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ALUMNI AWARDS

October 15

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Honors College

Zimmerman Family Foundation Atrium



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Debra Eriksen, '83 and Ken Eriksen, '84

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

WELCOME

Savannah Woods, '27

President of the Order of the Golden Brahman

Bill McCausland, MBA '96

Vice President and Executive Director

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UNIVERSITY REMARKS

Juan Soltero, '10

Chair, USF Alumni Association Board of Directors

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PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF '56 AND DONALD A. GIFFORD SERVICE AWARDS

Dinner

PRESENTATION OF USF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Singing of *USF Alma Mater*

Led by the Judy Genshaft Honors College Honors Choir

CLASS OF '56 AWARD

Recognizing non-USF graduates who have provided outstanding service to USF and the Tampa Bay community



Robert "Bob" Donaldson

Bob Donaldson is the former vice president of manufacturing at Maxi-Blast Inc., a global leader in plastic media blasting, a process that uses small plastic pellets to clean, smooth and strip coatings from manufactured parts. Originally from Indiana, Donaldson moved to Florida in 1977 to build the company, then known as Econo-Blast.

A proud Iron Bull, Donaldson has been among USF's most steadfast champions for nearly 50 years, supporting USF Athletics and multiple colleges. He served on the USF Foundation Board of Directors for nine years, contributing to the board's finance and nominating committees.

He and his wife, Lynn, have four children. Their family name graces the Donaldson Deck, which overlooks the USF baseball and softball fields. Donaldson also sits on the board for Canterbury School of Florida.



DONALD A. GIFFORD SERVICE AWARD

*Recognizing USF alumni who have provided
countless hours of service to USF*

Bill Mariotti is the retired president and CEO of four Mariotti companies — Site Development, Asphalt, Utilities and Properties — whose family enterprise has been a fixture of the Sarasota community since 1952. Recognized multiple times in Marquis Who's Who and a former president of the Sarasota Site Contractors Association, Mariotti built a thriving, multi-faceted business while maintaining a steadfast commitment to his community and to USF.

A USF Foundation Board member and former Alumni Association Board member, he has established a large portfolio of named scholarships and endowments at USF spanning business, nursing, music, athletics and medicine. Mariotti is also a USF Fraternity and Sorority Hall of Fame inductee, a member of the School of Hospitality and Sport Management Advisory Board, and a three-time USF Fast 56 honoree.



Bill Mariotti

Business Administration '15



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

*Recognizing USF alumni who have achieved
the pinnacle of success in their careers*



Tony Giarratana
Finance '80

Tony Giarratana is a visionary real estate developer who, over the last four decades, has transformed the Nashville, Tennessee, skyline and the way people live downtown.

The son of first-generation Italian immigrants, Giarratana grew up in Clearwater before making his way to Nashville, where he founded Giarratana Development LLC in 1986. He has since completed 24 projects, pioneering the city's first high-rise apartments and condominiums. His 45-story 505 is Nashville's tallest residential tower; his 60-story Paramount will be Tennessee's tallest building.

Named to the Nashville Business Journal's Power 100 and one of The Tennessean's 2023 Persons of the Year, Giarratana serves on the boards of Lipscomb University, the Nashville Symphony and Vanderbilt's Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. He is also a founding member of USF's President's Global Leadership Council.



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Bob Glaser is president, CEO and broker of record at Smith & Associates Real Estate, Tampa Bay's largest independent real estate brokerage and the No. 1 broker above the \$1 million price point in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

Since acquiring Smith & Associates Real Estate in 1994, he has grown it into the region's largest independent brokerage — with more than 300 agents, six offices and over \$2 billion in annual sales across the Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater markets.



Bob Glaser

Management and Organization '77

In 2020, Glaser established the Smith & Associates Real Estate Foundation, directing its resources toward emerging nonprofits. A generous supporter of the USF St. Petersburg campus and university programs spanning the arts, athletics and business, he has also lent his expertise to the development of USF's new real estate curriculum.



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Wendi Goodson-Celerin
Nursing '88, MS '98 and DNP '18

Wendi Goodson-Celerin is a nursing executive whose nearly four-decade career at Tampa General Hospital (TGH) — from bedside nurse to executive vice president and chief nursing executive — reflects her relentless drive to elevate the profession she has loved since childhood.

Goodson-Celerin joined TGH in 1988 and has held various leadership roles throughout her career. Her tenure has been distinguished by landmark achievements: leading TGH to its fifth consecutive Magnet designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, achieved by less than 2% of U.S. hospitals; reducing nurse turnover and vacancy rates; and spearheading a complete nurse manager redesign in less than nine months.

