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Judy Genshaft Honors College

# State of the College Annual Report 2022-23

**Judy Genshaft Honors College**  
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**The past academic year has been a momentous one for the Judy Genshaft Honors College.** We celebrated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Honors Program at USF, the 20th anniversary of our becoming the USF Honors College, and the 4th anniversary of the establishment of the Judy Genshaft Honors College.

We saw exciting growth in our colleges on the St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee campuses, and celebrated hundreds of students graduating from all three campuses with Honors distinction. But most notably, we celebrated the grand opening of our new building on the Tampa campus. While this architectural marvel is the culmination of much hard work by many people over several years, it is also the start of new chapter in the life of the college.

Without a doubt the finest public honors college facility in the nation, it symbolizes USF's commitment to academic excellence and to providing the very best educational opportunities to USF's very best students. It will aid us tremendously in our effort to recruit even more of the most talented students from the state, the region, the nation, and overseas.

Combined with USF's recent invitation to join the AAU, our new home positions us to compete at the very highest level for outstanding students who will be the thought leaders in their respective fields well into the 21st century.

As we turn the corner to 2023-24, we can look back with pride on the accomplishments of the past forty years and look ahead with great excitement toward an even brighter future.

**Charles Adams, Ph.D.**

Inaugural Judy Genshaft Endowed Honors Dean  
The Judy Genshaft Honors College



# **JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE**

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# AT THE HEART

## VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

### **Vision:**

The Judy Genshaft Honors College strives to provide the finest Honors education experience in the nation, offering transformative learning opportunities that prepare the world's most intellectually curious, service-oriented, and academically accomplished students to become the thought leaders of the 21st century.

### **Mission:**

The Judy Genshaft Honors College fosters a thriving learning environment and tight-knit intellectual community that empowers students to reach their full potential by:

- **Providing a distinctive interdisciplinary honors curriculum** featuring small classes taught by engaged and creative faculty.
- **Offering meaningful experiential learning opportunities** in community service, global studies, and leadership.
- **Supporting student achievement** with expert individual academic advising and world-class opportunities through the Office of National Scholars.
- **Encouraging each student to participate in a significant and rewarding research experience** that takes advantage of USF's resources as a top-30 public research institution.
- **Sponsoring an Honors residential experience** that allows students to establish formative relationships with other likeminded Honors students.





## Values:

In the Judy Genshaft Honors College, we believe that the full potential of education is realized when knowledge earned in the classroom is paired with learning gained through experience. This type of learning is exemplified by the core values of our college:

**Global  
Engagement**

**Community  
Service**

**Collaborative  
Research**



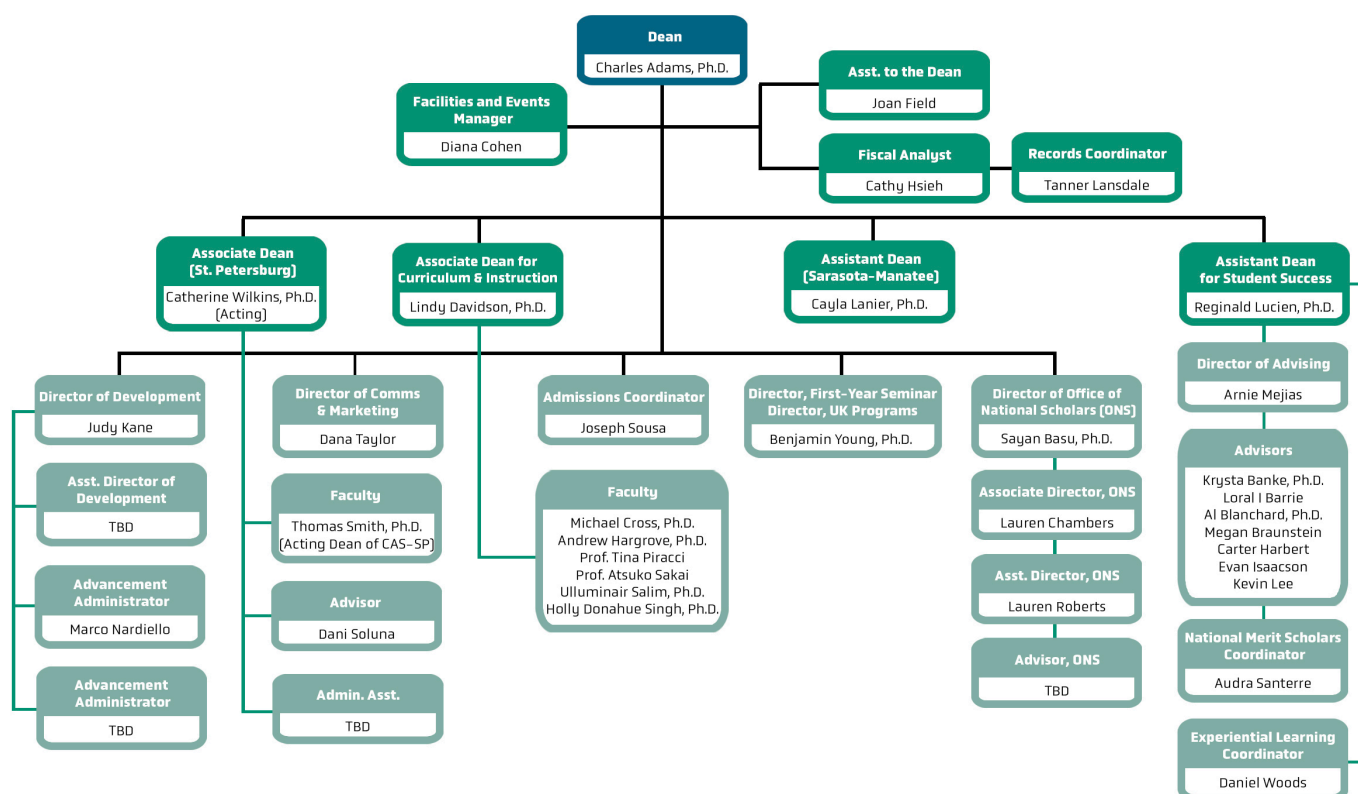


# BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

## LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND REPORTING

The Judy Genshaft Honors College is comprised of more than 2,500 students and over 35 full-time faculty and professional staff dedicated to their success. To meet existing college needs and prepare for future opportunities, the Judy Genshaft Honors College made key strategic operational and organizational changes during the 2022-23 academic year, including:

- Reggie Lucien named Assistant Dean for Student Success.
- Arnie Mejias named Director of Advising.
- Al Blanchard welcomed as second Engineering Advisor.
- Daniel Woods welcomed as Student Engagement Coordinator.
- Dana Taylor welcomed as Director of Communications and Marketing.
- Audra Santerre named National Merit Scholars Coordinator.
- Diana Cohen welcomed as Facility and Events Manager.
- Evan Isaacson welcomed as Social Sciences Advisor.
- Loral I Barrie welcomed as Hosted Scholars Advisor to Jenkins/Holcombe/Ableidinger Scholars and forthcoming Wilcox Scholars.





# ACROSS HONORS

## JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Tampa

The Tampa campus embraced the college-wide theme of Sustainable Futures, infusing it into every facet of the college's programming. Alongside a wide array of sustainability-focused courses, the college facilitated experiential learning opportunities that empowered students to grasp the significance of their roles in sustainability initiatives.

One such initiative involved Professor Andrew Hargrove and Assistant Director of the Office of National Scholars Lauren Roberts, leading a group of students on an enlightening Spring Break study away program. This experience delved into local sustainability practices within Central Florida, providing students with a hands-on understanding of real-world sustainability efforts.



### New Perspectives

In the classroom, Tampa Honors students were privileged to partake in a course taught by the esteemed Right Honourable Henry McLeish, former First Minister of Scotland. This unique opportunity, titled "Identity, Democracy, and Citizenship in the Evolving International Order," enabled students to interact with a seasoned politician, author, and academic, gaining valuable insights into current events in international politics. Mr. McLeish has expressed his intent to return to Tampa to continue offering this course for Honors students.

### Grand Beginnings

Marking a significant milestone, the Judy Genshaft Honors College culminated the academic year with the grand opening of its impressive new building on the Tampa campus. Spanning five stories and boasting 85,000 square feet, the state-of-the-art facility showcases open-design classrooms, an event forum, a vibrant café, signature learning lofts, and dedicated studio spaces for art, food and culture, music, and technology. This innovative space will not only cater to the talented students hailing from various disciplines across the university but also serve as a thriving center for intellectual activity at the University of South Florida.



