

# CBCS ANNUAL REPORT



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# POINTS OF PRIDE

**90%**  
FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE

**89%**  
2ND YEAR RETENTION RATE

**107,194**  
STUDENT CREDIT HOURS

**76%**  
GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS

**96%**  
GRADUATE WITHOUT  
EXCESS HOURS

**1,153**  
DEGREES AWARDED  
IN 2020-2021

**2,467**  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

**1,322**  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

**100%**  
GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE & NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAM PASS RATE  
FOR OUR MS IN SLP STUDENTS

**7**  
FACULTY NAMED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
FELLOWS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH

**19**  
RESEARCHERS IN THE TOP 100 GRANT AWARDEES ACROSS ALL  
USF COLLEGES

**9**  
FACULTY RANKED IN THE TOP 2% OF CITED SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD

**7,293**  
BABIES SCREENED AT TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL BY AUDILOGY STUDENTS, NAMED  
"BABY SCREENERS."

**\$27 MILLION\***  
IN GRANT FUNDING ANNUALLY (\*APPROXIMATELY)

**SOCIAL WORK**  
EARNED REACCREDITATION BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

CBCS IS HOME TO THE **BAKER ACT**  
REPORTING CENTER, WHERE DATA ON EVERY PERSON BAKER ACTED IS REPORTED  
AND ANALYZED.

# OUR RETURN TO CAMPUS



# OUR RETURN TO CAMPUS

We were delighted to welcome more of our students, staff, and faculty back to campus for the fall semester. While maintaining a focus on safety and well-being, CBCS marked our return with in-person classes, events in the atrium, community outreach, and other opportunities to gather together again.

In October, the Doctor of Audiology classes of 2023 and 2024 received their white coats. The White Coat Ceremony serves as a rite of passage for students, marking their transition into clinical healthcare practice.

This year, the first day of classes brought a new level of excitement to students and faculty, as they enjoyed the return of in-person instruction.



The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute welcomed its 2021 Summer Research Institute cohort to the USF campus in June after starting the program remotely. Students traveled from eight states and ten universities.

Behavioral healthcare graduates were honored during the Behavioral Healthcare Pinning Ceremonies in Fall '21 and Spring '22.

Students and faculty enjoyed a visit from Southeastern Guide Dogs and Pet Partners as part of the CBCS Pups & Popsicles events that offered students a break from studying for midterms and finals.

The Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program hosted Fulbright Scholar Ming Hu Wang, CRC for a coffee hour and presentation as part of its continuing Counseling & Society Series.



Haley Moss, JD shared her experience as the first openly autistic lawyer in Florida as part of a visit coordinated by The Learning Academy. Moss is a consultant to top corporations and nonprofits that seek her guidance in creating diverse workplaces and is a sought-after commentator on disability rights issues.

CBCS faculty and staff held a hybrid event to celebrate those who have reached milestones in their career at USF. Richard Dembo, PhD, Kathleen Heidi, PhD, and Richard Weinberg, PhD, ABPP celebrated the longest milestones: 40 years of service.

In celebration of Black Heritage Month, speech-language pathologists Cheryl Paul and Darla Freeman Williams spoke with the student organization Minority Students in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Evelyn M. Duvall Family Studies Conference was held on the Sarasota-Manatee campus and brought together academics and practitioners to share the most effective and up-to-date findings of family-related research and practical day-to-day work with families.



Alumni, faculty, and friends of the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration program gathered in the Gibbons Alumni Center to celebrate the program and those who have contributed to its success.



# LOCAL, NATIONAL, & GLOBAL IMPACT

# PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL IMPACT

This year CBCS celebrated the grand opening of the Trafficking in Persons – Risk to Resilience Lab on the St. Petersburg campus. The lab, led by Joan Reid, PhD, LMHC, CRC, associate professor in the Department of Criminology, is devoted to studying human trafficking in Florida and will provide accurate data and resources on the matter to stakeholders, legislators, and law enforcement agencies in order to eradicate human trafficking.

We also learned more about the relationship between sleep and heart health, thanks to research findings by Soomi Lee, PhD, assistant professor in the School of Aging Studies and director of the Sleep, Stress, & Health Lab. Lee's study reveals the importance of assessing co-existing sleep health problems within an individual to uncover the risk of heart disease. Since sleep health can be modified, these findings can contribute to future prevention strategies to mitigate the risk of heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the U.S.

