

Celebrating the world's 56 fastest growing Bull-led businesses

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025
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5:30 p.m. — Cocktails and Reception 7 p.m. — Awards Ceremony Coffee and Dessert Immediately Following



# The University of South Florida 2025 USF Fast 56 Awards and Reception

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# 2025 University of South Florida Fast 56 Awards

The USF Fast 56 Awards program identifies, recognizes and celebrates the fastest growing USF Bull-owned or Bull-led businesses in the world.

As members of the USF Fast 56 Class of 2025, these esteemed businesses and their leaders have set the standard for a tradition of achievement for the next generation of USF Bulls to follow.

# **Tonight's Program**

# Remarks

#### **Renee Simeus**

Student, Class of 2026; President, Tampa Ambassadors

# Sally Dee, '94 and MBA '11

Chair, USF Alumni Association Board of Directors

# Rhea F. Law, '77 and Hon. DMed '13

USF President

#### Richard Sellwood

Chief Operating Officer, USF Credit Union

# **Presentation of Awards**

# Bill McCausland, MBA '96

Vice President and Executive Director, USF Alumni Association

#### Juli Lewis, '97

Vice President of Community Engagement, USF Credit Union

**President Law** 

Sally Dee

**Alma Mater** 

**USF Tones of Gold** 











# A Better You Counseling & Wellness

Bull leader: Karen Magin, President

College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology '04; College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, MSW '11

A Better You partners with clients on their journey to becoming the best version of themselves and to live their best lives. Individual, couples and family counseling is provided in the office, client homes and by telehealth.

# A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure

Bull leader: Jeff Kincart, President

College of Engineering, Civil Engineering '00, Life Member

A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure is a multi-disciplined environmental services firm that assists with industrial remediation services, emergency response, disaster recovery, decontamination, waste management, compliance, safety training and more. Its projects span virtually every environmentally regulated business sector.

#### Affordable Lock & Security Solutions Bull leader: Ken Kupferman, CEO/President

Academic Support and Achievement, General Education '88

Affordable Lock & Security is a full-service locksmith and security company that strives to provide the best quality

mechanical and electronic security products and services at competitive prices while also maintaining excellent customer service.

# **AKA Integrated Marketing**

Bull leader: Amanda Koenn, Founder/Managing Director College of Arts and Sciences, Mass Communications '08

AKA Integrated Marketing is a boutique, full-service advertising agency known for high-quality creative and tailored marketing strategies that align with each client's unique needs, goals and budget. The agency's team delivers measurable results through a collaborative approach.

# Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc.

Bull leader: Elie Araj, President

College of Engineering, Civil Engineering '85 and ME '90

Applied Sciences Consulting is a Tampa-based engineering and design services firm that specializes in water management, innovative resilient infrastructure and regulatory compliance. It addresses cities', counties' and water management utilities' flood control, urban design and other needs.





**Bull leaders: Joeseph Cruz, Owner-Arborist** College of Arts and Sciences, Economics '09

Magnolia Walker, Owner-Administrator College of Arts and Sciences, Anthropology '15

Justin Jamison, General Manager

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Criminology '09

Arbor Joe's provides arborist and full-scale commercial landscape services. It manages customers' projects at every level, from planning and design to permitting, installation and maintenance. Hard-working crews are dedicated to providing top-notch results.



Bull leader: Cynthia Grizzle, Owner and President College of Arts and Sciences, Environmental Science and Policy'04

Artemis Consulting Collective is an ecological consultancy that provides technical, regulatory and strategic guidance to public sector clients. With expertise in wetlands, protected species, hydrology, geographic information systems and compliance, it delivers project planning and implementation solutions.



## **Ataraxis Wealth Management**

**Bull leaders: Nicole Stokes-Zolkos, Managing Director**College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology '03; College of Public Health, MPH '07, Life Member



College of Arts and Sciences, Communication '11, Life Member

Ataraxis Wealth Management works to expand what's possible with clients' money. The skilled Ataraxis team delivers operationally excellent financial planning — an experience purposefully designed to be comprehensive without being cumbersome.



#### **ATX Promos**

Bull leader: Ali Carr, Founder/CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Communication '07

ATX PROMOS

ATX Promos is a nationally recognized promotional products agency with offices in Tampa and Austin, Texas. It provides retail-inspired merchandise and branded apparel for all budgets, creating strategic branded experiences through the use of promotional products.