# ACROSS HONORS

## JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### St. Petersburg

During the 2022-23 academic year, the Judy Genshaft Honors College in St. Petersburg experienced continued growth and success. The Fall semester welcomed nearly 50 new students to the Honors community, including nine National Merit scholars, reflecting the college's increasing popularity. The St. Petersburg Honors LLC also doubled in size, demonstrating the growing demand for its outstanding offerings.



### Empowering Student Leaders

Under the mentorship of Academic Advisor Dani Soluna, the Judy Genshaft Honors College St. Petersburg Student Council was formed as a new student organization to provide leadership development, community service opportunities, and social engagement to its members.

In addition to developing its own events, the newly formed JGHC St. Petersburg Student Council helped support many of the more than 20 programs hosted by college staff during the academic year. Programs ranged from educational to entertaining to service-oriented, and even included college-sponsored trips to destinations including Weeki Wachee Springs State Park and the Florida Aquarium.



## Strong Partnerships

Many Judy Genshaft Honors College programs were offered in partnership with collaborators such as the City of St. Petersburg Department of Urban Forestry or Stetson College of Law, while others sought to serve special populations, such as the study abroad social for Honors LLC students or the field trip to Fairgrounds St. Pete for National Merit Scholars.

An outstanding example of Judy Genshaft Honors College St. Petersburg campus programming was the first annual Trunk or Treat, co-sponsored by the Chancellor's Office and Bayfront Health, which provided a safe and fun Halloween celebration to nearly 200 City of St. Petersburg and USF employees and their families.

A new signature program created was "Honoring the Ocean," a collaboration between the Florida Institute of Oceanography and students and faculty from five honors colleges in the State University System. Comprised of a six week pre-course, followed by a "study at sea" opportunity aboard an FIO research vessel and the creation of a post-experience project (creative research) that was then shared in a group setting, "Honoring the Ocean" explored the many ways humans have interacted with the marine environment throughout time and place, and gave Honors students from a range of majors the opportunity to intellectually and physically engage with the ocean in new ways.



# ACROSS HONORS

## JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### **Sarasota-Manatee**

The Sarasota-Manatee campus embarked on an exciting journey of change during the 2022-23 academic year, and the Judy Genshaft Honors College is proud to grow along with it. Fall semester began with welcoming students during the annual Honors Convocation. The event featured Rod Hershberger, co-founder and Chairman of PGT Innovations, who delivered an inspiring keynote address. As a symbol of their connection to the college and their aspirations, new students were presented with small stones, serving as a tangible reminder of their journey ahead. Later in the semester, graduating students dropped their stones into a vase at graduation, a visual representation of the foundation they are building, for the college and their own success.

### **Community Connections**

Emphasizing the importance of community and shared experiences, students had the opportunity to explore our local attractions and build connections beyond the classroom. Excursions such as kayaking in Sarasota Bay and attending a captivating performance of *Don Giovanni* at the Sarasota Opera's College Night fostered a sense of camaraderie and enriched their overall college experience.

### **Continued Impact**

Looking ahead, the Judy Genshaft Honors College remains committed to making a positive impact beyond campus, supporting a literacy camp for middle schoolers, and hosting a Mock Trial Summer Intensive for high school students as part of the new JGHC Summer Scholars Institute. The beginning of a potentially larger initiative, the Mock Trial Summer Intensive serves as a pilot program for an envisioned suite of academic enrichment summer programs, catering to high-achieving high school students in the region and nurturing their intellectual pursuits.





**2392**

**USF Tampa  
Honors Students**

**143**

**USF St. Petersburg  
Honors Students**

**32**

**USF Sarasota-Manatee  
Honors Students**

**1**

**USF Judy Genshaft Honors  
College Community**

# GROWING THE HONORS COMMUNITY

## ENROLLMENT

In Fall 2022, the Judy Genshaft Honors College enrolled 711 new first-year students, with metrics reflecting the exceptional caliber of students entering the college. The average high school GPA of students stood at 4.34, with an average SAT score of 1390, and an average ACT score of 31 – placing the average incoming Honors students firmly in the 95th percentile nationally for incoming student ACT scores.



### **Strengthening College Connections**

The incoming Fall 2022 FTIC cohort was the first class brought in through a new admissions and recruitment process. Prior to the 2022-23 academic year, incoming FTIC students were automatically admitted based solely on academic profile. During the 2022-23 recruitment cycle, the Honors College updated its admission process to an application-based review.

All FTIC students interested in joining the Judy Genshaft Honors College were now required to submit an additional application to be reviewed. While the college still maintained an automatic acceptance policy for recipients of certain nationally recognized achievements, such as National Merit or College Board Recognition awards, most admitted and enrolled students were directly recruited through the new application review process.

Aimed at improving retention and graduation metrics in the future, this change created a greater level of independence and flexibility in the college's enrollment management efforts. With the new refined admissions practice, college personnel are better able to use predictive modeling and strategically allocate resources and academic support to ensure that the college can meet the needs of the incoming cohort.





The new application process also introduces students to the core concepts of the Judy Genshaft Honors College academic curriculum and requirements prior to their enrollment. This creates a more cohesive onboarding process, as students enter the Honors community with a foundational understanding that advising and support staff can build on further.

**The Judy Genshaft Honors College by the Numbers**

<b>2568</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>430</b>
Total Enrollment	Avg. GPA	Students With a Perfect 4.0 USF GPA

**2022-23 First Time in College Students by Campus**

<b>654</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>
Tampa	St. Petersburg	Sarasota-Manatee

**Admits In State vs Out of State**

<b>62% In State</b>	<b>22% Out of State</b>	<b>16% International</b>
438 Students	157 Students	116 Students

# **TOMORROW'S LEADERS**

## **GRADUATION**

During the 2022-23 academic year, approximately 525 students will graduate from the Judy Genshaft Honors College. Students graduating with Honors College distinction find employment opportunities within Florida and in major cities across the country, working in both the private and public sectors, and continue to receive acceptances to the very best graduate and professional programs, nationally and internationally.



**525**

**2022-23 Honors Graduates**

**70**

**Unique Majors**

**3.78**

**Avg. GPA**

**57**

**Honors Students Graduated with  
a Perfect 4.0 GPA**



## Graduate Profiles

Meet a few recent graduates who exemplify what makes the Judy Genshaft Honors College experience so exceptional.



### Naziza Naeer Bhuiyan

Naziza is the first international student to become President of the Judy Genshaft Honors College Student Council, as well as a recipient of the Dean's Circle of Merit Award for Leadership. The committee commended her for leading the Council during the temporary absence of the graduate assistant advisor to ensure diverse programming that managed to bring student engagement back to pre-pandemic levels. Naziza is also a recipient of the prestigious Golden Bull Award, given to a very few students each year who

best exemplify the university's values of academic excellence and community leadership.

Naziza completed her degree in cell and molecular biology with minors in environmental science and policy and biomedical anthropology. Through Honors, she developed a thesis that used fecal indicator bacteria to determine the level of fecal pollution in rivers in Bangladesh and in Florida in order to make comparisons between urban rivers in a developing versus a developed country. Next Naziza plans to pursue a postgraduate education and return to Bangladesh to improve the state of pollution in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

### Caitlyn Deam

Caitlyn Deam is a 2022 Initiate of Phi Beta Kappa, a 2023 recipient of a Golden Bull Award for excellence in academics and leadership, and the winner of the Ralph C. Wilcox Award for the Outstanding Graduate for spring 2023. She served on the JGHC Student Council as a community and leadership coordinator, and later as vice president.



Caitlyn graduated with majors in cellular and molecular biology & criminology, with a minor in deaf studies. Next, Caitlyn will be pursuing a master's in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in college student affairs at USF, where she will work as a graduate assistant of programming for the Center for Student Involvement. Ultimately, Caitlyn intends to pursue a MD/JD program with hopes of becoming a forensic pathologist and expert witness.



### **Keven Espinet-Pizarro**

Keven Completed his degree in psychology with a concentration in advanced research experience in psychology. Through the Judy Genshaft Honors College, he completed a Psychology Department Honors Thesis in which he investigated whether increased levels of self-judgmental thoughts lead to increased feelings of self-hate. The thesis also evaluated whether having warm parents or having high levels of self-kindness prevented the development of self-hate in self-judgmental individuals. Keven expanded his thesis re-

search while working as a virtual clinical research coordinator at Harvard Medical School's Psychiatry Department and represented the Judy Genshaft Honors College by presenting psychological research at multiple national conferences. He was also among the first USF undergraduate students to have their research published by Johns Hopkins University's prestigious research journal.

