International Students Celebrate Graduation with a Special Ceremony
Summer 2010

The International Sash ceremony is hosted every semester by the office of International Affairs and International Services to recognize graduating international students. The ceremony has proven to be one of the most significant graduation traditions for international students and International Affairs.

Organized during the week of graduation, students are presented with a sash designed in their home country’s flag colors by Dr. María Crummett, Dean of International Affairs and Marcia Taylor, Director of International Services. This event helps recognize the diversity of nationalities that are present on the USF campus and give students, parents, faculty, and staff the opportunity to see first-hand the numerous cultures that make USF a global university.

During the spring semester, the International Sash Ceremony had one of the largest gatherings of international students ever. A heart-warming occasion at which parents are often present, students are invited to take pictures of themselves and their families with Dean Crummett and staff at International Services. Students from each country take photographs with fellow countrymen as well as with the entire group to commemorate the event.

With 1,325 international students enrolled at USF in 2009, students from countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America graduate every year with undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees. This summer the International Sash ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 in the administration building.