Named a Chief Nursing Officer to Know by Becker's Hospital Review in 2023 and 2024, she also serves as the USF College of Nursing's assistant dean of academic-practice partnerships.



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Averill Summer is an accomplished piano soloist and associate professor emeritus in the USF School of Music whose artistry and dedication have resonated in the Tampa Bay arts community for more than five decades.

Summer joined USF in 1973, and throughout her 37-year career, she served as head of the piano faculty and played an instrumental role in the USF School of Music earning its All-Steinway designation. As a performer, she appeared as a guest soloist with the Florida Orchestra and the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra.

In 1989, she founded the Tampa Bay Children's Chorus, directing it for 25 years and taking it to Carnegie Hall, Vienna and Scotland. In 2008, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio honored her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her contributions to the city's cultural life.



Averill Summer
Music Education and
Piano Performance '65



PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

NAME	AWARD YEAR				
John Angus Anderson	1976	Richard W. Rahn	1982	Richard “Gil” Kerlikowske Jr.	2014
Ida Speed Baker	1976	Anthony “Tony” LaRussa Jr.	1983	George D. Morgan	2015
Franklin N. Biggins	1976	Lesley J. Miller Jr.	1983	Lynn Pippenger	2015
Robert Besserer	1976	Jack H. Boyd Jr.	1984	Catherine Peek McEwen	2016
Sylvia “Alfonso” Carra	1976	Ann Winch	1984	Joe Guidry	2016
Harrison W. Fox	1976	Charles Gibson Jr.	1985	Gordon Gillette	2016
George Gatewood	1976	Dr. Anila Jain	1985	John Kirby	2017
Donald A. Gifford	1976	Jon E. Cornell	1986	Dr. Brian Williams	2017
Anthony Girgenti	1976	Steve Oscher	1987	Dennis Zank	2017
David Hackston	1976	Elizabeth Lindsay	1988	Bhagwati “B.P.” Agrawal	2018
Barbara D. Jensen	1976	Richard Oppel	1989	Dave Hilfman	2018
Dudley Disoway Johnson	1976	John Thomas Herndon	1990	Rhea Law	2018
Glenda F. Lentz	1976	John W. Holloway	1991	Joanna Fowler	2019
Dorothy M.N. McClellan	1976	R. Patrick Hill	1992	Gilbert King	2019
H. Lee Moffitt	1976	Ann Liguori	1993	Geraldine Twine	2019
Carol Oditz	1976	Eddie Carpenter	1994	Tina P. Johnson	2020
Ray V. Pottorf	1976	Dennis Ross	1995	Richard King	2020
Gus Sakakis	1976	Dennis Alvarez	1996	Carrie Williams Nero	2021
Roger P. Stewart	1976	Phoebe Irby	1997	Ernest P. Boger II	2022
James H.P. Woodroffe III	1976	Barbara Samson	1998	Ken Eriksen	2022
Sandra Helen Wilson	1977	John Ramil	1999	Michael Rao	2022
Steven A. Anderson	1978	Richard L. Brown	2000	J. Michelle Childs	2023
Frank Caldwell	1978	Dr. Mohinder “Mona” Jain	2001	Nicholas Cox	2023
John A. Grant Jr.	1978	Raymond O. Gross	2002	Steve Presley	2023
M. Dennis McGarry	1978	Kerry Sanders	2003	Tamsen Fadal	2024
Robert B. Pettyjohn	1978	Pamela Wisne	2004	Anthony R. James	2024
J.L. Richards Jr.	1978	Barbara Parker	2005	James “Jay” Nault	2024
Patricia Glass	1979	Dr. Rony Francois	2006	Rick Brandt	2025
Michael Ledbetter	1979	Jordan Zimmerman	2007	Beatriz “Gigi” Fernández	2025
Anna Marie Terry	1979	Dr. Patrick Benz	2008	Teresa “Gayle” Sheppard	2025
Augusta Edwards Thomas	1979	Dr. Lee Kump	2009		
Joseph Tomaino	1979	Dr. Emilio Gonzalez	2010		
Mary Jean Etten	1980	Thomas Kennedy	2011		
James B. Loper	1980	David Mearns	2011		
Ann McKeel Ross	1980	Leslie “Les” M. Muma	2012		
L. Raymond Fleming	1981	Robert B. Carter	2013		
Lois Nixon	1981	Kimberly A. Ross	2013		
Michael A. Arnold	1982	Joel “Joie” Chitwood III	2014		
		Pam Iorio	2014		