#### **Barrett School of Music**

Bull leader: Laura Hollis, Owner

College of Design, Art & Performance, Music Studies '10, Life Member

Barrett School of Music offers private, in-home music lessons in Tampa, Miami and New York. It provides instruction in piano, voice, guitar, drums, violin, viola, cello and bass, as well as curated music programming for local schools.

# **Black Digital**

Bull leader: Mike Utaegbulam, CEO

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Criminology '16, Life Member

Black Digital is an award-winning digital creative agency that works to empower social impact organizations. It is passionate about helping clients solve problems and explore new opportunities that can positively impact their communities.

## **Bounce Party of Tampa**

Bull leader: Kory Coleman, Co-founder/President

Muma College of Business, Finance '09

Bounce Party provides premium event rentals with a focus on exceptional quality and top-tier service. From bounce houses and water slides to carnival rides and seating for thousands, it ensures every celebration is safe, clean and unforgettable.

## **Brandz Agency**

Bull leader: Sammy Veinger, Founder/CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Communication '00

Brandz Agency delivers top-tier promotional and branding products that inspire customer appreciation, boost employee engagement and elevate brand visibility.

#### **Brijbag Law**

Bull leader: Brian S. Brijbag, Owner

College of Arts and Sciences, Anthropology and Religious Studies '12 and MA'15; College of Public Health, MPH'15

Brijbag Law is a boutique personal injury firm committed to justice, personalized advocacy and community impact. It fights for the injured with integrity, expertise and heart, handling car accidents and serious injury cases and prioritizing results.



Bull leaders: Bridget Wilson, President

College of Education, Elementary Education '01



#### Chad Curchin, Vice President

Muma College of Business, 1995-2000

Cardinal Roofing is a family-owned, third-generation roofing company built on customer referrals and an honest work ethic. Quality craftsmanship and small-town service are at the core of the business, which specializes in roofing repairs, maintenance and replacement.

## **Catalyst Consulting Services**

Bull leader: Michelle Turman, President and CEO (Founder)

College of Design, Art & Performance, MA Art History'00, Life Member



Catalyst Consulting Services is a national nonprofit consulting firm that facilitates positive change in the areas of executive searches, organizational management and fundraising. Since 2014, it has been responsible for increasing impact and best practices nationally.

## ComplianceQuest Inc.

Bull leaders: Prashanth Raiendran, CEO

College of Engineering, MS Industrial Engineering '91, Life Member



#### Kim Engler, Vice President

College of Arts and Sciences, English '98

#### Amit Jangada, Vice President

College of Engineering, MS Industrial Engineering '04

ComplianceQuest helps businesses become fully connected with a next-generation AI-powered product life cycle, quality, safety and supplier management platform built on Salesforce. Its connected suite of solutions helps businesses of all sizes increase product, quality and safety.



#### **Dark Moss**

Bull leader: Ricky Peterika, President

College of Design, Art & Performance, MArch '08, Life Member

Dark Moss is a landscape architecture and consulting firm specialized in tree preservation, permitting, natural resources coordination and low impact development. The firm has a strong knowledge of construction and site engineering.





Bull leader: Thomas Raad, President

Muma College of Business, Information Systems '07, Life Member



DART Tech provides IT services, security and solutions to medium- and small-sized businesses across the state of Florida. It has resource affiliations to provide IT services across the U.S. and is SOC2 Type2 compliant.

#### David J Reali, PLLC

Bull leader: David Reali, Owner

Muma College of Business, Accounting '09, Life Member



For 10 years, David Reali and his team have provided tax advisory, compliance and consulting services for small businesses and individual clients in the Tampa Bay area and around the country.

#### DCE Live Inc.

**Bull leader: Andy Hafer, Director** 

College of Engineering, Electrical Engineering '88; Muma College of Business, MBA '90 and DBA '21, Life Member

DCE Live is a technologically advanced production powerhouse, offering comprehensive AV solutions, event experience design, video production and event management services. It is a premium services provider in event and video production.



# **Doublemint Sitting**

Bull leader: Gabriela Rosello, Co-owner, Director

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Criminology '13



Doublemint Sitting is a referral babysitting and pet-sitting service in the following cities and surrounding areas: Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Fort Myers, Naples, Cape Coral and Orlando. It specializes in families with multiple children and special-needs children.