Kristin Kosyluk, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy and director of the Stigma Action Research Lab, teamed up with colleagues and students from across USF to put on This Is My Brave – College Edition, a OneUSF Production on the Tampa campus. Student storytellers presented creative pieces about their

lived experience with mental health and/or addiction through poetry, original music, comedy, essay, dance, and other artistic expressions. The mission of This Is My Brave is to empower individuals to put their names and faces on their personal stories of recovery from mental illness and addiction in order to inspire others to speak openly about their experiences as well.

Research led by Alison Salloum, PhD, LCSW, a professor in the School of Social Work, revealed that parent-led therapist-assisted treatment, which empowers a parent themselves to help their child after trauma, is effective for many families. Salloum and her colleagues developed the new approach, with parent-led treatment serving as the first step within a stepped care model, wherein the most effective yet least resource-intensive mental health treatment is delivered first.

The USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD-USF) Autism Friendly team was recently recognized by Tampa City Council for its work to make Tampa a welcoming and safe community for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. As part of the Autism Friendly initiative, CARD-USF has trained thousands of City of Tampa employees and other business professionals about autism, and provided specific strategies to help people on the spectrum be



The cast of This Is My Brave – College Edition, A OneUSF Production bows at the end of the show.

comfortable and successful during their community outings. As a result, rescue vehicles for Tampa Police and Fire Rescue are now equipped with visual cue cards to facilitate communication with individuals with limited speech.

Legislation guided by Kyaien Conner, LSW, MPH, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, that addresses health disparities across the state was signed into law. The bill is designed to improve access to health care through the creation of new initiatives and fiscal resources to support the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. Included in the legislation is a \$4.4 million increase for the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity to gather and analyze data so it can deploy more rigorous community outreach efforts and update information on its website each year. The office will also improve how it relays local issues to the national level by requiring county health departments to designate a liaison and will appoint its own liaison to communicate with the federal Office of Minority Health.



Left to right: Kristin Kosyluk, PhD; Kathleen Moore, PhD; David Satcher, MD, PhD; Sarah Sheffield, MA; and Jack Espinosa, Jr., JD

# POINTS OF PRIDE

Highest freshman retention rate  
of all colleges at USF

4-year graduation rate at an all-time high

Majority of students graduate on time  
and without excess hours

Average employment rate  
for graduates

# PRIDE

# FACULTY EXCELLENCE & STUDENT SUCCESS

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Aging Sciences, B.S.
- American Sign Language Interpretation & Deaf Culture, B.A.
- Behavioral Healthcare, B.S.
- Criminology, B.A.\*
- Forensic Studies & Justice, B.S.
- Language-Speech-Hearing Science, B.S.
- Long Term Care Administration
- Social Work

## UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Behavioral Sciences
- Criminology
- Deaf Studies
- Forensic Behavioral Analysis

## UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATIONS

- Addictions and Recovery
- Undergraduate Psychology

\*OFFERED ONLINE

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## MASTER'S DEGREES

- Applied Behavior Analysis, M.S./M.A.\*
- Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health, M.S.\*
- Criminal Justice Administration, M.A.
- Criminology, M.A.
- Cybercrime, M.S.\*
- Gerontology, M.A.\*
- Marriage & Family Therapy, M.S.
- Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
- Social Work, M.S.W.\*
- Social Pathology, M.S.

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

- Education, Ph.D.
- Analysis, Ph.D.
- Au.D.
- Family Sciences, Ph.D.
- Disorders, Ph.D.
- Ph.D.
- Ph.D.

# GRADUATION PROGRAMS





Michelle Arnold, PhD, AuD, CCC-A smiles as she receives the 2022 Inclusive Excellence Faculty Award from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

## Faculty Excellence in Research and Innovation

CBCS becomes stronger each year and much of that is due to our dedicated faculty and staff. Our academic productivity continues to increase year over year. Between producing meaningful courses and experiential learning for our 3,100 students within six academic departments/schools, as well as conducting innovative research and contributing to their fields, CBCS faculty and staff continue to break new ground.