Keven will be working as a clinical research assistant at Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University's Adolescent Risk Lab. Afterwards, Keven is planning to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology to work as a licensed clinical psychologist.



# INTERDISCIPLINARY EXCELLENCE

## COURSES

Judy Genshaft Honors College courses meet general education curriculum requirements for USF, including information & data literacy, creative thinking, human & cultural diversity, ethical reasoning & civic engagement, and high impact practice. Across all three campuses, students have the opportunity to select from over 100 unique course sections to satisfy USF Enhanced General Education requirements. Many Honors courses address one of three themes: medical humanities, engaged citizenship, or sustainable futures.

Over

100

Students Completed an Independent Thesis This Year



## Tampa

During 2022-2023, the Judy Genshaft Honors College focused on the theme of sustainable futures. Among the robust selection of interdisciplinary offerings, faculty highlighted courses exploring the environment, sustainable practices, and creative interventions for real world problems, with examples including:

Professor Tina Piracci's course focused on art, engineering, and the environment. In this course, students conducted research resulting in the production of 3-D printed art pieces to serve as oyster habitats.



In Dr. Andrew Hargrove's Sustainable Tampa Bay course, students conducted off-campus visits to sustainability-focused organizations, where they saw first-hand examples of the goals and challenges facing our community and met professionals with careers in sustainability. Then students collaborated with the organizations and one another to develop projects supporting sustainability goals.

## Honors Around the World

In 2022-23, the Honors College returned to a full offering of courses connected to study abroad. Some courses were offered in a virtual format to bring together students from all three campuses ahead of their trips. Dr. Cayla Lanier offered a virtual course titled Culture, Identity, & Migration ahead of a health service trip to the Dominican Republic in May. This service-learning experience, offered also in December, introduces students to the Kerolle Initiative for Community Health, a locally run organization in Sosúa, D.R. In addition to the Dominican Republic, Honors students from all three campuses traveled on course-based faculty-led programs to Germany, England, Poland, Italy, Czech Republic, South Korea, Ghana, and the Bahamas.





## **St. Petersburg**

The location of the St. Petersburg campus – on the waterfront, in a thriving metropolitan area – offers unique opportunities for the Judy Genshaft Honors College to deliver project-based and community engaged courses. One such class, “Healing Arts,” was offered for the first time in Spring 2023. Taught in collaboration with the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art, students met weekly at the museum in downtown St. Petersburg to explore the collection and learn about therapeutic methods of engagement with art that could benefit individuals with memory loss. By the middle of the semester, students were welcoming residents from assisted living facilities and delivering tours of the James Museum’s galleries using the techniques learned in class. Students also conducted research on the experience, helping the museum evaluate their new program for people with Alzheimer’s disease as well as studying the impact of the class on college students’ perception of aging.

Another course that highlights the unique strengths of St. Petersburg was the Summer B study abroad to the Bahamas course. Professor Teresa Greely took Honors students from the shores of Tampa Bay to those of Andros Island, to participate in an eight-day research experience at Forfar Field Station. Dedicated to providing environmental education, cultural awareness, and opportunities for scientific research, this experiential learning journey enabled Honors students to consider how marine science was practiced at their home campus compared to in the Bahamas. As they contrasted the flora and fauna found on land and sea, Honors students not only strengthened their scientific research skills, but expanded their cultural horizons as well.





## **Sarasota-Manatee**

The Judy Genshaft Honors College partnered with the Brain Health Initiative, a local non-profit that brings brain health clinicians, researchers, academics, and innovators from across the Harvard University system and throughout the state of Florida, to support significant positive brain health and performance outcomes for the greater Suncoast region and beyond. This unique course brought Harvard University professors to the Sarasota-Manatee campus for a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity. As a result of this partnership, Honors students will be connected with experts for ongoing research mentorship.

# 100+

## Honors Courses Offered Each Year



# INTEGRATED MENTORSHIP

## HONORS ACADEMIC ADVISING

Comprised of nine collaborative and highly-trained advisors, the academic advising team continues its work as an essential component of the educational mission of the Judy Genshaft Honors College and the broader University of South Florida community.

Over the 2022-23 academic year, Honors academic advisors completed almost 4,000 total appointments, sent close to 1,000 unique emails, and hosted over 30 group advising sessions reaching an average of 12 students per session.

In total, Honors academic advisors wrote over 70 letters of recommendation and hosted over 25 mock interviews in support of students applying to graduate and professional

schools. Last year, close to 100 students were accepted to graduate or professional programs. Included in this number are 9 BS/MD, 1 BS/PharmD, and 10 LECOM EAP students.



### Building Lasting Relationships

The advising team continued to support a second-year events initiative for Fall 2021 students, attending events for second-year students hosted on both the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses. These events were designed to engage students and encourage community building, while teaching coaching students about the valuable resources available within the college and throughout the university.

### Study Abroad

Four advisors or led or co-led international programs:

- Megan Braunstein: Poland, Germany, and the Czech Republic
- Kevin Lee and Dani Soluna: South Korea
- Allyson Cousino: Florence, Italy

## **In the Community**

The Honors academic advising team also continue to work with community partners. In September, the team joined Moffitt Cancer Center's Office of Undergraduate and Visiting Scholar Affairs for an Open House at Moffitt with almost 100 students in attendance.

The advising team also helped connect students with opportunities working with local groups, including 10 student volunteers with the Advanced Manufacturing & Robotics Center (AMRoC), which serves the community around University Mall.

## **2022-23 Academic Advising Milestones**

Audra Santerre transitioned from Provost's Scholar Program (PSP) Advisor to National Merit Scholars Coordinator — a new position to the advising team. In February, Audra hosted a National Merit Scholar (NMS) event for accepted prospective students and the NMS Spring Banquet in April. Prior to the role change, Audra hosted about ten PSP events.

Carter Harbert assumed the role of Health Professions Pathways coordinator, including Honors 7-Year BS/MD and BS/PharmD programs. Carter will work with over 40 students pursuing the BS/MD-PharmD Tracks and another 40 in LECOM Early Acceptance Program (EAP) Pathways.

Kevin Lee began his role as coordinator of Honors Foundations and Peer Mentor program. The Foundations course has been credited with supporting the onboarding and retention of our first-year Honors students, receiving "excellent" overall evaluations from over 600 new Fall students. Kevin coordinated our Honors South Korea study abroad & Korean Pen Pal Program. He participated in USF's Enlightenment Series with a presentation on "Model Minority Myth," served on the Conference Committee for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). Kevin was also recognized with Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (CISOGI) Pride Award, and the Campus Partner of the Year Award from I Heart Diversity. Kevin was invited to serve on City of Tampa Mayor Castor's Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Council and on USF's VP for DEI Search Committee. He co-authored "Social media usage in relation to their peers: Comparing male and female college students' perceptions."

Dr. Krysta Banke initiated career coaching efforts for our students with two alumnae panels in March and April. Krysta recently presented on Writing Motivation at 8th International Self-Determination Theory Conference and at the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC). In Fall 2022, she was recognized with an Outstanding Undergraduate Advising Award.



Arnie Mejias was invited to join the American Association of Medical College's (AAMC) Combined Baccalaureate-MD Affiliate Group; he serves as chair of the group's research subcommittee, which is tasked with identifying all baccalaureate-MD programs in the U.S.

Dani Soluna was promoted to senior academic advisor II and serves as the sole Honors advisor on the St. Petersburg campus. Dani completed the training and certifications necessary to become a certified health professions advisor, becoming the only certified health professions advisor currently working on the St. Petersburg campus. Dani also began a new role as the Staff Advisor for the Judy Genshaft Honors College Student Council at St. Petersburg and continues to serve as the program director for the Honors Living Learning Community on the St. Petersburg campus. In Fall 2022, she was recognized by the Office of the Provost with the Outstanding Undergraduate Advising Award.





# ACCELERATING SUCCESS

## THE PROVOST'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Provost's Scholars Program (PSP) was created in 2011 by USF Provost Emeritus and former Executive Vice President, Dr. Ralph Wilcox, as a professional development and global engagement program to allow high-performing, highly motivated entering freshman students to accelerate their undergraduate experience and earn their bachelor's degree within three years.

Beyond degree completion, PSP provides a holistic approach to education, where students benefit from pursuing relevant, meaningful experiences outside the classroom. PSP fundamentally aims to support their scholars' development and preparation for their post-graduation plans — graduate school or beginning a career — through the completion of three pillar experiences: study abroad or study away, research or professional development, and leadership or service.