## Elite Source, LLC

**Bull leader: Mike Fuller, CEO** 

Muma College of Business, Business Finance '04



Elite Source is a staffing and recruiting company that focuses on information technology, engineering and professional services. It provides a vast array of high-quality resources throughout the nation on a contract, contract-to-hire and direct-hire basis.



# **Enriched Life Counseling & Consulting**

Bull leader: Treshonda Baucom, CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology '10

Enriched Life Counseling & Consulting provides counseling services to Central Florida communities, offering a wide variety of mental health services designed to help diagnose and treat challenges while strengthening human connections and forging stronger family bonds.



Bull leaders: Elodie Dorso, CEO and President

College of Arts and Sciences, Political Science '01



#### Ben Gilbert, Chief Financial Officer

Muma College of Business, Finance '01

Evara Health focuses on expanding health-care accessibility and revolutionizing the way services are delivered to improve health outcomes. Its vision is to provide comprehensive, quality health care that promotes healthier families and communities, delivered by professional, caring teams.

## **Everett Financial Group, LLC**

Bull leaders: Helena "Bee" Everett, President

College of Arts and Sciences, Mass Communications '80; College of Education, MAT '02, Life Member



#### James Everett, Vice President

Muma College of Business, Business Management '80, Life Member

Everett Financial Group is a family-owned GreatFlorida franchise, an independent insurance agency founded in 2014 and located in Madeira Beach. It provides insurance solutions to businesses and families throughout Florida.

## **FIVE Labs, LLC**

Bull leader: Derek Pupello, Founder/CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Interdisciplinary Natural Science '02; Muma College of Business, MBA '07



FIVE Labs is a national bioskills company that facilitates the introduction of new technologies by medical device manufacturers to surgeons via state-of-the-art learning lab facilities.

## iApartments Inc.

Bull leader: Dave Magrisso, Founder/CEO

Muma College of Business, Finance '94, Life Member



iApartments is a fully integrated smart apartment platform empowering multifamily, student and build-to-rent communities with seamless home automation, keyless access, self-guided tours and fire prevention. iApartments boosts efficiency and enhances the resident experience.

#### **Impulse Strategic Solutions**

Bull leader: Shawn Boorom, Chief Operating Officer/Co-founder

College of Arts and Sciences, Professional-Technical Writing '98, Life Member



Impulse offers organizations and IT leaders expertise to transform operations. Whether they need managed services or temporary staffing, they can rely on the Impulse team's expertise to help meet business goals.

#### **Insight Assurance**

Bull leaders: Jesus Jimenez, Managing Partner and Cofounder

Muma College of Business, Accounting '10



## Felipe Saboya, Managing Partner and Co-founder

Muma College of Business, Accounting '14

Insight Assurance is a cybersecurity compliance firm. It provides SOC 2, ISO 27001, PCI, HIPAA and HITRUST audit and advisory services, helping companies navigate complex frameworks and build trust through quality-driven assessments and strategic guidance.

## **Jokisch CPA Firm**

Bull leader: Justin Jokisch, CEO and Owner

Muma College of Business, Finance '06, Accounting '13

CPA FIRM

Jokisch CPA Firm, based in Lutz/Land O' Lakes, offers a broad range of financial services designed for small-business owners — from bookkeeping and tax prep to advisory and CFO services — with a personal approach.



#### KeriCure Medical

Bull leader: Kerriann R. Greenhalgh, CEO, CSO and Founder

College of Arts and Sciences, Chemistry '04 and PhD '08

KeriCure Medical is a biotechnology company specializing in advanced wound care solutions for people, animals and the military. Formed to commercialize an advanced platform nanopolymer technology, it now offers over two dozen commercial products.

# Keybridge Wealth Management

Bull leaders: Sydney Niewierski, Managing Partner Muma College of Business, Finance '99, Life Member



Muma College of Business, General Business Administration '81, Life Member

Keybridge Wealth Management is an advocate for its clients, helping them build, preserve and bridge wealth from generation to generation. With every new client relationship, the team strives to provide clear guidance, prudent advice and compassion.