PAST DONALD A. GIFFORD AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	AWARD YEAR	Robert “Bob” Bretnall	2003	José Valiente	2016
Andy Mintzer	1991	Roger Frazee	2004	Joan “Sudsy” Tschiderer	2017
L. Raymond Fleming	1992	Ann Wilkins Duncan	2005	Thomas G. Gates	2018
Ken Rollins	1993	Raymond O. Gross	2006	Dr. Anila Jain	2019
R. Patrick Hill	1994	Charles Edwin Copeland	2007	Mike Griffin	2020
Tina P. Johnson	1995	Steve Oscher	2008	Stephanie Goforth	2021
Donald A. Gifford	1996	Charles Baumann	2009	Pamela Muma	2022
William Eickhoff	1997	Robert Turner	2010	Stephen Fessler	2023
Richard Brown	1998	Linda Simmons	2011	Byron E. Shinn	2024
Pat Shea	1999	Angie Brewer	2012	H. Ronald Kennedy	2025
Liana Fernandez-Fox	2000	Brian Lamb	2013		
Lee Arnold Jr.	2001	Michele Norris	2014		
John P. Borreca	2002	Richard Lane	2015		

PAST CLASS OF '56 AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	AWARD YEAR	Paul B. Flynn	1985	Alfred Schiff	2006
Ed B. Rood Sr.	1981	Frank Morsani	1986	Alan Bomstein	2007
George Steinbrenner	1981	Betty Castor	1987	Joe Teague	2008
George Strawbridge	1981	T. Terrell Sessums	1988	Olin Mott	2009
June Miller	1981	Joseph F. Busta Jr.	1990	Dean Martin	2010
Jack Harris	1981	Roz Wittcoff	1991	Fred Meyer	2011
Kirby Blankenship	1981	Kay Borkowski	1993	Dr. Roger Monsour	2012
Chester H. Ferguson	1981	Robert Dressler	1993	Carol Morsani	2013
George R. Cooley	1981	Francis Borkowski	1993	Frank J. “Sandy” Rief III	2014
Sam Gibbons	1981	John Lott Brown	1994	Bob McCann	2015
Cecil Mackey	1981	Mandell Hinks Shimberg	1994	E.J. Salcines	2016
John S. Allen	1981	Gus Stavros	1994	Debbie Sembler	2017
Harrison Covington	1982	Theodore “Ted” J. Couch Sr.	1995	Samuel P. Bell	2018
Roy Mumme	1982	Leacy Quinn	1996	Richard “Dick” Beard III	2019
Art Pepin	1982	Jeanne Rozier Winter	1997	Steven Greenbaum	2020
Margaret B. Fisher	1982	Richard Wittcoff	1998	Jeff Vinik	2021
Jack McGriff	1982	Stella Thayer	1999	Gerard “Jerry” Bell	2022
William Reese Smith Jr.	1982	C. W. “Bill” Young	2000	Paulette C. Walker	2023
W. Scott Christopher	1983	John Ruzic	2001	Monica Wooden	2024
Louis Benito	1983	Hernan Leon	2002	David Goldstein	2025
Blair G. Mills	1983	Dr. Kiran C. Patel	2003	Joanne Nelson	2025
Dow F. Sherwood	1983	Richard Gonzmart	2004		
Phyllis Marshall	1984	Victor Leavengood	2005		



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Tampa General congratulates Wendi Goodson-Celerin, our executive vice president and chief nursing executive — and a proud USF alum — on this well-deserved honor.

Wendi has strategically helped guide and inspire our award-winning nursing teams to five consecutive Magnet designations. Her leadership impact is felt throughout our Tampa General family and by all the families we serve.



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CONGRATULATIONS

2026 USF ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



Distinguished Alumni Award

Tony Giarratana
Bob Glaser

Wendi Goodson-Celerin
Averill Summer

Donald A. Gifford Service Award

Bill Mariotti

Class of '56 Award

Bob Donaldson

**Your achievements reflect the very best of
the Bulls spirit.**

Judy Genshaft, President Emerita
Steven Greenbaum, 2020 Class of '56 Award Recipient

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Welcome Home Party

Friday, Oct. 16 | 5-9 p.m.

Sam & Martha Gibbons Alumni Center

Stop by for pre-parade festivities, then watch as tonight's honorees star in the Running of the Bulls Homecoming Parade!

Homecoming Game

Saturday, Oct. 17 | 7 p.m.

Raymond James Stadium

Cheer on the Bulls as they take on Kent State! Be sure to stop by the Alumni Association Spirit Tent before kickoff for free swag.

Learn more at usf.to/homecoming

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