Multiple CBCS faculty members were ranked in the top 2% of cited scientists in the world in a recent study conducted by Stanford researchers and Elsevier BV. **Michelle Bourgeois**, PhD, CCC-SLP, **Howard Goldstein**, PhD, **Robert Lutfi**, PhD, and **Joseph Walton**, PhD from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders were listed, as well as **John Cochran**, PhD and **James D. Unnever**, PhD from the Department of Criminology. Additionally, **William Haley**, PhD, **Brent Small**, PhD, and **Ladislav Volicer**, MD, PhD, represented the School of Aging Studies. The ranking method is based upon a composite of standardized metrics, uses career-long data, and is led by Stanford University statistician Joan Ioannidis.

**Michelle Arnold**, PhD, AuD, CCC-A, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the 2022 Inclusive Excellence Faculty Award from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for her outstanding contributions in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Arnold was nominated by students she mentors who are from underrepresented backgrounds, as well as faculty colleagues.

**Chih-Chin Chou**, PhD, CRC, associate professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies and program director for the Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program participated on a peer review committee for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Chou served an important role in selecting the candidates who will be considered for awards by the Fulbright Commissions or U.S. Embassies, the U.S. Department of State, and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

**Kyaien Conner**, LSW, MPH, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, received the 2020–2021 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Civic and Community Engagement for her exceptional accomplishments and significant community impact.

**Christina Dillahunt-Aspilla**, PhD, CRC, CVE, CLCP, associate professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was named a fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM). The designation recognizes active members



Chih Chin-Chou, PhD, CRC



Kyaien Conner, LSW, MPH, PhD



Christina Dillahunt-Aspilla, PhD, CRC, CVE, CLCP



Ann Eddins, PhD, MBA, CCC-A



Jennifer Lister, PhD, CCC-A, FAAA



Sondra Fogel, PhD, ACSW, LCSW



Bryanna Fox, PhD



Howard Goldstein, PhD

with an outstanding record of professional service to ACRM who have also made contributions of national significance to the field of medical rehabilitation. Dillahunt-Aspilla's work focuses on the reintegration of veterans with traumatic brain injury into their communities, improving patient and caregiver quality of life. She also recently received Diplomate status from the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals.

In addition, Dillahunt-Aspilla was appointed to the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Ethics Committee and was also selected to serve as a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation.

**Ann Eddins**, PhD, MBA, CCC-A, professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and **Jennifer Lister**, PhD, CCC-A, FAAA, CBCS associate dean and professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, were named fellows of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). To be awarded fellow, the nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Fellowship is one of the highest forms of recognition given by ASHA of an individual's accomplishments and is public declaration of their outstanding professional achievements.

**Sondra Fogel**, PhD, ACSW, LCSW, School of Social Work PhD program chair and associate professor, received the 2022 Social Work Educator of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Tampa Bay Unit. This award recognizes a member of NASW who best demonstrates the social work profession's values through outstanding accomplishments in teaching, leadership, and scholarship.

**Bryanna Fox**, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Criminology, received Pennsylvania State University's Outstanding Young Alumni Award, which recognizes alumni up to 15 years after graduation for extraordinary professional accomplishments, success, and influence as leaders.

**Howard Goldstein**, PhD, professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and CBCS associate dean of research, was named the winner of the Alfred F. Kawana Award for Lifetime Achievement in Publications by the ASHA Journals Board. Goldstein's outstanding record of scholarship over a period of decades was cited as a key factor in the Board's consideration of his nomination. They recognized Goldstein's contributions to the ASHA journals along with his seminal publications in a variety of other journals. He also received the Florida Association of Speech-

Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) 2022 Honors of the Association award, which is bestowed upon a FLASHA member in recognition of distinguished contributions in speech-language pathology, audiology, or education of the hearing impaired.

**Eric Hill**, building and security assistant in the CBCS Dean's Office, was awarded the Staff Senate Quiet Quality Award for his outstanding dedication to the coworkers and students of CBCS. He was honored for his particularly diligent service as the college relied more heavily on him to keep remote classrooms running smoothly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Jerome Galea**, PhD, MSW, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, was accepted for participation in the Early Career Reviewer program at the Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.

**Amber Gum**, PhD, professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, was recognized by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) for her project Primary Care Patients with Trauma History: Expanding a "Safety" Research Partnership and Network. The project received PCORI's Engagement Award.

