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### Pinellas Alumni

The USF Alumni Association Pinellas County Chapter honored alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, the university, and the community in 2000. **Fay Baynard '66**, sales representative for Florencia Residential Towers, received the Community Leadership Award. Sheriff **Everett S. Rice '75** and Lorian Williams, president for Chaslo Merchandising & Printing received Professional Achievement awards. **William Eickhoff '69 '73**, chairman of Eickhoff, Peiper & Willoughby Investment Counseling Firm, and U.S. Congressman **C.W. "Bill" Young** received USF Campus Service awards. **Peggy Sanchez Mills**, executive director for YWCA of Tampa Bay, received the USF Bayboro Award. The St. Petersburg Times and the City of St. Petersburg received Corporate Campus Service.

### Sarasota/Manatee Alumni

The USF Alumni Association Sarasota-Manatee County Chapter named its 2000 distinguished alumni award winners. **Marjorie Kinnan '69**, a retired Manatee County School Board member who is active with the American Association of University Women, and **Charles T. Polis '84**, financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, received the Community Leadership Award. **Deb Torine Bryan '93**, an English teacher at Sarasota's Booker High School, and **Elizabeth Vargas Dowdy '85 '98**, chairwoman for Manatee

Community College's Department of English Reading and Foreign Languages, received Professional Achievement Awards. **Ellen J. Campbell '86**, executive director for Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee County, and **Karen E. Rushing '81**, Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller, received the Dean's Award.

### Business Administration Alumni

The College of Business Administration honored three alumni for 2000. **Mike Mashke '88**, president of the Carrollwood Branch of Mercantile Bank, won Young Alumnus of the Year. **Elaine Christy-Myrback**, president of Employer Management Solutions in Tampa, was named Entrepreneur of the Year. **John R. Patrick '71**, vice president for Internet technology for IBM in Somers, N.Y., received the Executive of the Year award.

### Outstanding Senior

**Elsi Rodriguez** is the spring 2000 Outstanding Senior, an award presented each semester by the Alumni Association board of directors to recognize achievements in the academic, social and cultural affairs of the university. Elsi is now working on a master's degree at Purdue University as one of ten students nationwide chosen by Sandia National Labs to complete a master's degree in one year then work for Sandia.

### King-O'Neal Awards

The Alumni Association presented 18 graduates with King-O'Neal Awards during the May 2000 commencement.

## A winning combination

The USF Alumni Association presented its annual awards to three individuals who have distinguished themselves in their professional and civic lives and given back to the university.



**Richard Brown '67** was named winner of the 2000 Distinguished Alumnus Award. An accountant, Brown has been involved in the USF Alumni Association and USF Foundation since 1985. He has served in numerous key positions, including president for each group.

**Liana Fox '80**, a math educator in Hillsborough County, received the 2000 Donald A. Gifford Alumni Service Award, which was renamed in memory of one of USF's closest friends who died last year. Fox is involved with many Tampa Bay organizations, from the League of Women Voters to the Greater Tampa Urban League. She has also been president of the USF Alumni Association, a member of the USF Foundation Board and served on several USF presidential search committees. She was named Tampa Hispanic Heritage Woman of the Year in 1993 and 1997.



**Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young** received the 2000 Class of 1956 Award, which honors friends of USF. Young has served in Congress more than 30 years and has been a major force in funding USF research initiatives, from H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to the College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg. He also helped secure funding USF's Center for Biological Defense and Center for Defense Preparedness and Humanitarian Assistance.

The King-O'Neal Award is given each semester to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average during his or her college career at USF. It is named for the university's first two graduates, Lucas King and Evelyn O'Neal.

The May 2000 award winners are: **Jennifer Rebecca S. Ascher, Tonya DeAnn**

**Bredamus, Renae Clawson, Miguel Collazo III, Grigorios Delaportas, Ewa Kolanko, Elizabeth Marie Lentz, Erika Angela Occhipinti, Goksin Mebrure Ozkarahan, Evelyn Patellis, Janet Denise Peterson, Kimberly Sue Rogers, Michael Scott Portillo, Renee Rokicki, Maryellen J. Shaffer, Natalie Erin Shoaf, Vicki Jean Scott and Daniel Brian Stevens.**