

Message from the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

As we conclude the fall semester, I am looking forward to celebrating our 755 graduating students at USF's 165th **Winter Commencement**. I want to thank you for your commitment and hard work in providing our students with a transformative education and supporting their success. We see your work through our students, whether they are confidently presenting final projects, connecting with USF alumni at the Career Services Center's **Meet the Pros** event, or celebrating their public service internships at the McCarthy Center's annual Network Night Out. I hope you've had the chance to enjoy some of the year-end student showcases taking place across campus and to celebrate the end of a very successful semester with colleagues.



USF students mingled with supporters at the annual McCarthy Center Network Night Out (left) and showcased their work at the Engineering Exhibition of Student Work + CS Night (right).

I wish all of you a restful and restorative winter break and hope that you are able to enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you back on campus in the new year.



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. 13, 4–5 p.m.
Location: UC 222 — Faculty/Staff Dining Room
Topic: One Earth Initiative

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

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Strategic Planning

The strategic plan calls on us to **reimagine Jesuit education** and revise USF's curricula to respond to our students' aspirations and prepare them for a changing and pluralistic world. Redesigning our core curriculum is a key element of evolving the education we provide our students, and I am grateful for the work of the **Core Curriculum Redesign Task Force**. The task force is engaged in *Phase I: Discovery* and has spent the fall semester examining existing data on the core curriculum and exploring general education and core models at peer institutions. In the spring semester, the task force will share its findings with the community and gather feedback on what the community hopes to see in a redesigned undergraduate core curriculum. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to share your feedback in spring!

In Phase II: Design, a working group of faculty, librarians, staff, and students will be convened to collaboratively engage in the design of the new core curriculum. Members of the working group will meet throughout the 2024–25 academic year, with an opportunity to attend the **AAC&U 2024 Conference on General Education, Pedagogy, and Assessment** in the spring.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for the *Phase II: Design* working group, please **complete this form** and submit it by **Jan. 31, 2024**. Faculty, librarians, staff, and student nominations are invited and self-nominations are accepted.

Transforming Educational Spaces

As part of our Institutional Master Plan (IMP), plans and permitting are underway for the **Health and Life Sciences Campus at Masonic East**. In addition, the first phase of renovations for Presentation Theater is scheduled to be completed in January 2024. The move of academic programs to Masonic East will also allow us to alleviate pressure on other parts of campus and transform our educational spaces to support all faculty, students, and staff. In the spring, we look forward to identifying a location for the Ann Getty Institute of Art and Design, which will serve as a hub for arts and culture at USF. We also plan to hold focused discussions about Harney Science Center, where there have been significant challenges this semester. Addressing Harney's aging infrastructure and engaging in designing the future vision of our science and innovation building will be a key element of enhancing our ability to recruit and retain students by supporting learning and research in the STEM fields.



Accreditation Update: School of Nursing and Health Professions

The School of Nursing and Health Professions is pleased to announce that our **Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program** has received 10 years of accreditation from the American Psychological Association, effective Oct. 28, 2023. The 10-year term is the highest level of accreditation given by the association. It recognizes that our program meets all of the rigorous standards set by the Commission on Accreditation and highlights our strong emphasis on diversity, social justice, advocacy, and interprofessional practice.

"Meeting the standards set by the American Psychological Association's Commission on Accreditation is a significant accomplishment and receiving affirmation of 10 years of accreditation highlights the exceptional training our program continues to provide students, and faculty and staff's engagement with and dedication to our students and their training to serve marginalized populations in interprofessional contexts."

– Megan O'Banion, senior associate dean, USF School of Nursing and Health Professions

Congratulations, SONHP!

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 intersession, 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

Sandra Brown Armstrong, USF Law alumna and senior district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, was honored this month by the Charles Houston Bar Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Camille Coley, associate vice provost for the Office of Sponsored Programs, has been selected as a 2024 co-contributing editor for the *National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Magazine*. NCURA has over 7,500 members from over 1,100 colleges, universities, teaching hospitals, and research institutes in 40 countries. Camille will lead NCURA's Research Development track.

Professor and alumnus **Bill Ong Hing's** new book, *Humanizing Immigration: How to Transform Our Racist and Unjust System*, garnered outstanding reviews from a number of outlets, including *Kirkus Reviews*: "By the time they finish the concluding capsule history of U.S. immigration policy's structural racism, many readers will agree with him. A powerful, cogent indictment."

Craig Santos Perez, MFA alumnus, won the 2023 National Book Award for poetry for his book, *from unincorporated territory [āmōt]*, the fifth work in a series about his native homeland Guam.

Adjunct Professor **Virginia Ramos** was elected as an executive council member for the Modern Language Association.

USF Professor of Environmental Management **Stephanie Siehr** is featured in a new documentary, *Oil Washed*, by USF alumna Giuliana Salomone. The film was shown last month at the San Francisco Green Film Festival and tells the story of big oil and the role of fossil fuels in global warming.

Cristina Seronio '23 was selected as an honoree of the "Alumni: 30 under 30" by the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. This award celebrates graduates who are 30 years old or younger who have made a positive impact in their community and beyond.

Carol Wilson, assistant professor and co-director of the law school's Academic Support Program (ASP), received the Charles Houston Bar Association's 2023 Special Recognition Award for her efforts through USF's ASP to increase the pipeline of Black lawyers and judges.

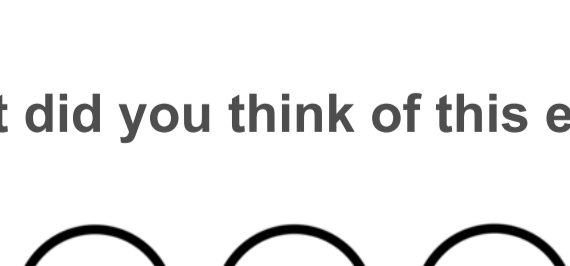
If you have a recent success to share, please **let us know**.






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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