To accomplish an ambitious academic schedule and required components, Provost's Scholars work with Honors College PSP's advisor, Audra Santerre, through individualized academic and co-curricular planning and goal setting. Scholars are encouraged to intentionally and strategically use their time and opportunities to develop themselves personally and professionally based on their interests and goals.

### **PSP Programming**

During Fall 2022 PSP students enjoyed both a welcome back ice cream social and an Education Abroad event during the first month of classes. The Education Abroad event was notable as 20% attended and 10% of the population contributed a recorded or live presentation about their study abroad experience. The attendees seemed to value their peers' perspective and personal stories and testimonials about their cultural experiences. Over twenty scholars studied abroad or away during 2022-2023 to destinations such as Canada, Greece, Iceland, Italy, London, Miami, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Japan, and Puerto Rico, for a variety of immersive cultural experiences.



PSP also offered a virtual health professions group advising session, a midterm coffee/tea check-in, a game night, and a relaxation activity to decompress, bond with one another, and practice meditation. The semester concluded with “grab-n-go” to help fuel the students’ finals preparation during test-free week.

### **PSP Living Learning Community**

The 2022-2023 school year was the final year of the PSP Living Learning Community, located within Juniper-Poplar Hall. The PSP LLC admitted 13 students, a combination of 10 first year students and three returning students. During Fall 2022, PSP LLC students participated in a welcome back pizza and art party, an interactive game night, a team building day at Riverfront Park, and casual check-ins throughout the semester with Audra and one another.

Spring 2022 marked the final High Tea event with Provost Emeritus Wilcox, where students learned about British High Tea traditions and visited with the provost in a small group setting. Finally, Dinner with the Deans concluded the PSP LLC events in Spring 2023.

## ***The Largest Provost’s Scholars Class To Date***

<b>26</b>	Graduates
<b>3.79</b>	Avg. GPA
<b>8</b>	Graduating Summa Cum Laude
<b>3</b>	Graduating Magna Cum Laude
<b>12</b>	Graduating with Judy Genshaft Honors College Distinction

In Spring 2023, the program proudly celebrated 26 scholars who graduated with PSP distinction. This group is notable because it is one of the largest Provost’s Scholars classes to date – a testament to the scholars’ perseverance in completing their program requirements amidst the pandemic and its restrictions.

Three of the Spring 2023 graduates completed their degree in just two years, and two of these early graduates were already accepted to their preferred professional programs, UF Dental School and Nova Southeastern College of Optometry. Three additional pre-health graduates were accepted to Kansas City University’s Dental School, LECOM’s Early Acceptance Doctor of Osteopathy program, and UCF’s School of Physical Therapy. All five

of these pre-health students will begin their professional training in Fall 2023. Finally, one PSP graduate received a Fulbright grant and will be using his growth year to teach English in Vietnam, before applying to medical school.

## Moving Forward

The Provost's Scholars Program will support the final two PSP cohorts (Fall 2021 and Fall 2022) through graduation from the program and phase out PSP by Spring 2025. The Judy Genshaft Honors College plans to create a new Wilcox Scholars Program in its place to be focused on civic leadership and engagement.

In May 2023, the Honors College welcomed its newest advisor, Loral I Barrie, who brings experience in academic and career advising, with a background in human development and counseling. Loral I will advise and support the Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 cohorts of Provost's Scholars (70 students) through graduation and completion of the program, and provide support to the Jenkins and Holcombe scholars, and the future Wilcox Scholars.

For the past twelve years, the Provost's Scholars Program offered a unique opportunity for driven scholars to accelerate their education and fast-track their careers or graduate school, while developing personal and professional competencies through cocurricular experiences. Provost's scholars continue to accomplish incredible achievements and the program is proud of its ongoing contributions to a new generation of changemakers.



# EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

The National Merit Scholars (NMS) coordinator role was reinstated in January 2023 to support the nearly 200 National Merit Scholars at USF. This role serves this National Merit Scholar population by providing:

- **Encouragement** to maximize scholar time and opportunities at USF as fully funded students.
- **Individualized** coaching and advising sessions (including pre-health advising) to help National Merit Scholars determine and achieve their personal and professional goals.
- **Exclusive academic workshops, social events, and an annual banquet** for National Merit Scholars to help create lasting connections, and a sense of community and belonging.
- **Exposure to resources, opportunities, faculty, and staff** to develop personally and professionally towards a future career path.



### NMS Programming

In January 2023, National Merit Scholars coordinator Audra Santerre surveyed NMS students to gather feedback on the types of events they felt would enhance their USF experience. A resounding theme emerged among responses: NMS Students sought social events to connect with one another away from the pressures of academic life.

Despite the ongoing challenge of scheduling for highly-active students, Audra was able to plan and execute five events, including an academic workshop in collaboration with Honors faculty member Professor Atsuko Sakai, and social events included an ice cream study



social, a game night, and a “grab and go” event to fuel scholars’ finals preparation during test free week.

Audra also offered two small group events to the St. Petersburg cohort of National Merit Scholars, including a coffee and tea welcome event to meet students, plus an end of term field trip to St. Pete Fairgrounds, a local museum featuring local art, including an installation by Honors faculty member Professor Tina Piracci.

In April 2023, Audra hosted the annual National Merit Spring Banquet for upper-class National Merit students.

Themed The Gift of Time, the banquet featured four student speakers who shared their perspectives and experiences with their peers. Approximately 60 NMS students attended the event, along with notable guests including Provost Mohapatra, Endowed Honors Dean Charles Adams, Honors faculty, and more.

One of the National Merit Scholars coordinator’s auxiliary roles is to provide administrative support to USF’s most prestigious Honors Societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Audra facilitated the planning of the annual Phi Beta Kappa Spring Induction event, where the USF chapter inducted 53 new student members in Spring 2023.

## Supporting Future National Merit Scholars

This spring, the National Merit Scholars coordinator collaborated with USF Admissions to provide an Honors College presentation to prospective scholars and their families at National Merit-specific admissions events.

Audra and representatives from the Honors College presented the benefits of attending USF and joining the Judy Genshaft Honors College, including Audra’s role in supporting NMS students at USF. Since not all prospective scholars were able to attend these designated days, Audra coordinated with Admissions and department contacts to schedule one-on-one appointments with prospective National Merit Scholars and their families during their visits to Tampa campus during the spring.



Audra also established a presence at the St. Petersburg campus in collaboration with Honors Advisor, Dani Soluna, and the Office of Orientation, attending their Admissions events for prospective National Merit Scholars. This fall, Audra will be offering a semi-formal fall event for all St. Petersburg National Merits, freshman-senior to welcome, or welcome them back, to campus.

This summer, Audra is offering each incoming National Merit Scholar Finalist a one-on-one National Merit-specific orientation appointment to get acquainted. Students seem grateful to have the extra support and point of contact. With the help of senior NM student, Matthew Stoner, Audra is launching a National Merit Mentor Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Planned Fall 2023 National Merit events include:

- National Merit Retreat to Ichetucknee Springs
- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social + Meet your Mentor/Mentee!
- Fall First Year National Merit Banquet
- Midterm Mentor-Mentee Mixer Event
- Professionalism Workshop Series for NMS and Honors students to teach the importance of developing professional habits as a student





# CREATING NEW PATHWAYS

## SPECIAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

The Judy Genshaft Honors College hosts seven total special programs designed to meet the extraordinary achievements and aspirations of our students. These programs provide opportunities for JGHC students to identify their professional goals in health care and work alongside skilled advisors to achieve success at USF and beyond. The purpose of many of our programs is to provide a clear roadmap to professional education and to produce an increasingly robust and diverse generation of applicants.



### Honors Special Programs

**7-Year BS/MD Program:** New Honors College students who demonstrate exceptional academic capability in high school (34+ ACT or 1500+ SAT with a weighted 4.0+ GPA) have the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from USF and the Morsani College of Medicine (MCOM) in just seven years.



The competitiveness of Morsani's medical program has skyrocketed over the past several years, with an average of 6,000 applicants applying for less than 200 seats; The 7 Year Program awards admission to Morsani for students who meet all the required benchmarks, including a successful interview with MCOM.

The "accelerated" nature of the program comes from an agreement with USF's Department of Chemistry, which allows participating students to satisfy the final requirements of their bachelor's degree with coursework from the medical school curriculum.

- In the past 5 years, over 50 Judy Genshaft Honors College students have matriculated into Morsani College of Medicine
- The average MCAT score for the 2021 cohort (students matriculating to Morsani in Fall 2024) was 519 with an average GPA of 3.97 (12 students)

**7-Year BS/PharmD Program:** USF's Taneja College of Pharmacy (TCOP) has partnered with the Judy Genshaft Honors College to offer an accelerated path to their program, allowing Honors College students to earn a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees in just seven years.

