



USF World proudly celebrated the achievements of our international student graduates at the Spring 2025 International Student Sash Ceremonies.

June 2025



Update From the Vice President



The University of South Florida's focus on student success results in commencement ceremonies that grow in number and size annually. The parade of graduates and the reading of each name is a treasured tradition, and for me there's an added joy looking across the sea of students in their caps and gowns and spotting sashes in the home country colors of the international graduates.

More than 1,100 international students graduated from USF this spring — including 490 bachelor's, 610 master's, and 33 doctoral degrees — representing 82 countries. We distribute sashes featuring the colors of those countries' flags in a **smaller ceremony** held before the official commencement events. The success of our international programs has grown so much in recent years that we now need to hold two sash ceremonies to accommodate all their graduates and their families who travel from around the world to celebrate the students' achievements. The pride and joy in the room is undeniable and infectious, as is the sense of accomplishment and the deep bonds of friendship forged not only between students, but between our institution and our now new alumni.

We've captured many of the stories from last month's commencement celebrations in this issue of Bulls Run the World, as well as a **tribute to one person** who has made a tremendous impact on USF's global footprint: Aruna Dasgupta, who for 14 years served as USF's Country Advisor in India. Aruna was instrumental in building USF brand awareness across India; connecting us with prospective students, and engaging with alumni. She'll remain a part of our global community for years to come.

This summer, study abroad programs are in full swing and we'll soon be celebrating the 10th anniversary of one of our most popular international experiences, the **USF in London** program. Current students and USF alumni who now live in the U.K. will gather for a wonderful evening to celebrate our strong ties to the U.K. and the tremendous success of a program that students report as one of the highpoints of their time at USF. If you will be in London on the evening of July 16, please join the celebration at the historic St. Pancras Hotel by **registering now**. If you want to follow some students' international experiences, check out the **USF Education Abroad** and **Judy Genshaft Honors College** Instagram accounts where their photos are being shared.

It's exciting and gratifying to see the enthusiastic engagement of our students. We hope as you read through this issue of Bulls Run the World, you'll get a chance to share in their curiosity, enthusiasm and optimism for the future too.

Have a happy and safe start to your summer!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kiki Caruson

World Class



USF World celebrates more than 1,100 international student spring graduates

Campus leaders, families from around the world and scores of newly minted international USF graduates during Spring 2025 sash ceremonies. The celebrations filled the Marshall Student Center ballroom in two large events as graduates, friends, and families gathered to honor their achievements.

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Fulbright Announcement



USF World congratulates the 2025-2026 Fulbright Awardees

The University of South Florida is proud to announce the recipients of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar 2025-2026 competition. Fulbright experiences – whether in research, teaching, or international education administration – have a lasting impact not only abroad but also at home. Scholars return with global insights, new discoveries, and fresh perspectives that enrich classrooms, inspire students, and strengthen institutional research efforts. USF World is especially proud to support participation in the Fulbright U.S. Scholar program by our faculty.

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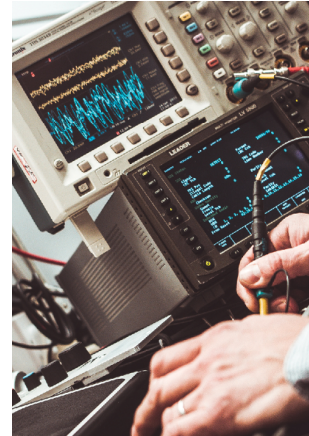
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Live event at USF



Live event abroad



Virtual event



British-American Business Council (BABC) Networking Event

June 19, 2025

Tampa Bay Wave Offices, Tampa

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)



USF in London Ten Year Anniversary Celebration

July 16, 2025

St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel, London

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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