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Thank You and Good Luck!

The Graduate School wishes to thank **Dr. Tameria Vickerson** and **Ms. Vania Benavides** for their service over the past several years. Dr. Vickerson was instrumental in the success of the GMS program and Vania provided excellent support to the USF McNair program as well as the GSS unit. Both will be missed.

Upcoming Events!

Summer Commencement

August 8th

CAS 9:00 a.m.

Other Colleges 1:30 p.m.

ResearchOne Week

Graduate Research Symposium

Thursday, October 8th

SAVE THESE DATES!

2009 Graduate Student Research Symposium

TAMPA, FL (July, 2009) – The Graduate School, Office of Research and Innovation, and the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) will be hosting the 2nd annual Graduate Student Research Symposium on Thursday, October 8th from 12-5 p.m. This event is part of the university's **ResearchOne Week**. Students who have little or no experience presenting at a conference are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Friday, August 28th and a maximum of 120 applications will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. The Awards Ceremony and Luncheon for the Symposium will be held on Friday, October 9th. Further information regarding the application, key dates, format of the event, preparation workshops, faculty review and awards, and required compliance forms are available at the following link:

http://www.grad.usf.edu/research_symposium.asp

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program Inducts Five New Members

TAMPA, FL (June, 2009) – Recently, the Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel was the setting for the McKnight Doctoral Fellows' Orientation Meeting for the Class of 2009-10. Five new Ph.D. students were inducted into the program on Friday, June 19th and were recognized by the keynote speaker, President Judy Genshaft. The new inductees were: **Natasha Burke, Luis Carranza, Merlande Petit-Bois, Lizette Howard, and Orlando Pizana**. Presiding over the event, which was entitled, *The Ph.D. Experience: Expectations & Realities*, was Dr. Lawrence Morehouse, President & CEO of the Florida Education Fund's McKnight Program. Present from the Graduate School were Rod Hale, who oversees the McKnight Program at USF, Malcolm Randolph, Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, Dr. Joan Holmes, Interim Assistant Dean, and Interim Dean Liller, who gave a presentation on graduate education at USF. The mission of the McKnight Program is to increase the number of African-American and Hispanic faculty members. Currently, there are 47 McKnight Doctoral Fellows at USF and the University holds the distinction of being the first university in the U.S. to graduate a Hispanic McKnight Doctoral Fellow.

Research Skills Course Offered by the Graduate School Meets with Great Success

TAMPA, FL (Summer, 2009) – In Summer 2009, the Graduate School offered a Building Research Skills course as the first installment of the Building a Leader Series. This course, lead by Interim Dean Liller and Interim Associate Dean Pollenz, covered information pertaining to leadership and research skills including finding funding for research, choosing a mentor and research topics, USF certifications, patents, grant writing, and conference presentation skills. This class attracted over 30 master's and doctoral graduate students across multiple disciplines. Future courses, seminars, and programs will be offered in the Series and information can be found on the GS website under the "Course and Workshops" link.

Division News

ACADEMICS

The Academic Affairs Team welcomed new member **Ryan Durrant**, Academic Services Administrator, to the Graduate School. Ryan earned his MPA from the Univ. of Wisconsin. His primary responsibilities include database analysis & trends forecasting.

The **2009-10 Graduate Catalog** is now posted on the Graduate School website at <http://www.grad.usf.edu/catalog.asp> and includes individual PDF files for each section.

The Graduate School administrative oversight by Dr. Tamera Vickerson for the two-year **multidisciplinary research initiative** that provided stipends, tuition waivers, and interdepartmental research experiences to a total of 59 Graduate Multidisciplinary Scholars at USF will be ended on June 30th.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Zuzana Murphy began her tenure as a new Admissions Officer (AO) in May. In addition to her primary responsibilities as an AO, she is actively working to recruit international students and serves as a liaison with U.S. Embassies & Foreign Agencies.

New graduate student orientation will be held on Thursday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Marshall Student Center. Further information regarding orientation can be found at: <http://www.qpsc.usf.edu/orientation.asp>

GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

The six-week **2009 Graduate Diversity and Access Summer Program** officially kicked off at a full-day retreat in MSC 3705 on May 29th. The program is a collaborative effort between academic and administrative departments and outside agencies for the provision of workshops, seminars, faculty panels, student panels, and other "training" opportunities for the 17 participating students to aid in the development of appropriate skills and attitudes for success in graduate school. Issues and topics that were covered included: educational funding, coping strategies, stress management, the life of the professor, and research skills.

Graduate School Updates

Manuscript Processing for Thesis & Dissertation

Faculty and students can find invaluable information regarding the process and format(s) required for thesis and dissertation manuscripts at <http://www.grad.usf.edu/thesis.asp>. Two important steps in the process are the "format check" and the "final manuscript submission." Format workshops conducted by Janet Giles, Manuscript Editor, will be offered during the upcoming Fall 2009 semester with notifications distributed to the departments to inform students of the dates, times, and locations for the workshops. Online format workshops are currently under development.

Marketing and Recruitment

Malcolm Randolph, Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, will be representing USF at the 10th Annual Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Graduate School Recruitment Fair on Aug. 5th from 5-7 p.m. at the Pollard Technology Conference Center in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mr. Randolph has also recently attended the McNair Research Conference in Atlanta from 6/25-6/28 to meet and recruit high achieving undergraduate McNair Fellows who are conducting poster and oral presentations related to their research. He will also be attending the Golden Key International Honor Society Conference on July 30th to market USF programs and recruit potential students.

College and Department Banners

To date, six banners have been received and distributed to pertinent colleges and departments to utilize for both on-and off-campus marketing and recruitment events. Twelve banners remain "in production" and will be distributed upon receipt.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The "Mission Statement" and "Eight Objectives" for the creation of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) were drafted by Interim Dean Liller and Eric Andersson in preparation for the start-up and operational activity of the office by the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester.

2008-09 Annual Report

The Graduate School's 2008-09 Annual Report is available on the GS website at: http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/annuals/Graduate_School_Annual_Report_2008-2009.pdf