



Dear graduates,

All of the hours, all of the late nights and early mornings, all of the sacrifices you made over the past few years have led you here. To this day, this stage, this moment. This ceremony represents the culmination of each of the individual decisions you made – day in and day out – to keep reaching for your goals.

But today is more than a closing of a chapter. Today represents continual growth in your chosen craft. Today honors the life-changing insights you've gained by engaging in dialogue with others of differing viewpoints. Today knows that you will be empowered by your confidence, and today knows you are only limited by your wildest dreams. It is because you are here, and because again and again you made the choice to reach higher, and because you know that today is just the beginning.

May today's celebration be not of what's behind you, but of the incredible potential ahead. May today you toast to the challenges you'll face head-on; To the problems you will solve; To the opportunities you'll have to make life better, to change the world.

May you continue to embrace every challenge that comes your way. May your growth never cease. May your journey take you all over the world, and may you always find a way back to USF.

Congratulations, and GO BULLS!

JUDY GENSHAFT, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SYSTEM



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
116TH COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

FALL GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SYSTEM

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida is a multicampus system comprising three separately accredited institutions, USF, USF St. Petersburg, and USF Sarasota-Manatee. The USF System has an annual budget of \$1.8 billion, an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion and offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. Serving nearly 48,000 students, USF is large and diverse with students from every state and nearly 160 different countries. More than 30 percent are African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American and other races and ethnicities.

USF is the doctoral granting, research intensive member of the USF System and it includes the main campus in Tampa, its College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg and USF Health. USF is ranked 25th in the nation for research expenditures, among public U.S. universities and is also one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

USF St. Petersburg offers master's level and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a student-centered environment. The first regional institution in the USF System with independent accreditation, USFSP distinguishes itself by its urban waterfront location

in downtown St. Petersburg and its focus on undergraduate research, civic engagement and small classes. Most faculty members hold the highest degree in their field and teach courses from the freshman to graduate level. USFSP retains its separate identity and mission while contributing to and benefiting from the associations, cooperation, and shared resources of a premier national research university.

USF Sarasota-Manatee is the second regional institution in the USF System to earn an independent accreditation. USFSM strives to be a hometown, comprehensive university with ever-increasing national and global impact. The USF Sarasota-Manatee campus is located on U.S. 41 near Sarasota Bay, the Powell Crosley Mansion, the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art, and the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. USFSM offers over forty bachelor's degree, master's degree and certificate programs in four colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, and Hospitality and Technology Leadership. USFSM provides students with individualized attention from nationally and internationally recognized faculty while capitalizing on the resources of a major public research university.

The USF System member institutions span the Tampa Bay region; however, true to their differentiated missions, the member institutions collectively provide educational services across the state of Florida and beyond.

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THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING

Modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of apparel worn by monks and students in the 11th and 12th centuries to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied. Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages — first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, and the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master. Their dress was the outward sign of stature and responsibility. Academic regalia was thus a visible manifestation — in color, pattern and design — that unified those of common discipline and like purpose. In later centuries, to preserve the regalia's dignity and meaning, universities set rules of academic dress. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895, establishing a code of approved attire. In 1932, the American Council on Education revised this code, which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today. The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

THE GOWN — The gown has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing. The sleeves of the gown indicate the level of the degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates the bachelor's degree. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve cut in an arc, with a slit at either the upper arm or wrist. The USF doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and three black bars on the sleeve. The doctoral robe also has the seal of the university on the velvet facing.

THE CAP — The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square symbolizing the book, although other authorities claim that it is a mortar board, the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline. The tassels on the caps (mortar boards) worn by the faculty may be black or a color indicating the degree. Those who hold a doctoral degree may wear a gold tassel. It is traditional for degree candidates to wear their tassels on the right and for those holding degrees to wear them on the left. Graduates transfer their tassels to the left after conferring of the degrees by the President.



