

5th Annual UNDERGRADUATE HUMANITIES CONFERENCE



January 25-26, 2024

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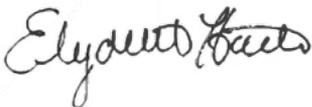
Welcome from the USF Humanities Institute

Welcome to the 5th Annual Undergraduate Humanities Research Conference, hosted by the Humanities Institute at the University of South Florida. I am delighted to welcome our largest and most diverse group of student scholars to this year's conference. Our first conference had just over twenty students; today we welcome 130 students who will be presenting 110 different projects. This kind of increase reveals what we've always known: that the humanities at USF are significant, vital contributors to the academic landscape of the university.

I am so proud of the students who are participating in this conference: you're prepared and professional. I hope you enjoy not only presenting your work, but observing others and making new connections. We have two incredible guest speakers—Dr. Kisha Tracy (Thursday) and Honey Rand (Friday).

A conference of this size takes a group of amazing people. I want to thank Jade von Werder and Rachel Hudson, both members of the Humanities Institute staff. They work tirelessly to ensure a smooth and fun conference. Thanks to the faculty who encouraged their students to participate, and sincere thanks to the small army of volunteer graduate students and faculty who came forward to serve as panel moderators.

Enjoy the conference and go Bulls!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth Kicak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Kicak, M.F.A.
Director, USF Humanities Institute

Schedule Overview

Thursday, January 25:

8:30am – 8:45am	Presenter Check-In and Breakfast	MSC 3707
8:45am – 9:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	MSC 3707
9:00am – 10:00am	Poster Session I	MSC 3705
10:00am – 11:00am	PANEL SESSION I	<i>see detailed schedule</i>
11:00am – 12:00pm	Keynote Address: Kisha Tracy	MSC 3707
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Lunch	MSC 3707
1:15pm – 2:15pm	PANEL SESSION II	<i>see detailed schedule</i>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	PANEL SESSION III	<i>see detailed schedule</i>
3:45pm – 4:45pm	PANEL SESSION IV	<i>see detailed schedule</i>

Friday, January 26:

9:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast	MSC 3707
9:30am – 10:30am	Poster Session II	MSC 3705
10:45am – 12:00pm	PANEL SESSION V	<i>see detailed schedule</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	MSC 3707
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Professionalization Roundtable with Honey Rand	MSC 3707
2:15pm – 3:30pm	PANEL SESSION VI	<i>see detailed schedule</i>

Keynote Address

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Kisha Tracy

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Why Study the Middle Ages

Co-sponsored with USF Libraries

Dr. Tracy is a Professor of English Studies and Chair of the General Education Program at Fitchburg State University, a small liberal arts college in Massachusetts. Dr. Tracy will “share ideas from my book about the various ways the Middle Ages are significant to us, focusing on multiple areas of study to reimagine our perceptions of the medieval. Representations of the Middle Ages appear everywhere – in films, books, social media, language, architecture, etc. – influencing popular (mis)conceptions about the time period. Some of these representations are seemingly inconsequential, but others perpetuate dangerous ideas. Even in something as ‘made for entertainment’ as the next medieval-esque film, it’s important to recognize issues and not support problematic myths.”

Professionalization Roundtable with Honey Rand

Friday, January 26 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | MSC 3707



Honey Rand

Humanities and Professional Life Roundtable

How can we balance our intellectual passions with the reality of earning a living? How do community, vocation, and aspiration intersect (or not)? These are some of the questions that students will be able to discuss with USF Alumna, Honey Rand. While Rand has always been a compulsive writer and reader, she has had incredible career experiences that often look different than what people expect a “writer’s life” to look like. From serving in the Army to owning her own company, The Environmental PR Group, Rand will be sharing insights from her remarkable career with students who are just getting ready to begin their professional journeys.

Thursday, January 25

PANEL SESSION I

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		
3704	Music as a Sociocultural Tool	<i>Moderator: Jessica Cook, Ph.D. (ENG)</i> Celeste Jasmine Cash (SOC & PSY) “Working for the Knife:” Analyzing Gender, Race, and Capitalism in Mitski’s <i>Laurel Hell</i> Aditi Kanchibhatta (BIO) Analyzing Hip-Hop and Rap as a Form of Resistance in India Kadence Relente (BMS) “Love Yourself:” An Examination of Mental Health Representation in South Korean Pop
3708	Literature and Psychology	<i>Moderator: Lily Connolly, M.A. Candidate (WGS)</i> Rylee Diehl (PSY) You Gotta do Who You Gotta do: Depicting Queer Sex Work Based on Lizzie Borden’s <i>Working Girls</i> Rafael Kaiser (PHI) Modern Girls and Old-Fashioned Men: Coping with Psychological Domestic Colonialism Ariana Matondo (ENG) The Curse Written on Their Skin: How Disconnected Identities Play an Integral Role in Occultic Literature
3713	Gender in Wartime	<i>Moderator: Andi Rinard M.F.A. Candidate (ENG)</i> Asha-Mizan Cope-Edwards (GIS) The Cultural Impact of World War II in the American 1950s Lorelei Herman (PHC) Domesticity, Femininity, and Consumerism in Cold War Era Propaganda: Understanding Women’s Roles in Soft-Power Politics Post WWII Ainara Munoz-Odrizola (ISS & WLE) Are Men More Likely to be Heroes? Analyzing the Relationship Between Heroism and Gender

