



USF students at the International Sash Ceremony celebrating academic excellence and exciting futures.

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Update From the Vice President



We recognize that United States immigration policies have been generating attention in the news and on social media sites across the world. I would like to personally reassure you that USF values our international students and scholars. The contributions of international students, scholars, faculty, and staff to our university are significant. The engagement of a global community enriches our campuses and represents an important part of our success as an AAU top research university.

Daily, we monitor updates to federal policies and guidance to help us understand how any changes may impact our students, faculty, and staff. If we learn of any changes in visa status, we promptly communicate directly with the affected student and guide them to available resources. We remain vigilant and supportive.

Spring is a joyous time for graduating students. A season when we celebrate our largest graduating classes and parents, family, and friends travel from near and far to participate in our wildly popular international sash celebration and our official graduation ceremonies. We thank our community members who recently contributed to USF World's 2025 annual giving campaign to support our International Student Success Fund. You can still donate here! All funds will be used to support international students adversely affected by world events.

We recently celebrated nine USF community members from an array of disciplines and roles with the **USF World Global Excellence Awards** at the annual Faculty Honors and Awards Celebration. These awards are a reminder of the boundless creativity surrounding international exchange and engagement. From virtual academic programs connecting our students to peers in other countries to faculty innovators developing world-changing technologies, I hope you enjoy reading about these dedicated campus leaders and their fascinating projects.

This summer we have dozens of study abroad and international experiences that you can follow on the **USF World Instagram page**. Our students' deep curiosity about other countries and cultures, new people and languages, and distant and unfamiliar vistas is a powerful motivator for global learning, and our faculty and staff are among the best in expanding their students' horizons.

One of our most popular summer experiences is the **USF in London** program, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary this July. We'll gather current students, USF alumni across many decades who now call the U.K. home, as well as USF stakeholders and philanthropic supporters of the university to mark the achievements of this stellar program with an evening event at the iconic St. Pancras Hotel on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. If you are in the greater London area at the time, you must join us for the celebration.

And because we know the curiosity of USF students knows no bounds, we are constantly looking to build new international partnerships to expand learning opportunities. We have recently signed new agreements with universities in Japan and Korea — countries that represent important U.S. allies and where USF has had strong, long-standing relationships. We're incredibly excited about the possibility of what we can accomplish together for the benefit of our students.

Look for updates from around the world over the summer as our USF Bulls take on the world!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

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USF World honors nine Global Excellence Awardees

From an engineer building a research program around a rare electric flying vehicle, to the leader of the internationally acclaimed Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation, to a psychologist whose London summer course brings culture and history to life—the USF Global Excellence Awards recognize faculty and staff who are setting a global standard for innovation and impact.

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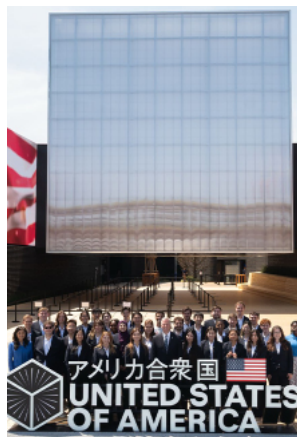
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Events



Live event at USF



Live event abroad



Virtual event



Spring International Sash Ceremony

May 6 & 8

USF Marshall Student Center (MSC) Ballroom

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.



USF in London Ten Year Anniversary Celebration

July 16

St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel, London

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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