Bull leaders: John-Paul LeBel, Owner/President

College of Arts and Sciences, Geography '09

#### Marshall James, CFO

Muma College of Business, Marketing '08

LeBel Landscaping is a full-service company that performs all phases of landscaping, including design, installation, grading, drainage, irrigation, lighting, hardscapes, maintenance, tree trimming and removals.

## Liongard

Bull leader: Michelle Accardi, CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Political Science '98













Muma College of Business, MS Entrepreneurship '13, Life Member

Lukos delivers professional services to the federal government, focusing on training and operations support, health-care advice, medical training, support to acquisition programs, systems engineering and research, and development support, logistics planning, and maximizing human performance.



Bull leaders: Michael Johnson, CEO

Muma College of Business, Accounting '07, Life Member



#### Justin Green, CFO

Muma College of Business, Accounting '06

Metrc is the leading provider of regulatory track-and-trace systems for highly regulated industries, delivering scalable, secure and data-rich solutions that empower governments and businesses to ensure compliance, transparency and operational efficiency.



# My Organic Turf

Bull leader: Eric McCarthy, Co-owner

College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology'13

My Organic Turf provides safe and effective lawn fertilization and pest control that is better for people, pets and the planet.

# **National Strategies Public Relations**

Bull leader: Jennifer Vickery, President

College of Arts and Sciences, Mass Communications '06



National Strategies Public Relations is a purpose-driven PR agency specializing in earned media, crisis communications and strategic storytelling for nonprofits, credit unions and mission-focused organizations. They help clients build trust, amplify their impact and stay visible in moments that matter.

## Patel, Greene & Associates, LLC

Bull leaders: Hiren M. Patel, PE, President and Senior Engineer

College of Engineering, Civil Engineering '99 and MCE '03, Life Member



#### Gordon M. Greene, PE, Executive Vice President

College of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering '03; Muma College of Business, MBA '08

Patel, Greene & Associates is a leader in innovative transportation engineering, planning, environmental and landscape architecture. It provides cost-effective engineering solutions that fit the needs and budget of each project.

# **PBB Enterprises**

Bull leaders: Matt Brookens, CEO and Co-founder Muma College of Business, Marketing '12

#### PBB ENTERPRISES

#### Jeff Bartilucci, CSO and Co-founder

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Criminology '02

PBB Enterprises offers comprehensive real estate services, including brokerage and property management (Agile Group Realty), title and escrow services (Digital Title Solutions) and homeowners insurance (MDRN Insurance), providing a full-service, end-to-end customer experience.

#### Precision Build Companies, LLC Bull leader: Rick Brandt, Chairman

PRECISION BUILD.

College of Arts and Sciences, Economics '91, Life Member

Precision Build is a global leader in storage, structural steel and service solutions for a wide range of industries. It offers design, fabrication, building, maintenance and tailored solutions to help businesses grow.



#### **Priority Marketing**

Bull leader: Teri Hansen, Founder, President and Chief Creative Officer

Muma College of Business, Business '84

Priority Marketing is one of Florida's largest full-service marketing, public relations, advertising and digital marketing agencies. It provides award-winning, strategic marketing services to support clients' business goals and the community's overall economic success.





Muma College of Business, Finance '19, Life Member

Ransome Asset Management is a registered investment advisory firm that manages real estate and public equity investments with a focus on excess return generation using an opportunistic, value-oriented, risk-controlled approach to investment.

# Reed Mawhinney & Link

Bull leader: William Link, Partner

College of Arts and Sciences, Economics and Political Science '00, Life Member

Reed Mawhinney & Link is a Lakeland, Florida-based fullservice law firm that provides trusted legal counsel in the areas of business law, employment law, estate planning, probate administration, litigation and real property.

# Renynold Gosselin and Karen Tillman-Gosselin Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices FLPG

Bull leader: Renynold Gosselin, Partner

Muma College of Business, Accounting '78, Finance '79 and MBA'81, Life Member

Renynold Gosselin and Karen Tillman-Gosselin, representing Berkshire Hathaway, have over 25 years of experience providing comprehensive real estate services for buyers and sellers throughout the Tampa Bay area.

# Securance Consulting

Bull leader: Paul Ashe, President

Muma College of Business, Accounting '97 and MAcc '98

Securance Consulting, a cybersecurity and IT risk management firm, delivers independent assessments of enterprise technology. It has helped more than 500 organizations manage technology risks, secure data and systems, and comply with privacy and security regulations.

