MEET THE AI TEAM

The Academic Initiatives team in Housing & Residential Education is committed to helping students succeed by establishing relationships with faculty and staff in order to maximize the flow of academic resources at the University of South Florida.

Neudy Carolina Nuñez, Program Director for Academic Initiatives & Living Learning Communities

Neudy has been at USF for three years and previously lived in Virginia. She is from Valencia, Venezuela and grew up in Yonkers, NY which makes her a die-hard Yankee fan and pizza lover. She graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor’s Degree in English, a Minor in Mass Communications, a Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration and a Graduate Certificate in African New World Studies. Her passions include cooking, reading, photography and traveling. Her most recent trip to Cuba was filled with lots of learning and adventure. This year Neudy is most excited to support students in their learning and to share with them in their Bull Pride!

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Olivia Moon, Coordinator for Academic Initiatives

Olivia Moon hails from the small beach town of Englewood, Florida. She graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a B.A. in Communication Studies and a minor in Biology. Olivia is also a USF alumni as she completed her Masters of Education with a concentration in College Student Affairs. As a graduate student, Olivia served as the Graduate Assistant for Academic Initiatives in Housing & Residential Education, completed a summer practicum at Wheelock College in Boston, interned with the USF College of Education, served as an advisor for the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). Olivia is currently working on her second year as a Coordinator for Academic Initiatives in Residential Education, and is teaching a section of Academic Foundations.

Olivia is very interested in holistic wellbeing. She is considering pursuing a second Master’s degree in Public Health sometime in the future so she can work in a university wellness center. In her free time, Olivia enjoys watching television shows such as The Bachelor, Game of Thrones, and American Horror Story, cooking healthy vegetarian dishes, exercising, and attending Tampa sporting events! You can usually find her cheering on the USF Football team at Raymond James Stadium. Go Bulls!

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Brandi Crews, Coordinator for Academic Initiatives

Brandi Crews is a native of Florida as she grew up in a small beach town called Fort Walton Beach. She is our newest member to the Academic Initiatives team! Brandi graduated from the University of West Florida with her Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations with a minor in Marketing Applications and a certificate in Leadership Communication. She just graduated with her Masters of Education in College Student Affairs Administration from the University of West Florida in May. For this upcoming year, Brandi is excited to immerse herself in bull pride and help residents succeed academically and personally.

In her free time, Brandi loves to thrift, work on DIY projects, attend music festivals, and travel to new places. Her ultimate goal within the next five years is to backpack in Europe! On the weekend, you can find Brandi at a sport event cheering on the USF Bulls at Raymond James Stadium or watching the Boston Red Sox play the Tampa Bay Rays at Tropicana Field.

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LET ME LEARN TOOL
Have you heard of the Let Me Learn tool? The Let Me Learn tool enables students to understand how they process information, perform learning tasks, and develop a sense of self when engaged in learning tasks that do not come naturally. To understand your learning behavior, the Let Me Learn tool has four different patterns of learning behavior: sequential, precise, technical, and confluent. Through these patterns of learning behavior, professors and students can discuss, value, and respect the variety of different learning patterns to maximize the use of students’ learning combinations.

Interested in learning more about your learning behavior through the Let Me Learn tool? Visit the Academic Success Center located in the Tampa Library, LIB 206.

MEET OUR NEWEST FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE
Faculty-In-Residence (FIRs) are full-time faculty members that reside within the residence halls on campus. FIRs serve as a role model, teacher, and leader within the residential community. These faculty members strive to foster curiosity and involvement in education, different cultures, and service activities outside of the classroom.

Dr. Michael Cross is our newest FIR within Housing & Residential Education. Dr. Cross is an instructor, innovator, and entrepreneur. He earned his Ph.D. in applied physics at the University of South Florida in 2016 and his B.S. in computer science from the University of Texas San Antonio in 2005. Dr. Cross enjoys working with students by integrating high-impact practices within the student experience.

Role at USF: Director, Office for Undergraduate Research
Currently Teaching: IDH 3350 – Natural Sciences: Interdisciplinary Research in Science and IDH 4930 – Innovative Thinking
Resides in: Summit Hall
Signature Programs: “Harrison in the Halls” and anything involving food and cooking!

ACADEMIC RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT
Academic Success Center
Located in: USF Tampa Library, Second Floor, LIB 206

Tutoring is offered Monday-Thursday from 9am – 9pm, Friday from 9am – 4pm, and Sunday from 1pm – 5pm. Tutoring sessions are offered within Math, Science, Business, and Languages. If you cannot find the help you are looking for with the sessions offered, visit the Academic Success Center and let them know!

The Writing Studio is open Monday-Thursday from 9am – 9pm, Friday from 9am – 4pm, and Sunday from 1pm – 5pm. The Writing Studio helps students improve their writing skills by reviewing student’s papers, helping brainstorm, and become overall better writers.

The SMART Lab is located in LIB 232 and is open Monday-Thursday from 9am – 9pm, Friday from 9am – 4pm, and Sunday from 1pm – 5pm. The SMART lab has over 300 computers that allow students to improve their performance in their SMART Lab courses.

Want to learn more about the resources available for you at the Academic Success Center? Go to www.lib.usf.edu/asc/

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