



## Academic Convocation

Wednesday, September 7, 2005  
11:30 am

Campus Activities Center  
USF St. Petersburg

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Today's guest speaker, Nancy Belck, Ph.D., has served as the Chancellor of University of Nebraska Omaha since 1997, where her goal is to emphasize quality by prioritizing for excellence. Her administrative philosophy centers on proactive leadership, shared faculty governance, active listening, cooperation and collegiality.



Prior to her current position, Belck served as the chancellor of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as well as the provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Louisiana State University, Shreveport. She also held administrative and faculty positions at Central Michigan University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Arizona, and Michigan State University.

A specialist in strategic and long-range program planning, Belck has provided expertise and leadership to more than 40 universities and professional organizations during the past decade. Her community involvement spans from past president of the Coalition of Urban Metropolitan Universities and past chair American Association of State Colleges and Universities Urban/Metropolitan Commission to past chair of the NCAA Presidents Council.

Belck earned her bachelor's in secondary teacher education summa cum laude from Louisiana Tech University (Ruston), her master's in textile science from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville), and her doctorate in family ecology and communication from Michigan State University.

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**Welcome**

V. Mark Durand  
Regional Vice Chancellor  
for Academic Affairs

**System Update**

Judy L. Genshaft  
President  
University of South Florida System

**Introduction of Speaker**

Karen A. White  
Regional Chancellor  
University of South Florida St. Petersburg

**Guest Speaker**

Nancy Belck  
Chancellor  
University of Nebraska at Omaha

**Awards Presentation**

**Teaching, Research, and  
Professional Service**

Gary Mormino  
Frank E. Duckwall Professor of History  
Chair of Academic Awards Committee

USF St. Petersburg is a rapidly growing, urban campus of the University of South Florida, a Carnegie-designated Doctoral/Research Extensive University. More than 4,600 students are enrolled in 26 undergraduate and 12 graduate degree programs through the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education.

The campus is home to the nationally renowned College of Marine Science and the Children's Research Institute of USF's College of Medicine. Our community partners include the Florida Humanities Council, the USGS Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Institute of Oceanography, which are also located on campus.

Our close-knit learning community offers small classes and the chance for students to know their professors. Our campus is committed to excellence in research collaboration, interdisciplinary perspectives, university-community partnerships, and a student-centered environment supportive of diversity. USF St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront campus resides within St. Petersburg's downtown area featuring waterfront parks, shops, restaurants, arts galleries, museums and performing arts and sports venues.