TCOP's vision is particularly well attuned to the interdisciplinary values of the Honors College, encouraging innovation and development in pharmacy and health care. To maintain eligibility, students are required to keep a competitive GPA and complete a successful interview with the College of Pharmacy.

- The program was founded in 2018 with 10 students currently participating
- As of 2023, the PCAT is no longer being used for pharmacy school admissions nationwide, removing additional barriers to entry

**Doctor of Audiology and MS Speech Language Pathology Pathway Programs:** New Honors College students interested in audiology are offered a pathway to USF's Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders to complete a Doctor of Audiology or the Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology.

- This new program will be available to incoming students in Fall 2023

**Nursing Science BS to PhD Pathway:** New Honors College students admitted to the freshmen nursing program and interested in educating future generations of nurses are offered a pathway to USF's College of Nursing Ph.D. in Nursing Science.

**Early Acceptance Programs (EAPs) with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM):** LECOM's EAPs allow students ranging from high school seniors to college sophomores attending affiliated universities the opportunity to apply and receive conditional acceptance into their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) programs. Those accepted are guaranteed admission pending the completion of program benchmarks, including GPA and pre-requisite courses.

- The Judy Genshaft Honors College currently supports over 70 students in these EAP tracks



# HONORS RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

## LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Housed in Juniper Hall on the Tampa campus and Osprey Hall on the St. Petersburg campus, Honors students are eligible to live in the Judy Genshaft Honors College Living Learning Community (LLC). The Living Learning Communities provide an outstanding residential housing experience that enhance Honors students' academic and extracurricular interests by hosting programs and activities related to career exploration, networking, and connecting with Honors faculty. Each year, Honors LLC's provide numerous opportunities for students to work towards their Honors curriculum – community service hours, global and cultural components, research opportunities, and more.



### Tampa

In its 34th year serving the Honors Community, the Tampa Honors Living Learning Community continued its tradition of creating an inclusive community and exposing students to resources and opportunities both at USF and beyond.

The LLC hosted 332 students and provided them with 22 unique events with over 1000 in total attendance. Of note, students living in the LLC also achieved a higher combined GPA (3.78) than students not in the LLC (3.74).

The Judy Genshaft Honors College Community Garden continued to flourish. Honors student Kobe Phillips developed a service-learning course alongside Honors faculty and now teaches “Rooted in Place” as a peer educator in the garden itself. Here, students cared for plants from gestation to maturity, learning about sustainability, beekeeping, and urban ecology while producing fresh vegetables to donate to the USF Feed-A-Bull Pantry.

Tampa LLC students also had the exclusive opportunity to go on the Puerto Rico Service Adventure alternative spring break program. The cost to the students was partially funded by the LLC, and one student, Grace Chang, received the Reisen Adventure Scholarship which funded her entire program. Students learned some of the issues Puerto Rico faces around economic and environmental sustainability while participating in community service opportunities around the island.

Other programming highlights include:

- Moonlight Kayaking
- Games with Advisors
- Dinner with the Deans
- Tapas Night (Study Abroad Fair)
- Experiential Learning Fair
- Multiple Wellness Events

The LLC team was recognized by its Housing and Residential Education partners for its dedication to student success. Residential Advisors Samuel Mcillece and Abby Lantz won Residential Advisor of the Year Awards and our Graduate Assistant, Loraine Penias, won the Academic Partner of the Year Award.



## St. Petersburg

The Judy Genshaft Honors College Living Learning Community on the St. Petersburg campus (HLLC) offers its residents the opportunity to continue their collaborative learning experiences in a residential setting. The HLLC is a place for students to participate in additional programming that focuses on building community, developing a sense of service, and pursuing academic achievement. The HLLC provides a home for high-achieving students from varied backgrounds and academic disciplines to come together to live, learn, and explore their interests.



Throughout the academic year, students in the HLLC enjoy special events such as study abroad fairs, de-stress events, educational events, and more.

The HLLC at St. Petersburg entered its third year in Fall 2022 with 25 participants doubling its residential population from the previous year.

#### Programming Highlights:

- Study Abroad Social
- Appetizers with your Honors Advisor
- De-Stress before Finals
- Live, Learn, and Lunge! (Group Fitness Classes)
- A Little-stitious HLLC Open House (Recruitment and Retention Event)
- Wellness Challenges in Partnership with Campus Recreation

#### Sarasota-Manatee

With construction of Sarasota-Manatee's new student center and residence hall well underway, the Judy Genshaft Honors College is looking to expand its Living Learning Communities to the Sarasota campus in the near future.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Judy Genshaft Honors College Student Council (JGHCS) develops a community of leaders by providing opportunities for professional development, social connectivity, and service to achieve a balanced Honors experience.

Students who are part of this organization utilize college resources to plan and facilitate Judy Genshaft Honors College Student Council activities, market and promote Honors events, and work with local community partners to create service opportunities for Honors students.



### **Professional Development and Mentorship**

The JGHCS executive board is made up of 10 members who receive special guidance on leadership competencies from the staff advisor of JGHCS. As part of their duties, executive board members supervise weekly committee meetings and gain professional skills such as agenda setting, budget management, group

facilitation and team-building, and professional self-presentation and communication through a variety of media.

Through assessment administered by the staff advisor, executive board members rated themselves across eight leadership competencies over the course of the academic year: reflection, personal values, collaboration, group development, service, facilitation, goal setting, and responding to ambiguity. This year, the JGHCS student leaders' self-reported growth in all areas.

### **Student-led Events**

The 2022-23 academic year marked the return to fully in-person activities as we transitioned from the pandemic era. JGHCS facilitated or co-sponsored over 30 events that were attended by over 500 individuals — students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. The Tampa branch also hosted multiple fundraisers for important charities, ultimately raising over \$350 for USF Bulls for Kids and over \$100 for Relay for Life.



The JGHCSC St. Petersburg branch is a direct response to students' request for more leadership opportunities within the Judy Genshaft Honors College on the St. Petersburg campus. In their inaugural year, the JGHCSC St. Petersburg branch facilitated or co-sponsored five events attended by over 300 individuals.

## Tampa Events

- Brain Bowl Trivia Competition
- “Fall Festi-Bull” Picnic at Riverfront Park
- The Genshaft Games tabletop game night
- Movie Night Fundraiser for Bulls For Kids
- Honors Got Talent
- Volunteering at Hope Lodge
- Tampa Bay Heart Walk
- Leadership Lecture Series: The Right Honorable Henry McLeish on Sustainable Government
- Leadership Lecture Series: Human Trafficking with Risk to Resilience Lab
- Leadership Lecture Series: Women’s History Month Women in Leadership Panel
- Leadership Lecture Series: Dean Charles Adams
- “Palentines” Valentine’s Fundraiser for Bulls For Kids
- Culture Night
- Dance Marathon (Bulls for Kids)
- Nostalgia Night
- Faculty and Advisor Tea Talks
- LSAT Strategy Workshop with Princeton Review
- MCAT Strategy Workshop with Princeton Review
- Art Therapy with National Society of Leadership & Success
- Volunteering with USF Health Corps
- “Scoops of Hope” Fundraiser for Relay for Life
- Fall & Spring Professional Headshot Days
- Resume Workshop with JGHC HR Coordinator Tanner Lansdale

## St. Petersburg Events

- Welcome Back Game Night
- Trunk or Treat
- Midnight Masquerade
- Butterfly Garden Revitalization



# BROADENING HORIZONS

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD

International study abroad provides Honors students with unique experiential learning opportunities that enhance intercultural competencies and better prepare students to become globally engaged thought leaders in their careers of choice. The Judy Genshaft Honors College offers a diverse portfolio of study abroad programs across the world in a variety of subject areas, lengths, and times of year.



### Program Types:

**Beyond the Classroom:** Following a semester-long program-specific Honors course, students travel abroad for an average of 10 to 21 days to explore the region, culture, and language they explored in class.

**Summer Programs:** These programs range from one week to one summer session and include Honors coursework, travel, and program-specific experiential learning opportunities.

**Semester Program:** The Honors Semester in Exeter program is a semester exchange program at the world-renowned University of Exeter in southwest England. In this program, students take courses both at the University of Exeter and USF Honors courses.