**Jillian Heilman**, PhD, CRC, a teaching postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was recognized by USF in its "Boundless Bulls" series, a collection of stories about the people who make USF great. Heilman's experience with her children's disabilities inspired her to earn a doctorate in rehabilitation counseling. Now, she is a driving force behind the creation of the new USF Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Sciences online master's program.

**Mario Hernandez**, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies, was invited to participate on the National Advisory Panel for the Economic Burden of Mental Health Inequity Study. This study is in collaboration with the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, the Farley Health Policy Center at the University of Colorado, and the Robert Graham Center. The aim of the partnership is to assess the economic impact of mental health inequities experienced by vulnerable populations.

**Kathryn Hyer**, PhD, MPP, FGSA, FAGHE, former professor and associate director in the School of Aging Studies and former director of the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging, posthumously received the Clark Tibbitts Award from the Gerontology Society of America (GSA). This award recognizes individuals who have made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of gerontology and/



Eric Hill (second from left)



Jerome Galea, PhD, MSW



Amber Gum, PhD



Jillian Heilman, PhD, CRC



Mario Hernandez, PhD



Sharon Loschiavo, MEd & Sandra Jones, MA



Marian A. Lowther, MS, CCC-SLP



Kristin Kosyluk, PhD



Stephanie Martinez, PhD



Hongdao Meng, MD, MPH, PhD

or geriatrics education. In addition, the GSA expanded its summer policy internship program, adding a position named in memory of Hyer.

**Sharon Loschiavo**, MEd, and **Sandra Jones**, MA, advisors in the Department of Criminology, received Outstanding Undergraduate Advising Awards. This award recognizes excellence, innovation, and effectiveness of professional academic advisors in their contributions toward undergraduate student success at USF.

**Marian A. Lowther**, MS, CCC-SLP, visiting assistant instructor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, was elected as Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) president-elect for the 2022–2023 year and will become full FLASHA president for the 2023–2024 year.

**Kristin Kosyluk**, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, has been named a member of the editorial board of the journal *Stigma & Health*. Kosyluk's research agenda is defined by a focus on mental illness and psychiatric disability, with a special interest in social justice issues and stigma. Much of her work has investigated how stigma interferes with outcomes for this population.

**Lisa Landis**, MA, director of advising and student support services, received a 2021 Student Success Champions Award. The annual awards honor individuals, teams, and strategic community partners who have made significant contributions to student success at the USF. The award recipients were selected for their exceptional work furthering USF's support of students through transformative student success services, programs, and experiences to help students achieve their academic goals.

**Stephanie Martinez**, PhD, research associate in the Department of Child and Family Studies, has been selected to serve as a board member of the Association for Positive Behavior Support (APBS). APBS is comprised of over 1,000 professionals, family members, and consumers committed to the application of positive behavior support within the context of family, school, and community. Martinez's three-year term began in April 2022.

**Hongdao Meng**, MD, MPH, PhD received Fellow status in the Gerontological Society of America. This class of membership acknowledges an individual's outstanding and continuing work in the field of gerontology. Meng is an officer of the Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section, which focuses on social policy issues and research that affect older adults.

**Roberta Liggett O'Malley**, PhD, assistant professor, and **Colby Valentine**, PhD, assistant professor of instruction, both in the Department of Criminology, received 2022 Dr. Kathleen

Moore Faculty Excellence Awards from USF Women in Leadership and Philanthropy to further their research endeavors. This award recognizes outstanding female faculty who have displayed achievements in research, instructional excellence, and student engagement.

**Randy K. Otto**, PhD, ABPP, associate professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, received the Distinguished Service and Contributions to the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Award, which recognizes a certified specialist who has made significant contributions to the development and operation of the American Board of Professional Psychology by way of publications about or advocacy for board certification, involvement in ABPP administration or policy development, or other service to ABPP and its affiliated boards.

**Elizabeth Perkins**, PhD, RNLD, FAAIDD, FGSA, research associate professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies and associate director of the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of Disability Rights Florida, the state's designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in the state. In addition, Perkins was selected to serve on the Florida Department of Health's new Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Priority Area Workgroup, which is part of the 2022–2026 Florida State Health Improvement Plan. Perkins was selected for her expertise in the particular needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities and their families. Perkins was also selected by EP Magazine, the EP Editorial Advisory Committee, and a group of peers in the disability field as one of only 50 "Advocate Heroes" showcased for their extraordinary work and achievements.

