

## Message from the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

On Oct. 28, the USF undergraduate admission team hosted 388 prospective students and their guests for our annual Day in the Bay open house. This was the largest fall open house USF has ever hosted. Over 20 academic programs and 36 student organizations came out to support this effort. I would like to thank our admission team and all the faculty, librarians, and staff who came out to make this day a huge success!



I also recently had the opportunity to read feedback from parents of current students. I would like to share just a few excerpts:

*"My daughter has made really really good friends already. She feels her teachers are engaging and committed to their students and readily meet with her outside of office hours to help her. She feels so comfortable on campus and loves the community. Win-win all the way around."*

*"I can honestly say that my son is having a better experience at USF than I did at Call My son is thriving!"*

*"My freshman daughter loves it.... The environment has allowed her to become an amazingly independent and mature young woman who is taking chances she never would have taken in high school and exploring all the university and city has to offer."*

*"USF IS a diverse school. Our son has made friends with people from all over the world and from different parts of the United States."*

*"My daughter is loving classes... She is making great friends too. I think the biggest plus is the city, she's really taking advantage of all the city has to offer."*

*"My daughter is a senior and from a small town. When she first left for USF, she was an introvert, had a fear of public speaking and adventure. USF is not only a great school for education, but a great school for growth. We have watched our daughter become this amazing young adult as she pursued her dreams and became comfortable with who she is. It's truly been a wonderful experience... The connections she has made with professors and students have been invaluable."*

I hope you find these posts as heartwarming as I did. It is why we do what we do! As we head into the holiday season, I also wish to express my gratitude for your efforts to support our students on every level. It is clearly having a profound and lasting impact.



Eileen Chia-Ching Fung  
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

### Chat-n-Chai

Come enjoy a cup of chai, or tea of your choice, and a chat with the provost on strategic priorities for the university.

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 4–5 p.m.**  
Location: UC 222 — Faculty/Staff Dining Room  
Topic: One Earth Initiative  
**RSVP »**

**Tuesday, March 19, 4–5 p.m.**  
Location: UC 222 — Faculty/Staff Dining Room  
Topic: Continuing education, certificates, and business partnerships  
**RSVP »**

### Associate Vice Provost for Professional Education and Business Partnerships

The search is underway for an **associate vice provost for professional education and business partnerships**. This role will be focused on expanding our professional education programs, external business and corporate partnerships, and revenue-generating initiatives. Finalists have been identified and will come for campus visits in early December. Stay tuned for more information on opportunities for faculty, librarians, and staff to meet with the finalists.

### Call for CTE and CRASE Co-Directors

The Tracy Seeley Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) and the Center for Research, Artistic, and Scholarly Excellence (CRASE) **invite applications to serve as co-director** for a term of up to three years starting in May 2024. The current co-directors of each center are completing their terms at the end of the 2023–24 academic year. The deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

### Strategic Planning

I am grateful to the working groups, the faculty, librarians and staff, and the **Strategic Plan Advisory Council (SPAC)** who have been working on initiatives in our community-driven strategic plan. We look forward to implementing as many of the working group recommendations as possible this year. SPAC has created a **dashboard** that outlines key implementation priorities, identifies lead stakeholders, and includes outcomes or key performance indicators (KPIs) to track our progress. We will be updating you regularly on the progress of the many initiatives underway, and assessing their impact in May, which will mark the end of year two of our five-year strategic plan.

### Masonic East

USF is moving forward with an exciting vision for interdisciplinary teaching and research in life sciences and health equity. Led by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the School of Nursing and Health Professions (SONHP), the integrated vision will transform the spaces in which students and faculty learn, teach, create, research, and engage the community. SONHP will move its teaching, learning, and research activities from Cowell Hall to Masonic East, where it will also establish a new simulation lab. CAS will move its biology and biotechnology programs and research laboratories, establish a new neuroscience program, and provide instructional teaching space for kinesiology and a computational space for general instruction in Masonic East. Architectural plans are underway to create innovative educational spaces that will enhance our ability to recruit and retain students by supporting experiential learning; maximizing interdisciplinary collaborations; allowing for large-scale, collaborative grants; and expanding our capacity for research activities. Renovation is slated to begin in mid-December and will be completed in several phases, with a goal of moving the first programs to Masonic East as soon as permitting and philanthropic support allow.



### Heritage Recognitions

The Heritage Recognitions Initiative is a cross-campus collaboration led by the Cultural Centers and the Office of Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) to uplift our commitment to celebrating and honoring the many cultural heritages and identities of our vibrant community. **Learn more »**

### Call for Proposals: Immersions and Short-Term, Faculty-Led Programs

The **Center for Global Education**, in partnership with the Faculty Advisory Board on Internationalization (FABI), is accepting proposals for short-term, faculty-led international and domestic immersion programs for the 2024–25 academic year, including intercession, spring break, and summer 2025.

Please review the **guidelines for submitting proposals**. The deadline to submit proposals is Jan. 31, 2024, at 5 p.m. Program proposals will be reviewed by a committee composed of faculty and relevant staff from across disciplines and across the university. Decisions will be announced on or before Feb. 15, 2024.

### Awards and Accomplishments

**Richard A. Najashi Belcher**, **Brad Cho**, and **Jhanateli Sales**, hospitality management students, received scholarships from the California Hotel and Lodging Association's Hospitality Foundation for their dedication to the industry.

**Otgo Erhemjants**, dean of the School of Management, was named to the "100 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business" list by the *San Francisco Business Times*.

**Eileen Fry-Bowers**, dean of School of Nursing and Health Professions, was awarded the *Nursing Outlook* Award for Excellence in Policy for her co-authored paper "Defining the social determinants of health for nursing action to achieve health equity: A consensus paper from the American Academy of Nursing," *Nursing Outlook*, Volume 70, Issue 1, 2022.

**Richard Gregory Johnson III**, professor in School of Management, was appointed to a three-year term on the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Standards Committee.

**Matthew Kiesow**, MBA student, was honored with the Richard Chicotei Memorial Award at the Reaching Out MBA conference in Chicago.

A new collection of poems, *Before the Borderless: Dialogues with the Art of Cy Twombly*, by **Dean Rader**, professor of English, was named to a list of 10 "mesmerizing" books of modern poetry. It also received glowing reviews in *Publishers Weekly*, the *Poetry Foundation*, and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

A pediatrics research study, "Maternal Pertussis Vaccination, Infant Immunization, and Risk of Pertussis," by **Annette Regan**, associate professor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, was shared online by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**Diane Roberts**, professor of accounting, received the 2023 Academy of Accounting Historians Thomas J. Burns Biographical Award for her work on gender stereotyping in public accounting, and the 2023 Accounting Historians Journal Award of Excellence for the article "Follow in the Footsteps: The first CPAs of 1896-97 and accounting occupation adoptions of the next generation."

**Angelika Williams**, assistant vice provost for student financial services, was selected as one of just 14 primary negotiators for the national Higher Education for the Student Loan Debt Relief Committee.

If you have a recent success to share, please **let us know**.

### Additional Resources

For recent publications or creative work, or if you are interested in a Faculty Spotlight, please contact the **Center for Research, Artistic, and Scholarly Excellent (CRASE)**.

For teaching-related news and resources, please visit the **Tracy Seeley Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE)**.

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