2026

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

ALUMNI AWARDS

October 15

Judy Genshaft Honors College

Zimmerman Family Foundation Atrium

USF Alumni Association

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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
USF Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY REMARKS

Juan Soltero, '10
Chair, USF Alumni Association Board of Directors

Moez Limayem, PhD
USF President

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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.

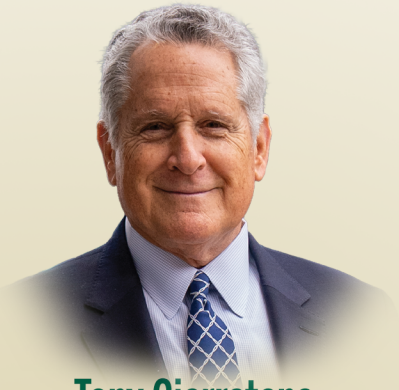


Bill Mariotti
Business Administration '15



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

Management and Organization '77

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.

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

Music Education and Piano Performance ’65

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.



PAST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

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

PAST DONALD A. GIFFORD AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

PAST CLASS OF '56 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

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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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Thou our guide in quest for knowledge
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