Reception to Honor USF Town & Gown President

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Carol Lonquist Russell, president of Town and Gown of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, has been selected as a finalist for the Community Service Woman of the Year award, one of the Women of Distinction Awards presented annually by the Women's Council of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

The community service award recognizes women who have demonstrated a lasting and positive contribution to the community.

The winner will be announced at the 2003 Women's Symposium on Friday, March 21, 2003 at the Coliseum. Guest speaker at the symposium will be Madame Jehan Sadat, international peace activist and proponent of women's rights.

Russell will be honored at a reception at the Florida International Museum on Thursday, March 20, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Cost for the reception is $15 and includes admission to the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery Exhibit, "Women of Our Time," a photographic collection of women who have shaped America.

Russell, a founding member of the USF St. Petersburg Town and Gown, has extensive involvement with organizations throughout Pinellas County in the education, philanthropic, artistic and youth arenas. She served as president of the Junior League of St. Petersburg, where she managed 700 volunteers. She has been a board member of the Pinellas County Education Foundation, Great Explorations, the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund and the Coalition of Opera Lovers. She has served as both president and a trustee for the Mahaffey Theater Foundation.

In addition, she has been a mentor to local youth and has served on committees for organizations ranging from CASA to Canterbury School. She works with her husband in their business, All American Mortgage Company.

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