**2** Out of **5** Honors Graduates  
Study Abroad



In 2022-23, international study abroad programs returned to full operation after the COVID-19 pandemic and Honors student participation remains as enthusiastic as ever. This year's international programs included:

- Dominican Republic Health and Culture (Fall 2022): 20 Students
- Semester in Exeter (Spring 2023): 13 Students
- Physician Observation in Florence (Spring 2023): 18 Students
- Dominican Republic Beyond the Classroom (Spring 2023): 20 Students
- Germany Beyond the Classroom (Spring 2023): 19 Students
- Ghana Beyond the Classroom (Spring 2023): 7 Students
- South Korea Beyond the Classroom (Spring 2023): 20 Students
- Germany Innovation in Engineering (Summer 2023): 11 Students
- Confronting the Holocaust: Poland, Germany, and the Czech Republic (Summer 2023): 18 Students - New program this year
- Bahamas (Summer 2023): 18 Students
- USF in London (Summer 2023): 36 students


### *Honors Around the World:*



***Over The Past 10 Years,  
the JGHC Has Traveled to 25+  
Countries for Study Abroad***



Looking ahead to the 2023-24 academic year, the college plans to build on current offerings with the addition of a Medical Humanities-focused trip to Japan led by Professor Atsuko Sakai. It will be a Beyond the Classroom format with Spring 2024 course and travel in May.



# EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

This year, the Judy Genshaft Honors College designed and initiated three separate study away programs for its students. These programs allowed students to gain broader perspectives and see how their academic interests are translated as careers in the working world.



## The DC Global Experience

In partnership with the USF School of Interdisciplinary and Global Studies (SIGS) and USF World, the Honors College took 12 Honors and SIGS students to Washington D.C. Policy practitioners, experts, and officials at U.S. government agencies, non-profits, and other entities that offer careers in the international relations arena met with students, hold briefing sessions, and shared expertise and insights regarding U.S. foreign policy and national security.



## The Puerto Rico Service Adventure

In partnership with USF Outdoor Recreation, 12 Honors students traveled to Puerto Rico for a week of service and camping. The students engaged in reconstructing paths through El Yunque National Rainforest alongside the US Forest Service and worked on the family-owned, sustainably focused coffee farm Hacienda Tres Angeles.

## Systems of Sustainability

On the Judy Genshaft Honors College Spring Break Systems of Sustainability Study Away trip, students were introduced to the professional world of environmental protection and sustainability in Central Florida. They investigated the complex and interdisciplinary effort to conserve our environment and manage our natural resources for the future. Students had the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, ask questions, and explore partner facilities. Partners included the Rosebud Continuum, St. John's River Water Management District, Fleet Farming, Conservation Florida, CHW Engineering Consultants, Crystal River Wildlife Management Refuge, and the University of Florida Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering.



# ENVISION. ENGAGE. EXCEL.

## THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARS

The Office of National Scholars (ONS) is dedicated to providing guidance, mentorship and support for USF's high achieving students as they compete for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, engaged, academically strong students who are leaders inside and outside of the classroom.

ONS identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students across the USF system to apply for prestigious scholarships and fellowships such as the Goldwater, Rhodes,

Marshall, Truman, Knight-Hennessey, and Fulbright scholarships. ONS hosts year-round targeted recruitment and information sessions, and special seminars focusing on the path to scholarly attainments. Advisors also work with faculty members to recruit candidates, provide strong letters of recommendations, review applications and essays, and provide mock interviews for applicants. This process ensures that students' applications are of the highest caliber and reflect the students' academic and extracurricular excellence.

## ONS Has Supported 500+ National Award Recipients in the Last Decade

### 2022-23 ONS Highlights:

- USF was named top producer of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in the official IIE release published the Chronicles of Higher Education in February 2023. ONS oversees the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.
- Judy Genshaft Honors College Senior and Mechanical Engineering Major Alexandria Brady-Miné (2022 Goldwater Scholar) became USF's second Rhodes Scholarship finalist. With this honor, ONS has now mentored two Rhodes finalists in consecutive years.
- Sam Rechek was named a 2023 UK Marshall Scholarship Finalist, the 4th finalist in the past five years from USF.
- ONS continued its stellar record in the Phi Beta Kappa Key into Public Scholarship competition with Audra Nikolajski being named scholar in 2023 and now leads the nation with four scholars in as many years of the award.



- Sam Reчек was named USF's first Hertog Foundation Summer Fellow in the Political Studies Program.
- Alexandre Bojko was awarded a prestigious Gilder Lehrman Fellowship in American History as a freshman in support of his research on the role of the contemporary press at the inception of American democracy in Jacksonian America.
- ONS and USF returned to the awardee list for the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowships, when Judy Genshaft Honors College alumna Mabel Proenza was named Pickering Fellow to pursue a graduate degree at Penn State University prior to joining the United States Foreign Service.

## Scholar Milestones

- **Alexandria Brady-Miné** (Goldwater '22, NSFGRF'23, US Rhodes Finalist) will join MIT for graduate studies in medical engineering.
- **Samuel Reчек** (PBK Key Scholar '21, and Marshall and Truman Scholarships finalist '22) has been offered a place in the MA in Law and Political Theory program at University College London.
- **Cole Gibson** (Goldwater '22, NSFGRF '23) is headed to Princeton University for graduate studies in theoretical biophysics.
- **Shahriar Zamani** (Gates Cambridge Scholar '19) received his Ph.D. in cancer epidemiology at the University of Cambridge and is headed to the National Cancer Institute for post-doctoral work.
- **Jeannette Myrick** (Fulbright ETA-Thailand, '20) received her MPH in biostatistics and epidemiology from Boston University.
- **Mabel Proenza** (Fulbright ETA-Spain '21, Pickering Fellow '22) will pursue graduate work at Penn State University on a Thomas R. Pickering fellowship.



## National Scholarship winners and finalists this year include:

Haley Vantoorenborg	Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
Ruchi Korde	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Alexandria Brady-Miné	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Cole Gibson	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Jacob Yarinsky	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Jenna Brooks	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
David Pando-Gonzalez	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Cassandra Lyman	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship-Hon. Men.
Daniela Zamora-Alviarez	POET Never Satisfied Scholarship
Alexandria Brady-Miné	Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship-Hon. Men
Alexandria Brady-Miné	U.S. Rhodes Scholarship Finalist
Samuel Reчек	UK Marshall Scholarship Finalist
Adnan Indawala	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Deeya Patel	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Cadence Ortiz	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Alyssa Thompson	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Amanda Truong	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Reina Takeuchi	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Nicole Tearno	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Bessma Al-Hamdani	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Maria Vidal	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Aurora Aguilar	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Julia Llanos	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Lucy Aguilera	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Kenya Sanchez-Torres	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Arlette Alanis	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Devin O'Hara	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Erick Clark Alvarez	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Michael Vega	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Ashley Miller	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Ronald Garcia	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Brooke Pavек	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
RaeAnne Hinders-De La Garza	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Valeria Marrero-Ruiz	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Bianca Romano	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Sofia Simancas	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Niya Sledge	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Madison Reiter	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship



Audrey Brandt	NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship
Mabel Proenza	Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship
Samuel Recheck	Hertog Foundation Summer Fellowship
Gina Pantano	Fulbright U.S. Student Program
Lidiana Rios Barreto	Fulbright U.S. Student Program
Rachel Sanderson	Fulbright U. S. Student Program
Jonathan Rodriguez	Fulbright U. S. Student Program
Elizabeth Vicario	Fulbright U. S. Student Program
Sabrina Chowdhury	Fulbright U. S. Student Program-ETA
Elizabeth Vicario	Fulbright U. S. Student Program-ETA
Joseph Ambrosino	Fulbright UK Summer Institute Program
Matthew Stoner	Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
Alexandre Bojko	Gilder Lehrman Fellowship in American History
Talia Flores	Fund for Education Abroad

# FOREVER (HONORS) BULLS ALUMNI

The Judy Genshaft Honors College places a strong emphasis on fostering meaningful and long-lasting relationships with its alumni. As an integral part of the Honors community, college alumni play a vital role in shaping the future of the Honors College and contributing to its continued success. Throughout the year, the college has made significant efforts to engage and involve alumni in various activities and initiatives.

## **Alumni Outreach and Communication:**

To keep alumni connected and informed, the Honors College maintains regular communication channels, including electronic newsletters, social media updates, and Honors-focused publications. These platforms provide alumni with news about college developments, student achievements, donor spotlights, and upcoming events:

- The Judy Genshaft Honors College “Alumni and Friends” electronic newsletter continues to provide college updates, information about alumni events, student success stories, and donor spotlights, to both alumni and friends of the college.
- The college continues to spotlight alumni success stories on social media and in college publications, such as Kristen Corpion and Candace Braun Davison, Honors graduates and winners of USF’s 2023 Outstanding Young Alumni Awards.
- The Honors College alumni-focused LinkedIn account has grown by over 600 followers over past year (260% increase), garnering 37,000+ unique impressions for the college and a 12.37% engagement rate.



