of South Florida’s Fulbright Postgraduate Award, named in honor of USF System President Judy Genshaft. With the award, Law began her fully funded criminology PhD program at USF in August 2016.
The University of South Florida (USF) is ranked as the number one producer of Fulbright Scholars in the United States for 2016-2017, according to the U.S. Department of State and Institute of International Education.

With an outstanding 12 faculty members named as scholars, USF doubled its number from last year surpassing other top research institutions, including the Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, University of Southern California and more. Faculty who receive the highly competitive, prestigious Fulbright awards travel abroad, bringing their experiences back with them to the United States. These new perspectives are incorporated into their curriculum and research, furthering the development of USF students as global citizens.
#1 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY (AAU)
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT UNIVERSITY PARK (AAU)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR (AAU)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAU)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (AAU)
PURDUE UNIVERSITY (AAU)
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MADISON (AAU)
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY AT TEMPE
Peace Corps announced that the University of South Florida ranked number 18 among large schools on the agency’s 2017 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities list. There are 40 USF undergraduate alumni currently volunteering worldwide. USF also ranked number 3 among graduate schools with 18 graduate alumni currently volunteering worldwide.

Recently, the university was accepted to be a host for the Peace Corps Prep Program for Undergraduate Students. Peace Corps Prep is a certificate program for undergraduates that centers on one empowering question: How can you prepare yourself to be the best Peace Corps Volunteer you can be?
The Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program at USF is a prestigious Graduate Fellowship program awarding financial assistance to selected returned Peace Corps volunteers who are pursuing a master’s degree. All Coverdell Fellows will complete internships in underserved communities in the Tampa Bay Area, while working under the supervision of faculty.

**College of Public Health**
Fellows successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Public Health (MPH) or Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH).

**College of Engineering**
Fellows successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Science in Civil Engineering or a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.

**Patel College of Global Sustainability**
Fellows successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Arts in Global Sustainability, with a choice of 9 concentrations to specialize.

**College of Arts and Sciences**
Fellows successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology or a PhD in Applied Anthropology.
Opposite Page (Left to Right): Kevin Orner, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, College of Engineering; Dr. Kiki Caruson, USF World AVP for Research, Innovation and Global Affairs; USF College of Engineering Dean Bob Bishop; USF College of Public Health Dean Donna Petersen; USF System President Judy Genshaft; Patel College of Global Sustainability Interim Dean Richard Berman; Wilnie Merlien, USF Peace Corps Recruiter; USF College of Arts and Sciences Dean Eric Eisenberg; Kelly Guadell, Assistant Director Patel College of Global Sustainability; Dr. Christian Wells, Director of Coverdell Fellows Program in Applied Anthropology; Jesse Casanova, USF College of Public Health International Programs PCMI Coordinator
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

USF World welcomes academics, administrators, diplomats, and friends from across the globe. These connections provide opportunities for the university community to extend our work as global leaders and global stewards.

In addition, the University System has active collaborative agreements in countries around the globe, laying the foundation for profound and enriching international educational and research experiences for both faculty and students. As of December 2016, there are 239 active international agreements with university partners from more than 50 countries including Colombia, the United Kingdom, India, Brazil, and more.

Significantly, 31 agreements are Memorandums of Understanding (MOU). MOUs exist when there are deeper, more sustainable partnerships than a general agreement and there are opportunities to seek co-PI external funding to develop academic understandings around linked programs, joint and dual degrees, etc. MOUs ensure faculty and/or staff seeking to develop sustainable, multi-faceted partnerships for their departments and colleges receive the full support of the appropriate administration in the USF System.
Opposite Page: USF President Judy Genshaft (right) with Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn (left) at a signing ceremony in January 2016 with Former President of PUCRS Joaquin Clotet (center) for an international collaboration agreement with the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Porto Alegre has been a Sister City of Tampa since 2013.

31 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING with university partners from MALAYSIA, PERU, ITALY, CHINA, SAUDI ARABIA, SOUTH KOREA & MORE.
AWARDS & ACCOLADES

USF was selected to participate in the Institute of International Education (IIE) International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP) for Cuba – led by a USF Steering Committee for Engagement with Cuba.