**Ráchael Powers**, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Criminology, was elected as second Vice President of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, a regional association of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Powers was also appointed as editor of ACJS Today.

**Khary Rigg**, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, was nominated by the Opioid Response Network, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, through the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, to become a member of their national workgroup which focuses on the needs of Black communities as it relates to opioid and stimulant use. The workgroup is comprised of 7–8 individuals, including a multidisciplinary representation of clinicians and individuals with lived experience, and will incorporate LGBTQ+ and youth voices.



Colby Valentine, PhD & Roberta Liggett O'Malley, PhD (second & third from left)



Randy Otto, PhD, ABPP



Elizabeth Perkins, PhD, RNLD, FAAID, FGSA



Ráchael Powers, PhD



Khary Rigg, PhD



Marilyn Stern, PhD, CRC



Joseph Walton, PhD



Shun-Yung (Kevin) Wang, PhD



Lauren Klima

**Marilyn Stern**, PhD, CRC, professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was recognized for her distinguished contributions to the field of psychology, particularly for development of parent-involved interventions for obese children and adolescents, pediatric cancer survivors, and at-risk youth. AAAS fellows are a distinguished cadre of scientists, engineers, and innovators who have been recognized for their achievements across numerous disciplines.

**Joseph Walton**, PhD, professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research at USF's 2022 Undergraduate Research Conference.

**Shun-Yung (Kevin) Wang**, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Criminology, was selected as a Fulbright Scholar for 2020–2021 to teach American justice and conduct research on perceptions of the police in Taiwan at National Taipei University.

## Student Success at USF and Beyond

Over the past year, students in CBCS have continued to adapt to change and find new opportunities to excel. The college's 90% freshman retention rate and 76% four-year graduation rate is due to our students' perseverance. They are some of best and brightest lifelong learners who will continue to thrive in the future, no matter the challenges they face.

Nine CBCS students were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most respected undergraduate honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States. These students include **Alexis Brandt**, **Caitlyn Deam**, **Kerri Davis**, **Kristen Dunavant**, **Lauren Klima**, **Nelaine Malcolm**, **Madeline McCullen**, **Rebecca Schverak**, and **Kacey Wood**.

**Lena Bayyat** and **Jade Brown**, students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the Audience Choice Award for the Tampa Research Showcase at USF's 2022 Undergraduate Research Conference for their research titled, "The Relationship Between the Perceptual Accessibility of Vocabulary and K-3 Students' Narrative and Expository Language."

**Taylor Blagg**, a student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and vice president of the USF National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association Online Chapter, was presented the Outstanding Student Leader Award during the 2021–2022 Campus Involvement & Leadership Award Banquet. This award honors an individual for being a highly active leader of student organizations who is regularly involved in service activities both on campus and in the community.

**Suzannah Boyle**, a doctoral research assistant in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received a mentored student research travel award at the Annual Scientific and Technical Meeting of the American Auditory Society for her poster. She presented results from her audiology doctoral project that investigated the clinical utility and correlation between the performance of different speech-in-tests.

**Jacquelyn D. Burckley**, MA, a doctoral student in the Department of Criminology, was named an Outstanding Ambassador during the department's Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony for representing the department in ways that promote and enhance its identity.

**Yma Campozano**, a master's student in the School of Social Work and intern for the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, received this year's USF Status of Latinos Committee Award. Campozano was commended for her contributions to the university and the Hispanic community during the USF Hispanic Heritage Celebration Awards.

**Jessica Combs** and **Cruz Reyes**, students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, were awarded T35 research traineeships, which are institutional short-term training research grants for clinical audiologists.

**Kayla Google**, a student in the Applied Behavior Analysis online master's program in the Department of Child and Family Studies, received a fellowship offered through BCOTB in Tampa. The fellowship provides a two-semester stipend for a student who can work 20 hours per week at BCOTB as their practicum placement, and then is willing to work at BCOTB after graduating from USF.