## **Alumni Mentoring and Networking**

Judy Genshaft Honors College Associate Dean for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Lindy Davidson, continues to reach out to and connect with alumni partners to coordinate internship and mentoring opportunities for Honors College students. These internship, mentorships, and experiential learning opportunities are promoted through the college’s website, social media platforms, and electronic newsletter, The Honor Roll, which is delivered weekly to 2,500+ Judy Genshaft Honors College students.



## Alumni Speaker Series

The Alumni Speaker Series offers current Honors students the opportunity to discuss career experiences with distinguished Honors alumni actively working across an array of professional fields and disciplines. Guest speakers focus on topics related to graduate study, career, travel, leadership experiences, and more. Alumni speakers this year included:



- Jim Mirzakhlov – Entrepreneur and Co-founder Monic.ai
- Justin Doherty, Jr. – Medical School
- Kenny Ezevillo – Management Consulting
- Richard Crouse – Yale University
- Rossana Benavides Cordova – Deutsche Bank
- Usama Saleem – Engineering Graduate School
- Vaibhav Agarwal – Goldman Sachs
- Yehia Helwa – NASA Intern
- Yousef Turshani, MD – Pediatrician





## Dean's Advisory Council

The Judy Genshaft Honors College Dean's Advisory Council is a group of distinguished alumni, university and community leaders who support the college's mission and vision. The Council meets regularly to discuss and advise on strategic initiatives, opportunities, and alumni engagement. The Council also helps to promote the college's achievements and programs to a wider audience in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. 2022-23 Dean's Advisory Council members included:



- Dr. Judy Genshaft, Dean's Advisory Council Chair, President Emerita and Professor, University of South Florida
- Manjit Kundlas, Endowed scholarship and naming donor, parent of two JGHC graduates
- Brian Fender '96, Partner at GrayRobinson, P.A.
- Lisa Provenzano Heugel, '93, Business Product Owner at Evernorth Health Services, naming donor
- Dr. Patrick Mullen '16, Resident Physician, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- Nevena Pehar '12, Associate Director of Development for WLP at USF Advancement
- Nina Lacevic '05, General Council & Chief Compliance Officer, Amscot Financial
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# CULTIVATING OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The 2022-23 academic year marks a major milestone for the University of South Florida and the Judy Genshaft Honors College as the university celebrated the grand opening of the new five-story, 85,000-square-foot home for the Judy Genshaft Honors College.

Funded through \$45M in private support – including a historic naming gift of \$20M from USF President Emerita and Professor Judy Genshaft and her husband Mr. Steven

Greenbaum – plus \$8.1M in state appropriation, this state-of-the-art facility will help USF attract high-achieving students from across the country and around the world. Throughout planning and construction, the Judy Genshaft Honors College has connected donors with space naming opportunities in the building, including the student collaboration area, all ten classrooms and all 39 learning lofts.

## Judy Genshaft Honors College named spaces include:

- Judy Genshaft Honors College Building
- Leona Genshaft Food and Culture Studio
- The Claudia McCorkle and BEAU Student Leadership Center
- The Zimmerman Family Foundation Atrium
- Cornelia Corbett Art and Design Studio
- The Wilcox Family Office of National Scholars
- Rhea Law and Wayne Williams Grand Staircase
- The Ramil Perez Foundation Student Collaboration Space
- Fleischman Garcia Maslowski Architecture & Morphosis Architects Academic Conference Room
- The Adams Family Commons
- Sharon and Kurt Greenbaum Classroom
- Joel and Debbie Momberg Classroom
- Miriam and Oscar Horton Classroom
- Mark Sena and Linda Saul-Sena Classroom
- Brian and Stacy Fender Classroom
- The Honculada Family Classroom
- Linda and Randy Simmons Classroom
- Geoffrey Simon and Andrea Graham Classroom
- Ben and Lisa Heugel Classroom



## Judy Genshaft Honors College named spaces (continued):

- John Meeks Learning Loft
- Judy Genshaft and John Meeks Collaboration Learning Loft
- The Meeks Family Learning Loft
- The Hurst Family Learning Loft
- In memory of Nicolas Maragos Learning Loft
- In memory of Thelma Gerras Maragos Learning Loft
- Tripp and Anderson Hart Learning Loft
- T. Terrell Sessums Learning Loft
- Luis and Cynthia Visot Learning Loft
- Jo-Ann Hammack and Norma Quance Learning Loft
- Dave, Whitney and Sarah Glaser Learning Loft
- Bill and Sharon Sutton Learning Loft
- Joe and Sydney Niewierski Learning Loft
- The Prado Family Learning Loft
- Hill Ward Henderson Learning Loft
- The Blair Family Learning Loft
- Lisa and Richard Sobieray Learning Loft
- Dan and Tina Johnson Learning Loft
- USF Tampa Town & Gown Learning Loft
- Johnny Prugh and Bob Spatig Learning Loft
- Michael and Julia Pasternak Learning Loft
- The Oropeza Family Learning Loft
- The Ghotra Family Learning Loft
- The Greenbaum Family Learning Loft
- Barbara Smith and Sue Blanshan Learning Loft
- Robert and Nancy Watkins Learning Loft
- The Richard A. Beard Family Learning Loft
- Debbie and Brent Sembler Learning Loft
- Michael and Lisa Kelly Learning Loft
- The Stroman Family Learning Loft
- Charlie and Victoria Tokarz Learning Loft
- The Hal Mullis Family Learning Loft
- Mike and Melanie Griffin Learning Loft
- Mike L. Carrere Learning Loft
- Brian and Paulette Lamb Learning Loft
- S. Martinez and Family Learning Loft
- Steven and Holly Prevaux Learning Loft
- Paul and Cyndy Sanberg Inventors Learning Loft

With additional support from Neil Genshaft, Chris and Shannon Sprowls, Wilton Simpson, and many others.



Distinctive opportunities to name spaces within the building remain and include faculty and advisor offices, event areas, a computer lab, as well as performance, studio, and creatives spaces.





## Events

### **The Judy Genshaft Honors College Grand Opening**

Over 5,000 current students, alumni, and friends of the college were invited to the Judy Genshaft Honors College Grand Opening, a memorable event that marked the unveiling of the new building at USF. Held on May 12, 2023, the event featured remarks from university leaders, including USF

President Rhea Law, Endowed Honors Dean Charles Adams, and others, and from President Emerita Genshaft and Mr. Greenbaum themselves, who expressed their gratitude and vision for the future of the college. Guests enjoyed a first look inside the breathtaking building, tours from Honors staff and students, and samples from Buddy Brew Café.



### **The Judy Genshaft Honors College Celebratory Dinner**

Held the evening of May 11, 2023, the Honors College and USF Advancement hosted a celebratory dinner in recognition of President Emerita Genshaft, Mr. Greenbaum, and all those who helped bring their vision to life. Guests enjoyed a lively dinner, a musical performance, and remarks from Dr. Genshaft and Mr. Greenbaum and other university leaders.

### **Student Support**

As has been the case for recent academic years the Judy Genshaft Honors College Facility Fund and the Judy Genshaft Honors College Dean's Strategic Fund for Excellence remain the fundraising priorities for the college.

Along with the continued growth of academic scholarship programs to assist high-achieving students in reaching their full potential. These funds afford exceptional students the opportunity to develop the thinking, reasoning, and writing skills that will help them make contributions to society on a global scale – as inventors, discoverers, and the creators of the future.

### **The Genshaft-Greenbaum Global Explorer Scholarship**

One of the goals of the Judy Genshaft Honors College is to prepare students to lead thoughtful, fulfilling lives as engaged citizens of the world. This year the seventh cohort of the Genshaft-Greenbaum Global Explorer Scholarship were again each awarded \$10,000 to support a wide variety of educational opportunities.