From January 2015 to June 2016: **15 PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS GIVEN TO USF FACULTY** (other than Fulbright) including the European Commission Marie Skłodowska-Curie Awards won by Marty Gould in the USF Department of English and Cecilia Nunes in the USF Department of Cell Biology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology.

**USF wins inaugural Big Ideas Competition** from the Society for Research Administrators International. Dr. Kiki Caruson, USF World Assistant Vice President for Research, Innovation and Global Affairs, and her team will develop an online global research toolkit.

USF System President Judy Genshaft was the winner of the **2016 MALONE AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP**.

**APLU President Peter McPherson received the President’s Global Leadership Award from the University of South Florida during the Fall Commencement Ceremony.**

The award is the highest recognition the University of South Florida bestows to individuals for their contributions and accomplishments in international affairs.
USF WORLD GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The awards recognize the remarkable ongoing work of our faculty, staff, administrators and university organizations as together we raise the global reputation of the USF System. As stated in several of our institutional long-range goals, globalizing the USF System is a priority. Accomplishing this paradigm shift takes the efforts of many individuals and groups across the USF System institutions and recognizing these wonderful achievements is critical to our growth. The 2016 Global Achievement Awards acknowledge outstanding contributions to USF’s mission to ensure student success in a global environment.

Administrator Award, Outstanding Global Engagement
Dr. Vashwaint Pathak

Staff Award, Outstanding Global Engagement
Jesse Casanova

Program Award, Outstanding Global Engagement
USF Health Nicaragua

Group Award, Outstanding Global Research
CMS Optical Oceanography Lab

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Research
Dr. Tiffany Cheneville

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Research
Dr. Kathy Arthur

Faculty Award, Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Carlos Cano

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Student Success
Michael Foley

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Student Success
Dr. Alexei Volinsky

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Student Success
Michael Foley
SPECIAL EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

USF World increases visibility among students, faculty, staff and the local community through a variety of campus events, publications and social media. Highlights of the most popular initiatives include International Education Month, the Global Achievement Awards and more.

USF World contributed in 2016 to global event funds across the USF System. To further USF’s strategic goal to encourage international engagement and research, USF World offers funds to support select faculty-directed events. Event funds are primarily dedicated as a faculty resource, however, student organizations may receive funding under exceptional circumstances and with faculty endorsement. Competitive requests demonstrate that the proposed activity is international in focus, research/scholarship related, and addresses at least one of the three goals of USF World: promote a global culture at USF, globalize student success, or deepen global engagement.
GLOBAL DAY

The inaugural Global Day presented an opportunity for faculty and instructors to develop and improve their teaching skills and research capacity in a global context. Global Day was organized by USF World, the Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, and the Global Citizens Project. The event featured speakers from the National Science Foundation and the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory. Participants chose from a series of interactive breakout sessions where they were able to learn about and contribute to strategies for globalizing course content, student communication across cultures, advancing their international research endeavors, and designing and managing a study abroad experience.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MONTH

A joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of State, International Education Week is celebrated in more than 100 countries across the globe. The week pays homage to international education and the global opportunities offered across campus.

USF World hosts a full month of events in November to recognize the university’s global connection across departments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WORLD

Wednesdays with World is an international coffee hour program designed to create a space for cultural exchange between international students, scholars, faculty, staff, and other members of the USF community with an interest in connecting with individuals from around the world. Each month, USF World highlights a different culture and offers coffee, tea, and light refreshments reflective of the regional or cultural theme.

PEACE CORPS FESTIVAL

Members of the USF community as well as returned Peace Corps volunteers gathered to celebrate recent Peace Corps recognition and share stories from their experiences abroad. The festival was designed to celebrate international service and development. USF President Judy Genshaft opened the event with welcome remarks, followed by greetings from college deans and other campus leadership.

CHINESE CULTURE WEEK

The USF World Confucius Institute hosted the first Chinese Culture Week in September 2016 including four events attracting more than 1,500 USF students and community members. Innovations include the Confucius Institute lecture and photo exhibition by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee (above), President of Middle Tennessee State University, and “East Meets West” concert.