**Carmen Florez** and **Arturo Garcia**, MA, BCBA, both students



Taylor Blagg



Jacquelyn D. Burckley, MA



Yma Campozano



Kayla Google



Eunice Gutierrez



Megan Kirby, MEd, BCBA (far right)



Daniel Kwak, MA, MS, BCBA

the Department of Child and Family Studies, received scholarships through the National Latino Behavioral Health Association's (NLBHA) Josie Torralba Romero Scholarship Fund. The NLBHA scholarship program supports outstanding Latinx students pursuing degrees in behavioral health fields with a focus on increasing Latinx representation in behavioral healthcare.

**Eunice Gutierrez** was named Student Organization Leader of the Year at USF's 2022 I Heart Diversity Awards Celebration. Gutierrez is the president of the student organization Minority Students in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She was nominated by her peers for the award for exemplifying the Office of Multicultural Affairs' mission and vision by reaching beyond her duties as a student organization leader.

**Megan Kirby**, MEd, BCBA, a graduate research assistant in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was awarded an honorable mention in the Graduate/Professional Student Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research award category at USF's 2022 Undergraduate Research Conference.

**Angkana Lertpoompunya**, a PhD student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), was recognized for her research in the category of Life & Health Sciences at the USF Office of Graduate Studies Student Research Symposium, and **Nataly Innamorato**, also a student in CSD, was recognized for her research in the category of Social & Behavioral Sciences at the USF Office of Graduate Studies Student Research Symposium. **Callie Hill**, a student in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was recognized with the People's Choice award in the category of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

**Daniel Kwak**, MA, MS, BCBA, doctoral candidate in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was selected by the Association for Behavior Analysis International as the winner of the 2022 Scholarly Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Paper Competition. Kwak demonstrated an especially notable commitment to DEI in behavior analysis and was invited to present his research at the 2022 ABAI conference in Boston.

**Jordan Lamanna** received the Clinical & Translational Science Award in Doctoral Student Research, and **Claire Pelletier** received the Social Science Award in Undergraduate Student Research at this year's USF Health Research Day.

**Cruz Reyes**, a Doctor of Audiology student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and **Tram Tran**, MS, a doctoral student in Behavioral and Community Sciences, were

selected as recipients of the Trail Blazers Research Scholarship which supports graduate student research on the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus.

**Stephanie Rosado**, MSW, a doctoral student in the School of Social Work, served as a panelist for a drug development workshop co-sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Arthritis Foundation. The workshop provided a forum for open discussion between osteoarthritis experts in academia, industry, non-profit sector, patients, and government with the hope of expediting the development of safe and effective treatments for osteoarthritis.

**Rio Tate**, a PhD candidate in the Department of Aging Studies, was named a recipient of the Black Men's Brain Health Fellowship Program. Tate hopes that this opportunity will improve awareness that the field of gerontology is increasingly studying diverse topics and recognizing people of all backgrounds.

**Taylor F.D. Vigoureux**, a PhD candidate in the School of Aging Studies, was selected to receive the Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Office of Graduate Studies. Vigoureux is a former manager of the Sleep, Stress, & Health Lab.

**Carlyn Vogel**, a School of Aging Studies doctoral candidate, won this year's Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Health, Medicine, and Behavioral Sciences category. Vogel has taught six sections of Death and Dying, a large 90-person general education class offered both in person and online. She consistently has had near perfect student evaluations of the course.

**Myisha Wallace**, a student in the Department of Child and Family Studies, was accepted into the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship Program. The program is dedicated to expanding the delivery of culturally competent mental health and substance abuse services to underserved minority populations, and increasing the number of culturally competent Marriage and Family therapists who will provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to racial and ethnic minority and underrepresented populations, conduct research, and teach in these areas.