THE MACE — The USF Mace, used during all Commencement ceremonies, is a ceremonial staff similar to those used by many institutions of higher learning to show the right of academic institutions to grant degrees to graduates. The USF mace is used during all Commencement ceremonies and is carried by the President of the Faculty Senate. Our mace includes a gold pine cone at its top to represent growth and continuity. Eight silver semicircles, which support the pine cone, stand for the eight colleges in existence at USF when the mace was commissioned in 1998. When not in use, today's mace is displayed in the foyer of the President's office. The original university mace is on display in the Alumni Center.

THE MEDALLION — The medallion worn by candidates for the bachelor's degree identify those graduating with honors based upon GPA.

THE SASH — The golden-colored sash is made available to students who are members of university honors societies. The sash is embroidered with the university seal and the student's

honors society. International students may choose to wear a special sash honoring their home country. The colors of their sash reflect the colors of their native flags.

THE HOOD — The hoods are lined with the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. They are edged and bound with velvet of the color appropriate for the degree. At USF, the lining of the hood is green with a gold chevron, representing the university's colors.

THE COLORS — In regalia, academic disciplines are noted by color. These colors can be found on undergraduate and masters tassels and on master and doctorate hoods on the velvet edging.

- Apricot — Nursing
- Blue (dark) — Philosophy (doctorate)
- Blue (light) — Education
- Blue (peacock) — Public Administration
- Blue (Rhodes) — Audiology
- Brown — Visual and Performing Arts
- Citron — Social Work, Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- Crimson — Advertising, Journalism and Mass Communications
- Copper — Economics
- Drab — Business
- Gold — Psychology
- Green (Kelly) — Medicine
- Green (olive) — Pharmacy
- Green (sage) — Political Science (masters)
- Orange — Engineering
- Pink — Music
- Salmon — Public Health
- Scarlet — Religious Studies
- Science Gold — Anthropology, Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Criminology, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Gerontology, Health Sciences, Information Technologies, Medical Science (masters), Medical Technology, Mathematics, Marine Science, Physics, Speech Pathology, Statistics
- Silver — Speech Communications
- Teal — Physical Therapy
- Violet — Architecture
- White — Arts and Letters and Humanities, including African Studies, American Studies, Applied Linguistics, Art and Art History, Classics, English, Foreign Language, General Studies, History, Interdisciplinary Social Science, International Studies, Liberal Studies, Linguistics, Political Science, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies
- Yellow (lemon) — Library Science
- Yellow (pineapple) — Hotel and Restaurant Management



ORDER OF EXERCISES

Judy Genshaft, Presiding

Saturday, December 8, 2018 6:00 p.m.
116th Commencement Convocation

PROCESSIONAL (*please stand*)

CEREMONY OPENING

Timothy Boaz, USF Tampa Faculty Senate President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Logan Mies, College of The Arts

PLATFORM INTRODUCTIONS
AND PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President Judy Genshaft

STUDENT WELCOME

Ashlee Painter, Patel College of Global Sustainability

HONORARY DEGREE

Ralph Wilcox, Provost, presenting Cheryl Brown Henderson

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

Dwayne Smith, Dean, Graduate Studies

CONFERRING OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

President Judy Genshaft

PRESENTATION OF SPECIALIST
AND MASTER'S DEGREES
(*Listed in college alphabetical order*)

Dwayne Smith, Dean, Graduate Studies
Randy Larsen, Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences
Julianne Serovich, Dean, Behavioral and Community Sciences
Moez Limayem, Dean, Business
Robert Knoeppel, Dean, Education
Robert Bishop, Dean, Engineering
Govindan Parayil, Dean, Global Sustainability
Jacqueline Dixon, Dean, Marine Science
Charles Lockwood, Dean, Medicine
Victoria Rich, Dean, Nursing
Shyam Mohapatra, Associate Dean, Pharmacy
Donna Petersen, Dean, Public Health
Barton Lee, Associate Dean, The Arts

CONFERRING OF SPECIALIST
AND MASTER DEGREES

President Judy Genshaft

ALMA MATER

Logan Mies, College of The Arts

CLOSING/RECESSIONAL

Timothy Boaz

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Robert Edmiston, Heewon Gray, Karla Maldonado,
Travis Miller, Erik Rauch, Kimberly Read, Paul Schnitzler
and Larry Todd