# **Senior Smiles Dentistry**

Bull leader: Mike Pilger, CEO

Muma College of Business, Marketing '00

As a senior-focused dental service organization, Senior Smiles Dentistry is a leader in comprehensive dental care, offering a wide range of services, including preventative, general, cosmetic, restorative and specialty dentistry.











**Bull leaders: Samuel Barrington, President** 

College of Arts and Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies '12; Muma College of Business, MBA '21



Muma College of Business, Management '11 and MBA '13

#### Kedine Johns, Compliance Manager

College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology '05; College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, MSW'08

Sky Limit supports a wide range of projects in construction, infrastructure and industrial sectors. It works closely with general contractors to deliver turnkey solutions that keep projects on schedule and in compliance with the highest standards.

#### Summit Cancer Care

Bull leader: Alexander Sandberg, CEO

College of Public Health, Public Health '13



Summit Cancer Care is the largest, most well-established medical oncology and hematology practice in the Savannah, Georgia, region. It provides care to patients in four locations and through its specialty pharmacy and oral clinical research teams.

# The Baldwin Group (fka Baldwin Risk Partners)

Bull leaders: Elizabeth Krystyn, Founding Partner Muma College of Business, Finance '87, Life Member



#### Corbyn Lichon, Chief Accounting Officer

Muma College of Business, Accounting '13, Life Member

The Baldwin Group, and its affiliates, is an independent insurance distribution firm. It delivers bespoke client solutions, providing indispensable expertise and insights, and giving clients the confidence to pursue their purpose, passion and dreams.

#### The Candle Pour

#### **Bull leaders: Misty Akers, Co-founder**

Muma College of Business, Management Information Systems '01, Life Member



Muma College of Business, Marketing '10, Life Member

The Candle Pour, founded in 2019, is Tampa's first pour-yourown custom candle experience. A venue for group experiences, it fosters connections through custom fragrances. It has three Tampa Bay area locations.







# Traumatic Brain Diagnostics Bull leader: Dr. Edward Leonard, CEO

College of Arts and Sciences, Biology '02, Life Member

Traumatic Brain Diagnostics offers neurologic diagnostics and treatment for concussions and brain injuries, focusing on underdiagnosed headaches and dizziness, especially for athletes and car accident victims. It has four brain labs in the Tampa Bay area.



#### Veith Engineering & Business Solutions Bull leader: Bryan Veith, CEO/Principal Consultant

College of Engineering, MCE '99, Life Member

Veith Engineering & Business Solutions is a Sarasotabased consulting firm founded in 2019, providing civil and environmental engineering, utility management and business solutions for public and private clients across Florida.



VEITH ENGINEERING

#### Watermelon Swim

#### Bull leader: Micha Seal, CEO and Owner

College of Education, Childhood Education '94, Life Member

Watermelon Swim is a learn-to-swim company that teaches swimming, safety and survival to all ages. Its mission is to grow a community of safer swimmers and reduce risks while increasing confidence in and around water.

# Wey Engineering, PLLC

Bull leaders: Matthew G. Wey, President

College of Engineering, Civil Engineering '97 and MSCE'00



#### Donald Skelton, Jr., Associate Vice President

College of Engineering, Civil Engineering '17

Wey Engineering, an engineering consulting firm, provides quality traffic engineering, multi-modal transportation planning, roadway design, environmental, and project development and environment services to the Florida Department of Transportation, counties and municipal agencies in the Tampa Bay region.



# Life Membership

A prestigious group of alumni and friends who LOVE USF and are dedicated to supporting its ongoing success. Life Membership helps protect USF, increases the value of your degree and contributes to the educational enrichment of future generations of Bulls.

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# Celebrating Bulls Who Go the Extra Mile

The 2025 USF Fast 56 winners inspire us with their passion, innovation and impact as leaders of the most successful companies owned or led by USF alumni. They truly embody what it means to go above and beyond. Regions Bank is proud to recognize the **Extra** in all the winners, because it's the same **Extra** we strive for in everything we do. Congratulations!

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# **USF Fast 56 Awards Class of 2025 Winner**

For more than 23 years, Securance Consulting has helped organizations in the public and private sectors identify IT risks, improve cyber resilience, and safeguard critical information.

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> With appreciation, **Richard Mendez** Fast 56 Scholar '26 B.S. Information Science