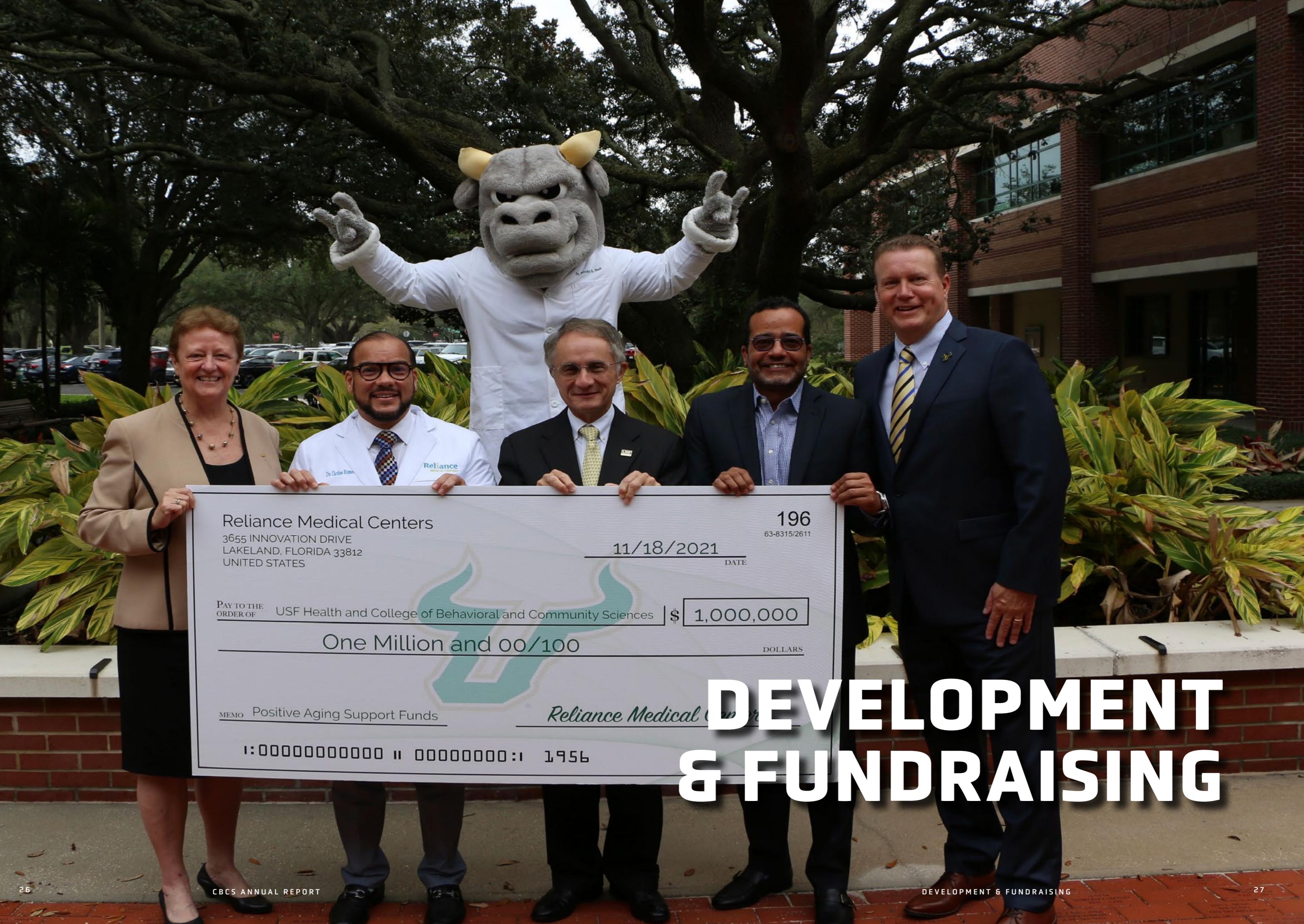
Rio Tate



Taylor F.D. Vigoureux



Carlyn Vogel



# DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING

# Development & Fundraising



We are grateful to the many CBCS alumni and friends who have generously invested in our students and faculty. From donations to the establishment of memorial scholarships or legacy gifts, we appreciate each and every contribution. Below are just a few of the generous gifts made to CBCS in the past year.

## Arthur Guilford Diversity Fund in Speech-Language Pathology Scholarship

The Arthur Guilford Diversity Fund in Speech-Language Pathology Scholarship will provide support to full- and part-time graduate students pursuing a Speech-Language Pathology degree in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) on all USF campuses. Preference for the scholarship will be given to students of varying ethnicities, orientations, backgrounds, and abilities to encourage underrepresented populations in the field to consider a degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

The scholarship was named for Arthur Guilford, PhD. Guilford began his career at USF in 1975 as an assistant professor in CSD before serving as chair of the department for 15 years. He was appointed regional chancellor of USF Sarasota-Manatee in 2007. After retiring in 2015, Guilford continues to be involved at USF through his frequent attendance at football games, generous philanthropic efforts, and genuine commitment to the university community.