Interpreters

Caleigh Collins and Clint Stinson



CHERYL BROWN-HENDERSON HONORARY DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

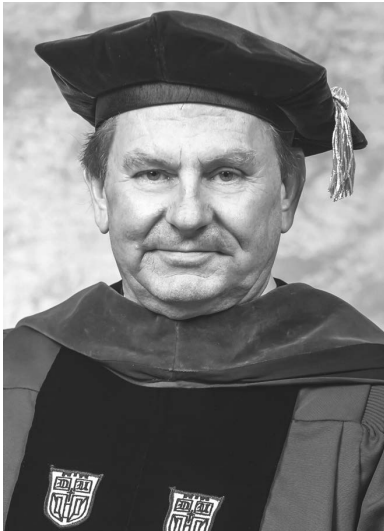
Cheryl Brown-Henderson is one of the three daughters of the late Rev. Oliver L. Brown, who in 1950 filed suit against the local Board of Education against segregated schools, along with 12 other parents and led by attorneys for the NAACP. Their case became known as the landmark decision, “Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.”

Inspired by her family’s history, Brown-Henderson has devoted her life to education, business and civic leadership. She is the Founding President of the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research, and owner of Brown & Associates, an educational consulting firm.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has provided scholarships to more than 100 minority students, presented awards to local, state and national leaders, established libraries for children in low income communities, developed curriculum for educators across the country and sponsored programs on diversity and educational issues.

Brown-Henderson began working with the USF College of Education in 2000. The partnership has yielded cross-disciplinary research and community engagement initiatives. Among others, she has given well-attended keynote speeches to the university, public school and business audiences in Tampa. She has contributed to Diversity Committee work and the doctoral program in Special Education, as well, the Presidential Advisory Committee on Black Affairs, the Black Faculty and Staff Association, and the Institute on Black Life.

Her education includes a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Baker University, a Master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from Emporia State University and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Washburn University.



M. DWAYNE SMITH
DEAN, OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation today from the University of South Florida. It is an honor for me to acknowledge your great success and receipt of your graduate degree. You can be proud of your degree from the University of South Florida as we continue to climb in national and international prominence for excellence in research, teaching, and community engagement. A major component of the mission of the Office of Graduate Studies is to facilitate the development of present-day and future global leaders – one student at a time.

Today, you represent how that mission is being achieved. Through your work and accomplishments here as students and now graduates, we thank you for strengthening our ability as a university to demonstrate student success. I encourage you to continue your quest for excellence and become the leaders who will transform the world. You now join over 300,000 USF alumni who represent every state and nearly 160 nations. I hope you will be an active alumnus and let us know of your future accomplishments. Congratulations again and best wishes for the stellar future I know you have.

Sincerely,

M. DWAYNE SMITH, SENIOR VICE PROVOST AND
DEAN, OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES



MERRITT MARTIN

USF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAIR

Congratulations! Today is your first day as a USF alumnus, a distinction you have earned and will proudly hold for the rest of your life. It is a special day for you and the friends and family who supported you.

Since the first graduating class in 1963, USF alumni have brought honor and distinction to the university in many areas, including medicine, business, law, the arts, public service, technology, engineering and education. With each passing year — and graduating class — the university's stature grows as its alumni are recognized across the state and nation, and around the world.

From this day forward, you will carry on that tradition. Wherever your future takes you, you'll carry with you the distinguished reputation of a world-class university. I personally invite and encourage you to stay connected to your Alma Mater through the USF Alumni Association. Your membership connects you with your fellow Bulls and creates meaningful ways for all of us to: promote and protect USF, share your USF pride, stay connected and make an impact, and help USF succeed.

Take full advantage of your first year complimentary USF Alumni Association membership by getting involved in your local chapter and your college alumni society.

We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments you and your family celebrate today. With your degree and educational experiences to reflect on, you are now truly Unstoppable!

