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Sixth Annual International Festival Celebrates Campus Diversity

TAMPA, Fla. (Nov. 18, 2015) – As a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success, the University of South Florida is focused on creating a diverse, culturally-enriched environment to educate its students about other cultures in preparation for roles as global citizens. Contributing to that effort, USF’s Office of Multicultural Affairs is hosting the sixth annual outdoor International Festival in collaboration with INTO USF, USF Confucius Institute, the Global Citizens Project, USF World, Student Government, and the Department of World Languages, on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the MLK Plaza Lawn (just south of the Marshall Student Center) on the Tampa campus.

Organized by continent and representing various countries and cultures, student organizations and university departments will host fun activities and share interesting information. Student, employee, and community attendees will enjoy exploring the continents while being treated to delicious ethnic foods, as well as numerous live multicultural interactive, music, and dance performances by USF students. The festival includes an impressive and colorful Parade of Flags, led by USF’s Herd of Thunder Show Band at 12:15 p.m.

The event is free and open to the general public—no ticket or student ID is required. This year’s food sponsors include Asher Amens African Café, Fushia Asian Bistro, Jerk Hut Jamaican Grille, Lupton’s Catering, Petra, PJ Dolan’s Irish Pub, and Rana Halal Grill & Kabab. Campus parking permit information and maps can be found at www.usf.edu/About-USF/visiting-campus.asp.

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