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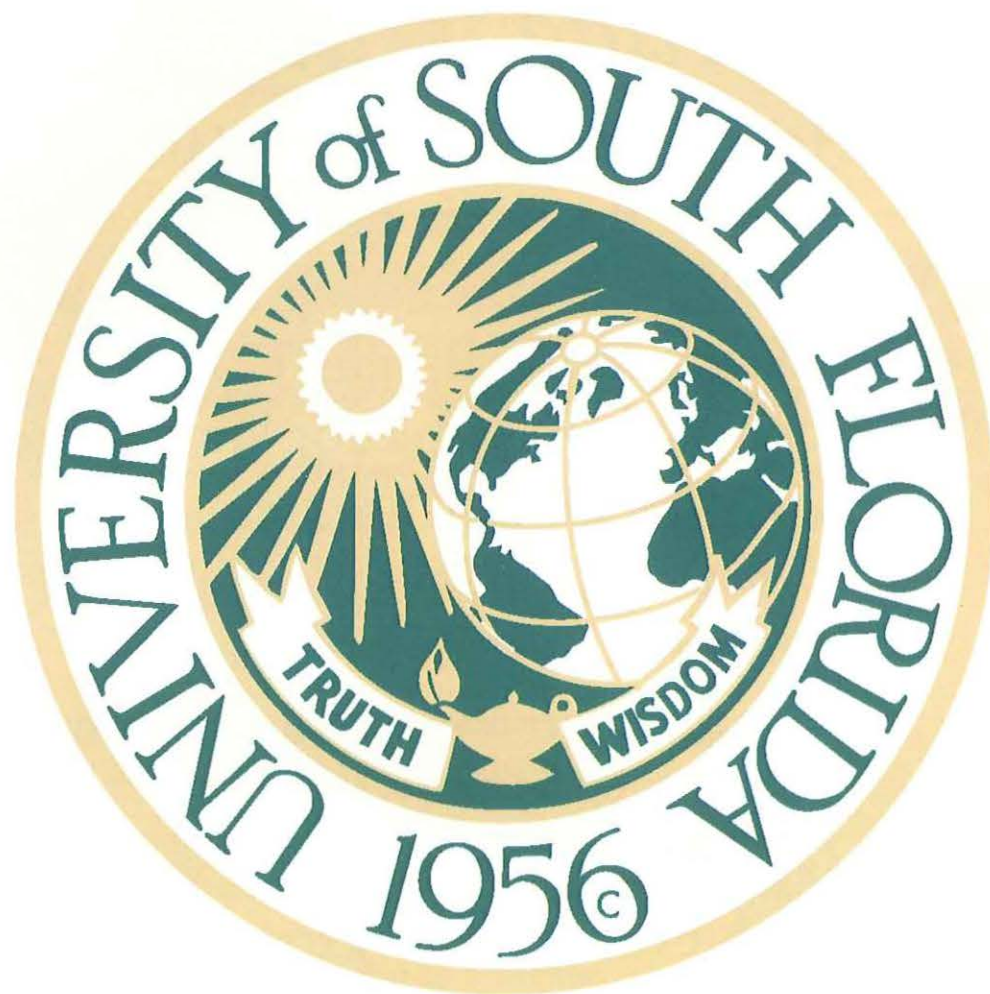
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# *New Student Convocation*



*August 24, 2008*

*Campus Activities Center*

University of South Florida St. Petersburg

# *Alma Mater*

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater  
May thy name be told,  
Where above thy gleaming splendor,  
Waves the green and gold.  
Thou our guide in quest for knowledge.  
Where we all are free  
University of South Florida,  
Alma Mater, Hail to thee!  
Be our guide in truth and wisdom  
As we onward go,  
May thy glory, fame and honor  
Never cease to grow;  
May our thoughts and prayers  
be with thee through eternity,  
University of South Florida,  
Alma Mater, Hail to thee!

# *New Student Convocation*

## *Presiding*

*D. Kent Kelso*, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

## *America the Beautiful*

*Laura Davis*, Class of 2001

## *Welcome*

*Karen A. White*, Chancellor

## *Student Government Welcome*

*Christopher Talley*, Student Government President

## *The Student Experience*

*Shadi Fackih*, Student Leader of the Year, Class of 2008

## *Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

*David Carr*, Chair of the Faculty Senate

## *Keynote Speaker*

*Margaret Hewitt*, Associate Professor

## *Significance of the University Seal*

*Norine Noonan*, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## *Presentation to Students*

*Karen A. White*, Chancellor

## *Alma Mater*

*Laura Davis*, Class of 2001

Guests are requested to stand for the processional, the alma mater, and the platform party's recessional.

## *Reception*

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