# Over 600 Honors Students

*Receive Some Form of Additional Financial Support*

## Endowed Scholarships Supporting Honors Students include:

- Honors College Endowed Scholarship
- Aboly-Frederick Lykes Endowed Scholarship
- Siede Research Award
- USF Alumni Association Honors/Ethics Scholarship
- Terrell and Neva Sessums Regents Scholarship
- Carl Riggs Endowed Memorial Honors Scholarship
- J. O. DeLotto and Sons Inc. Endowed Scholarship
- George and Bobbe Karpay Endowed Scholarship for Excellence
- Robert and Susan Ableidinger Endowed Scholarship
- John and Grace Allen Endowed Honors Scholarship Program
- Helios Education Foundation STEM Scholarships
- Herbert & Elaine Gimelstob Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Stuart Silverman Endowed Scholarship in Honors College
- Grocery Manufacturers Representatives Endowed Scholarship
- Shaukat & Antonina Chowdhari Endowed Fund in Honors College
- Mohammad Al-Jallad Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Chowdhari Family Endowed Honors College Book Fund
- Beltran Brothers Honors College Endowed Dental Scholarship
- Honculada Family Endowed Scholarship in the Honors College
- Esther & Sam Momberg Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship
- Rasmussen Family Endowed Scholarship
- Genshaft/Greenbaum International Honors Study Scholarship
- General Portland Inc. Endowed Scholarship
- W. Paul Hoenle Foundation Scholarship
- K. M. Kundlas Family Endowed Scholarship
- Wittcoff Family Scholarship
- Salins Family Endowed Honors College Scholarship
- Vincent & Heidi Bekiempis Endowed Honors College Scholarship
- Roslyn & Richard Wittcoff Endowed Honors College Scholarship
- Brad & Terry Holcombe Scholars Endowment
- Jo-Ann Hammack and Norma Quance Endowed Scholarship
- Salem Scholars Fund for Disability Studies



- John and Joan Endowed Premed Academic Honors Scholarship
- Judy Genshaft Endowed Honors College Dean Fund
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- Judy Genshaft Honors College Facility Fund
- Highlander Endowment

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- University Honors College Scholarship
- USF Fund for the Honors College
- Honors College Gelin Scholarship
- Jenkins Scholarship Operating Fund
- Holcombe Scholars Operating Account
- George W. Jenkins Scholarship
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- Herman and Jean Kane Book Scholarship
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- The Honors College McCorkle Scholarship Fund
- The Honors College McCorkle Study Abroad Fund
- Provost Scholars Program Housing Assistance Fund
- A.S. Gill Family Honors College Scholarship
- Honors College Dean's Strategic Fund for Excellence
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- Office of National Scholarships Fund for Excellence
- Charlotte Edmiston Honors Academic Scholarship
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## Additional Programs and Support

The Judy Genshaft Honors College continues to be the academic home of several university-wide programs including the Provost Scholars Program, Jenkins Scholars, Brad and Terry Holcombe First-Generation Scholars, Ableidinger Scholars, and forthcoming Wilcox Scholars.





# ADVANCING SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

## FACULTY RESEARCH

Full-time Honors faculty are dedicated to teaching their interdisciplinary, seminar-style classes; mentoring students for undergraduate research through thesis and capstone courses; and engaging students in experiential learning through activities such as study abroad, study away, and community service.

Although the faculty assignment is 95% teaching, our faculty actively participate in the academic conversation through research, conference presentations, art exhibitions,

and peer-reviewed publications. Leading by example, faculty even publish with Honors students as co-authors on collaborative projects.

Full-time Honors faculty's contributions to academic research this year include:

### Publications

- Conley, Claire C., **Lindy Grief Davidson**, Courtney L. Scherr, and Marleah Dean. "Developing theory-driven narrative messages with personal stories: A step-by-step guide." *Psycho-Oncology* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1002/pon.6047>
- **Davidson, Lindy Grief**. "Narrative Theory." In *The International Encyclopedia of Health Communication* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119678816.iehc0716>



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- Ferrara, Vincenzo and **Catherine Wilkins**. "Virtual Visual Thinking Strategies: Limitations and Unexpected Findings." *Senses and Sciences*, 9/2 (2022): 1570-1578. DOI:[10.14616/sands-2022-2-15701578](https://doi.org/10.14616/sands-2022-2-15701578)
- **Hargrove, Andrew**, and Jamie M. Sommer. "Gender-mainstreaming, governance, and the environment: an analysis of forest loss." *Environmental Sociology* 8, no. 4 (2022): 484-497. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2022.2065428>

- **Hargrove, Andrew**, Feng Hao, and Jamie Marie Sommer. “Governing trade: a cross-national study of governance, trade, and CO2 emissions.” *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 12, no. 4 (2022): 727-738. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-022-00772-y>
- **Hargrove, Andrew**. “Environment, Development, and Water in Academia: A Critical Network Perspective.” *Sociological Inquiry* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12507>
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- **Singh, Holly Donahue**. “Love and Care at the Margins of Future Generations.” In *Across the Worlds of Islam: Muslim Identities, Beliefs, and Practices from Asia to America*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV, 161-91. New York: Columbia University Press, 2023. <http://cup.columbia.edu/book/across-the-worlds-of-islam/9780231558525>
- **Wilkins, Catherine**. “Tides of History: Utilizing Service-Learning to Prepare and Preserve Local Historical Resources for Climate Change.” *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 26/1 (2022): 147-160.
- Zuhdi, Kareem, Ayesha Khan, Samaa El-Kolalli, Ayesha Anwer, **Catherine Wilkins**. “Spotlight on El-Zahrawi, Father of Modern Surgery.” *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* (2023). DOI:[10.1080/10401334.2023.2166941](https://doi.org/10.1080/10401334.2023.2166941)

## Exhibits

- Piracci, Tina. “Arc of Nexus.” Sculpture. Underwater Museum of Art, Gulf of Mexico.
- Hutz, Adam, Barrak Darweesh, KJ Wu and Tina Piracci. “Ballet of the Final Anthozoans.” Mixed media: 3D printed and hand-built ceramics, 3D printed bioplastic, acrylic, mylar, electronics. Fairgrounds St. Pete, St. Petersburg, Florida.

## Presentations

- Davidson, Lindy G. “Community-Engaged University Courses: An Investment in Future Global Health Leaders.” Conference Presentation. Global Health Catalysts Summit, Johns Hopkins University, Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington D.C., July 9, 2022.
- Hargrove, Andrew. Invited Speaker. “Environment, Development, and Water in Academia: A Critical Network Perspective.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. 2023.
- Hargrove, Andrew. Founder, Committee Chair, and Moderator. “2nd Annual World-Wide Teach in on Climate Action and Justice.” Judy Genshaft Honors College. University of South Florida, March 29, 2023.



- Hargrove, Andrew. “Climate Narratives in the face of the Domscape.” St. Pete Conference on World Affairs Annual Conference. USF St. Petersburg, 2022.
- Hargrove, Andrew. Invited Speaker. “3rd Global Sustainability Conference 2022: Innovations for Resiliency.” Patel Center for Global Solutions. University of South Florida.
- Lanier, Cayla. “Drawing on the Past to Communicate Future Selves: Utilizing Retrospective Photo-Elicitation to Explore Newcomer Experiences.” Southern States Communication Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, April 14, 2023.
- Singh, Holly Donahue. Invited Lecture. “Infertility and Indian Futures: Reproductive Desires and Realities.” Kenyon College (Gambier, OH), Department of Anthropology, February 6, 2023
- Singh, Holly Donahue. Invited Lecture. “Qualitative Research and Writing Process: Experiences and Recommendations.” Food Security for Equitable Futures Research Group, Lancaster University (UK), led by Dr. Jasmine Fledderjohann (hosted online), April 28, 2023
- Singh, Holly Donahue. Invited Lecture. Infertility in a Crowded Country: Hiding Reproduction in India, discussion. Mercer University (Macon, GA), Department of International and Global Studies, Maternal and Child Health course (hosted online), March 2, 2023
- Singh, Holly Donahue. “Population, Reproduction, and Environmental Labor.” Podcast session, presenter and organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings (Seattle, WA/virtual) virtual conference, November 9, 2022
- Singh, Holly Donahue. “Infertility in a Crowded Country: Hiding Reproduction in India.” Virtual talk, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings (Seattle, WA/virtual), November 9, 2022.
- Wilkins, Catherine. “Examining the Long-Range Benefits of Community-Engaged Service Learning.” Sunshine State Teaching and Learning Conference, Orlando, FL, May 17, 2023.
- Wilkins, Catherine. “Improving Interpersonal Communication Skills for Future Healthcare Providers Through the Arts.” Western Michigan University 12th Annual Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, September 23, 2022.
- Wilkins, Catherine. “Creating Resilient Students and Sustainable Organizations in the Face of a Climate Crisis: A Case Study in Digitizing Cultural Heritage.” Digital Research in the Humanities and Arts Conference, London, UK, September 7, 2023.
- Young, Benjamin S. “from Word, from Water, from Wander: Speaking from Silence,” Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition, San Francisco University, Sep. 2022



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