In Bull Pride,

MERRITT MARTIN, '04, MPA '06
CHAIR, USF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



DEGREES FROM THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

M. Dwayne Smith, Senior Vice Provost & Dean, the Office of Graduate Studies

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORATE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Eric Eisenberg, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Michael Acheampong, Geography & Environmental Science & Policy
B.S., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
M.S., Halmstad University
Dissertation: *Assessing the Impacts of Ghana's Oil and Gas Industry on Ecosystem Services and Smallholder Livelihoods*
Major Professor(s): Fenda Akiwumi, Ph.D.

Elsayed Ahmed, Mathematics
B.S., Mansoura University
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Groups Generated by Automata Arising from Transformations of the Boundaries of Rooted Trees*
Major Professor(s): Dmytro Savchuk, Ph.D.

Haili Alcorn, English
B.A., University of South Florida
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Beauty and the Beasts: Making Places with Literary Animals of Florida*
Major Professor(s): Laura Runge, Ph.D.

Ryan Anderson, Chemistry
B.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Fatty Acid Amides and Their Biosynthetic Enzymes Found in Insect Model Systems*
Major Professor(s): David Merkler, Ph.D.

Sara Arias-Steele, Applied Anthropology
B.A., Columbia University
M.S., Boston University
Dissertation: *Resolviendolo or "Making it Work" with a Fist: Resilience and Agency Amongst Hispanic Teens Regarding Self, Neighborhood, and Aspirations Living in Low-Income Neighborhoods*
Major Professor(s): David Himmelgreen, Ph.D.

Nathan Barrick, Government
B.S., United States Military Academy
M.A., Stanford University
Dissertation: *For the Common Defense*
Major Professor(s): Jongseok Woo, Ph.D.

Sumayah Batwa, Mathematics
B.S., King Abdulaziz University
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Lump Solutions and Riemann-Hilbert Approach to Soliton Equations*
Major Professor(s): Wen-Xiu Ma, Ph.D.

Tanya Beck, Geology
B.S., University of South Florida
M.S., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Tracking Sediment Bypassing, Geomorphological Analysis, and Regional Sediment Management at Tidal Inlets*
Major Professor(s): Ping Wang, Ph.D.

Ashley Buchanan, History
B.A., University of Tampa
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *The Politics of Medicine at the Late Medici Court: The Recipe Collection of Anna Maria Luisa de' Medici (1667-1743)*
Major Professor(s): Giovanna Benadusi, Ph.D. & Anne Koenig, Ph.D.

John Correa, Psychology
B.S., Louisiana State University
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Message Received? The Relationship Between Graphic Warning Labels, Message Framing, and Psychological Responses Among Smokers*
Major Professor(s): Thomas H. Brandon, Ph.D. & Robert C. Schlauch, Ph.D.

Robert Craig, Philosophy
B.A., Stetson University
M.A., Emory University
Ph.D. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Dissertation: *Augustine's Confessions: The Battle Between Two Conversions*
Major Professor(s): Thomas Williams, Ph.D. & Michael DeJonge, Ph.D.

Timothy Curran, English
B.A., Christendom College
M.A., Seton Hall University
Dissertation: *The Medievalizing Process: Religious Medievalism in Romantic and Victorian Literature*
Major Professor(s): Regina Hewitt, Ph.D.

Michael Eduful, Geography & Environmental Science & Policy
B.A., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
M.S., University of Montana
Dissertation: *Access to Safe Water Supply: Management of Catchment for the Protection of Source Water in Ghana*
Major Professor(s): Kamal Alsharif, Ph.D. & Fenda Akiwumi, Ph.D.

Lijuan Feng, Economics
B.S., CE Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China
M.S., CE Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
Dissertation: *Essays in Applied Microeconomics*
Major Professor(s): Gabriel Picone, Ph.D.

Anxhela Gjyshi, Cancer Biology
B.A., University of Florida
M.P.H., University of South Florida
Ph.D., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *MYC Distal Enhancers Underlie Ovarian Cancer Susceptibility at the 8q24.21 Locus*
Major Professor(s): Alvaro Monteiro, Ph.D.