Kathryn Hyer, PhD, MPP, FGSA, FAGHE

## Kathryn Hyer Memorial Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of many, the Kathryn Hyer Memorial Scholarship in Public Policy and Aging reached endowment level at more than \$80,000. A testament to Hyer's impact on the lives of others, the fund will provide meaningful scholarships for students and honor Hyer's legacy of service for years to come. During her time at USF, Hyer devoted herself to education, research, and policy to improve long-term care. The scholarships will support students in their own pursuit of education in long-term care policy.

## Evin B. Hartsell Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Evin B. Hartsell Foundation established the Evin B. Hartsell Endowed Memorial Scholarship with a \$25,000 gift. The scholarship was created in memory of Evin B. Hartsell, who was born with congenital merosin-deficient muscular dystrophy. The Evin B. Hartsell Endowed Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to full- or part-time undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing a degree in social work, psychology, or counseling and also participating in the Interdisciplinary Training Program of the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC). The scholarship may also be awarded to a FCIC trainee dedicated to the study of disabilities and inclusion.

## Reliance Medical Centers Positive Aging Support Operating Fund

A \$400,000 gift to CBCS will support programs and research focused on promoting optimal aging, including sleep and mental health, and protecting against mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias. The Reliance Medical Centers Positive Aging Support Operating Fund will enable CBCS to continue its focus on risk reduction, early identification, and effective treatments in relation to older adults' holistic health. It also will support several student internships within the positive aging programs at Reliance Medical Centers and will include graduate students from a wide range of disciplines, such as social work, aging studies, and communication disorders.



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Adrianna Hughes, Pharm.D; Julie Serovich, PhD; Aryn Harrison Bush, PhD



Donovan Smith & the CARD-USF team



# OUR COMMUNITY

# A DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR LEARNING



Kyaien Conner, LSW, MPH, PhD

CBCS is proud of our commitment to developing a culture of diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity as well as an inclusive and vibrant community for learning. We are continuously working to address inequalities and create an environment of belonging, where all members of the CBCS family are included and heard.

This year, Kyaien Conner, LSW, MPH, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, was appointed as the inaugural special assistant to the dean on diversity and inclusion, and she began her duties in Spring 2022. In this role, Conner

supports the Dean's Office in coordinating CBCS diversity and equal opportunity programs, policies, and trainings. She serves as a liaison between the USF Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity and CBCS, and as a point of contact for CBCS faculty and staff. She also holds positions on the Dean's Council and the CBCS Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

This position is highly aligned with Conner's research, scholarship, and personal values and mission. Conner was also selected as the inaugural chair of the Faculty Senate Council on Racial Justice, is a member of the USF Diversity, Equity,



Cheryl Paul and Darla Freeman Williams speak with the student organization Minority Students in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

and Inclusion Council, and is the CBCS representative on the USF Health Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice Racial Diversity Taskforce. Conner was recently recognized as the Outstanding Black Faculty Member of the Year for 2020–2021 by the USF Black Faculty and Staff Association and was honored as USF Game Champion for her diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the Tampa area.

In November, faculty and staff from across the college gathered to discuss equity and inclusion excellence in action at USF as part of the CBCS Town Hall: Highlighting Diversity and Inclusion. Representatives from each department,

the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, and the USF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities presented on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and accomplishments in relation to their respective units and disciplines. Interim Vice President for Institutional Equity and Senior Advisor to the President and Provost for Diversity and Inclusion Elizabeth Hodge-Freeman, PhD, served as the guest speaker at the event.

# OUR COMMUNITY, ONLINE



As CBCS continues to move back to in-person activities, we remain committed to connecting with students, staff, alumni, donors, and friends online through the CBCS website and social media. Check out how our audiences have engaged with us this year.

## INSTAGRAM [@usfcbccs]

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"Welcome back, CBCS Bulls! We are so happy to be back together once again in person!"



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### TOP POST

"Congratulations to Research Associate Professor Dr. Liz Perkins on being selected for the Florida Department of Health (DOH)'s new Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia's Workgroup!"



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### TOP POST

"Congratulations to @kyaien for being honored as game champion during the USF vs. Tulsa football game!"



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### TOP POST

"Congratulations to doctoral candidate Daniel Kwak, MA, MS, BCBA for being selected by the Association for Behavior Analysis International as the winner of the 2022 Scholarly Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Paper Competition!"



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