



It is with great pleasure and honor that we celebrate our student chapter, INFORMS@USF, under the Industrial & Management Systems Engineering Department at the University of South Florida. They have once again earned the “Student Chapter Annual Award: Magna Cum Laude” for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Since 2009, IMSE’s student chapter, INFORMS@USF, has received the “Student Chapter Annual Award” (Magna Cum Laude) in recognition of their achievements and excellent performance. The award will be given at the INFORMS National Conference in Phoenix, AZ. INFORMS@USF holds and coordinates many activities that benefits its members, the Department of Industrial & Management Systems Engineering at USF and the community at large. Some of these activities include: lecture series with distinguished guest researchers, social events, community services, and social appropriation of knowledge.

To earn this award, our student chapter:

- (1) Held 5 lecture series from recognized scholars in different areas including, electric vehicles, hospital readmission and security in interurban roads.
- (2) In partnership with the Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering a research writing class was offered on Fall 2017. This activity allowed the students to obtain valuable information and experience to understand the demands of research-based writing.
- (3) Organized its annual Data Science Boot Camp on 13-14 April. More than 50 participants from different engineering departments in the College of Engineering at USF joined the two-day-long workshop conducted by Inform@USF members. The sessions were focused on teaching basics of programming, pre-processing, visualization, linear models, tree/ensemble models, text analytics, and neural networks.
- (4) Finally, many social activities were made to strengthen ties between chapter members and the faculty of the Industrial and Management Systems Engineering department. This social activities include, a BBQ at USF Riverfront Park and a Potluck where both members and faculty shared together a great time.