Augustine Israel, Geography & Environmental Science & Policy
B.S., The Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria.
M.S., University of Lagos, Nigeria.
Dissertation: *Measuring Resilience to Natural Disaster: A Case Study of a Nigerian Community After The Great Flood of 2012*
Major Professor(s): Graham Tobin, Ph.D. & Ambe Njoh, Ph.D.

Tyler Keeley, Cancer Biology
B.S., University of New England
Dissertation: *Investigating the Roles of Fucosylation and Calcium Signaling in Melanoma Invasion*
Major Professor(s): Shengyu Yang, Ph.D. & Eric Lau, Ph.D.

Tiffany Lee, Psychology
B.A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Knowledge Sharing Behavior: Clarifying Its Measurement and Antecedents*
Major Professor(s): Michael Coovert, Ph.D.

Catherine Marelia, Cell and Molecular Biology
B.S., Florida State University;
B.S., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Investigation of Anemarrhena Asphodeloides and Its Constituent Timosaponin-AIII as Novel, Naturally Derived Adjunctive Therapeutics for the Treatment of Advanced Pancreatic Cancer*
Major Professor(s): Brant Burkhardt, Ph.D.

Le Meng, Chemistry
B.S., Beijing University of Chemical Technology
Dissertation: *Sorbent Enrichment Performance of Aromatic Compounds from Diluted Liquid Solution*
Major Professor(s): Abdul Malik, Ph.D.

Stefani Milovanska-Farrington, Economics
B.A., American University in Bulgaria
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Essays on Family-Friendly Policies, Child Planning and Children's Early-Age Outcomes*
Major Professor(s): Andrei Barbos, Ph.D.

Scott Neumeister, English
B.A., Duke University
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Border-Crossing Travels Across Literary Worlds: My Shamanic Conscientization*
Major Professor(s): Gary L. Lemons, Ph.D.

Erika Oshiro, Philosophy
B.S., University of Maryland
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *A Historical Approach to Understanding Explanatory Proofs Based on Mathematical Practices*
Major Professor(s): Alexander Levine, Ph.D. & Douglas Jesseph, Ph.D.

Elan Pavlinich, English
B.A., Duquesne University
M.A., Western Michigan University
Dissertation: *Queer Authority in Old and Middle English Literature*
Major Professor(s): Nicole Guenther Discenza, Ph.D.

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B.A., Georgia State University
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Dissertation: *The Performance of Memorialization: The Role of Religion in the Politics of Memory at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys*
Major Professor(s): Antoinette T. Jackson, Ph.D.

Fengyu She, Chemistry
B.S., Zhejiang Sci-Tech University
Dissertation: *Development of Bioactive Peptidomimetics*
Major Professor(s): Jianfeng Cai, Ph.D.

Ma Su, Chemistry
B.S., Xiamen University
Dissertation: *Structure-Based Design, Synthesis and Applications of a New Class of Peptidomimetics: -AA Peptides and Their Derivatives*
Major Professor(s): Jianfeng Cai, Ph.D.

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B.A., University of South Florida
M.A., BMH University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Star Power, Pandemics, and Politics: The Role of Cultural Elites in Global Health Security*
Major Professor(s): M. Scott Solomon, Ph.D.

Santana Thomas, Chemistry
B.S., St. Thomas University
Dissertation: *The Potential of Marine Flora, Fauna and Microbes in Drug Discovery and Development*
Major Professor(s): Bill Baker, Ph.D.

Tiffany Wilgar, English
B.A., University of Nevada Las Vegas
M.A., University of Nevada Las Vegas
Dissertation: *The Spectacle of The Bomb: Rhetorical Analysis of Risk of The Nevada Test Site in Technical Communication, Popular Press, and Pop Culture*
Major Professor(s): Julie Staggers, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Metzger, Ph.D.

Qiuyan Yu, Geography & Environmental Science & Policy
B.S., Lanzhou University
M.S., Beijing Normal University
Dissertation: *Assessing the Cooling Effects of Urban Vegetation on Urban Heat Mitigation in Selected U.S. Cities*
Major Professor(s): Ruiliang Pu, Ph.D.

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES

Julianne Serovich, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Claudia Campos Fleitas, Applied Behavior Analysis
B.A., Florida International University
M.S., Florida International University
Dissertation: *Development and Validation of the Waiting Assessment Interview Tool (WAIT) and Evaluation of Individualized Waiting Durations in Signaled Reinforcement*
Major Professor(s): Sarah E. Bloom, Ph.D.

Leslie Singer, Applied Behavior Analysis
B.A., University of South Florida
M.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Effects of Interspersing Recall Versus Recognition Questions with Response Cards During Lectures on Students' Academic and Participation Behaviors in a College Classroom*
Major Professor(s): Kimberly A. Crosland, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Xigrig Soto, Communication Sciences & Disorders
B.A., University of South Florida
M.S., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Effects of a Phonological Awareness Intervention on Latino Preschooler's Dual Language Emergent Literacy Skills*
Major Professor(s): Howard Goldstein, Ph.D.

MUMA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Moez Limayem, Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Linh Le, Business Administration
B.S., Foreign Trade University
M.S., West Texas A&M University
Dissertation: *Growth Options and Corporate Goodness*
Major Professor(s): Jared Williams, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Gurlivleen Ahuja, Business Administration
M.B.A., Case Western Reserve University
Dissertation: *Healthcare Price Transparency*
Major Professor(s): Carol Saunders, Ph.D. and Jung Chul Park, Ph.D.

Hugh J. Bettendorf, Business Administration
M.B.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Forces Affecting the Survival of Businesses Working in Florida's Economic Zones*
Major Professor(s): Gert-Jan de Vreede, Ph.D. and Jennifer Cainas, DBA

Desmond Marche Bishop III, Business Administration
M.B.A., Florida Institute of Technology
Dissertation: *How to Build a Climate of Quality in a Small to Medium Enterprise. An Action Research Project*
Major Professor(s): Anol Bhattacharjee, Ph.D. and Paul Spector, Ph.D.

Ramil L. Cabela, Business Administration
M.B.A., City University of New York, Baruch College
Dissertation: *Asian Immigrants in Leadership Roles in the United States: Exploration for Leader Development*
Major Professor(s): Carol Stoak Saunders, Ph.D. and Troy A. Montgomery, DBA

Douglas H. Carter, Business Administration
M.B.A., National University
Dissertation: *Locating a New Collegiate Entrepreneurship Program, a Framework for a University Campus*
Major Professor(s): Dirk Libaers, Ph.D. and Gilbert T. Gonzalez, DBA

Clinton E. Daniel, Business Administration
M.S., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *TubeTopic: A System to Capture Latent Topics from User-Generated Video Content in Online Social Networks*
Major Professor(s): Don Berndt, Ph.D. and Alan Hevner, Ph.D.

Priya Dozier, Business Administration
M.B.A., University of South Florida
Dissertation: *Banking on Blockchain: A Study of the Innovation Evaluation Process*
Major Professor(s): Gaole Chen, Ph.D. and Troy Montgomery, DBA

James Edward Fulford Jr., Business Administration
M.B.A., Troy University
Dissertation: *Enhancing the Design of a Cybersecurity Risk Management Solution for Communities of Trust*
Major Professor(s): Alan R. Hevner, Ph.D. and Allen R. DeSerrano, DBA

Carl Edward Gilmore Jr., Business Administration
M.B.A., University of Central Florida
Dissertation: *Does A Student-Athlete's Socioeconomic Status Matter?*
Major Professor(s): Christos Pantzalis, Ph.D. and Dahlia Robinson, Ph.D.

Denise Hunter Gravatt, Business Administration
M.A., Florida Atlantic University
Dissertation: *The Impact of Digital Marketing Decisions on Market Outcomes in Residential Real Estate*
Major Professor(s): Moez Limayem, Ph.D. and Steven Oscher, DBA

Timothy Roy Greer, Business Administration
M.B.A., Quinnipiac University
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