PANEL SESSION II

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.		
3704	Weaponizing the Individual in Wartime	<p><i>Moderator: Matthew Knight Ph.D. (USF Libraries & HTY)</i></p> <p>Jackson Cross (HCS & ENG) The God’s Eye, Panopticism, and Western Political Economy: the Ideological Anatomy of the War Tourist</p> <p>Andy Harrison (HTY & POL) Crisis of Consciousness: Che Guevara’s “New Man,” Homosexuality, and the Venceramos Brigade</p> <p>Chance Mason (WLE) Beyond the Spear Tip: An Anti-War Interpretation of the Trojan War</p>
3708	It’s Me—I’m the Problem: Complicated Heroes	<p><i>Moderator: Morgan Hunter Ph.D. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Matthew Bullard (HTY) Michael Collins: The Irish Spymaster</p> <p>Karmen Montoya (PSY) Achilles as an Anti-Hero</p> <p>Aishat Ostanbekova (AMS) From the Council of Five Hundred to the Founding Fathers: Alexander Hamilton as Socrates of His Time in the Musical, <i>Hamilton</i></p>
3713	Humanities and Women’s Health	<p><i>Moderator: Megs Peterson M.A. Candidate (WGS)</i></p> <p>Neha Dantuluri (BMS) “How Will I Give Birth?” Exploring Narratives of Healthcare Workers and Expectant Mothers in the Gaza Strip</p> <p>Hailey Hayes (MLB) Ms. Treated: The Female Patient Experience</p> <p>Cole Vianest (BMS) The Gundestrup Cauldon: A Tool of Cultic Fertility Rituals of Ancient Gaul</p>

PANEL SESSION III

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.		
3704	Running Wild: Animal Studies	<p><i>Moderator: Larry Grullon-Polanco M.A. Candidate (WLE)</i></p> <p>Stephanie England (BUS) Commodifying Conservation</p> <p>Dennis Moore (HTY) No Simple Sort: Pet Cemeteries in the United States</p> <p>Shanique Wright (MET) Economic Euthanasia: Too Soon to Say Goodbye</p>
3707	From Shakespeare to Soccer: The Interplay of Art and Gender	<p><i>Moderator: Lauren Parker M.A. Candidate (MMC)</i></p> <p>Madeleine Penman-Derstine (PHI & PSY) Art as the Ideal Metaphor: An Ameliorative Project for Women's Sports</p> <p>Ginamarie Second (EDE) Literary Analysis of Sylvia Plath's "The Applicant" and <i>The Bell Jar</i></p> <p>Luke Vischio-Duffy (EDE) Shakespeare? More like Slayspeare: An Exploration of Gender and Sexuality within <i>Twelfth Night</i></p>
3708	The Self and the Story: Narratives and Truth	<p><i>Moderator: Camilo Loaiza Bonilla M.F.A. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Asil Naveed (PHI & ECN) The Madness of Interpretation</p> <p>Audra Nikolajski (ENG & POL) Ghosts of Past are Ghosts of Future: Circular Narratives in Occult Literature</p> <p>Amy Yacoub (BCM) We Tell Our Stories: A Comparison of the Portrayals of Race, Class, Age, and Gender in <i>The Bluest Eye</i> by Toni Morrison and <i>The Color Purple</i> by Alice Walker</p>
3713	Living Our Best Life: Health and Humanities	<p><i>Moderator: Tiffanie Kelley, Ph.D. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Mariana Mosil (ENG) Finding Freedom: Escaping the Grip of Lazy Theology and Embracing Emotional Healing</p> <p>Adam Miecznikowski (ENG) Facilitating Emotional Maturation</p> <p>Elliot Santaella-Aguilar (PSY & BMS) The Effects of Structured Activity Involvement on Opioid Misuse in Justice-Involved Adolescents</p>

PANEL SESSION IV

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.		
3704	The Role of the University in Wellbeing	<p><i>Moderator: Elizabeth Ricketts-Jones, Ph.D (ENG)</i></p> <p>Bethany Jowers (BMS & WLE) Project EXTRA with USF: Community Partnerships for Patient Empowerment and the Improvement of Breast Cancer Care</p> <p>Matthew Lewicki (HTY) History of Tampa Universities as Queer Hubs</p> <p>Sky Park (CYS) Symptoms of the Modern Labyrinth: Philosophical and Empirical Perspectives on Burnout</p>
3707	Literature as Social Critique	<p><i>Moderator: Hannah Galloway, M.A. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Brooklyn Bridges (EDE) and Jordan Viles (EDE) Modernist Writers and the Patriarchal Oppression of Gender and Sexuality</p> <p>Nicholas Laugen (ENG) Becoming a Yahoo: Satire, Travel, and the Dissolution of the British Imperial Mindset in <i>Gulliver's Travels</i></p> <p>Nafisa Uddin (BMS & ISS), Fariah Ansari (BMS & PHC), Modena Stevenson (BMS) Stories of Sacrifice: A Reflective Anthology on Culture, Identity, and Liberation</p>
3708	Different Times, Same Problems: Sex and Power Dynamics	<p><i>Moderator: Christopher Adkins, Ph.D. Candidate (HTY)</i></p> <p>Rafael Kaiser (PHI) Heart in a Cage: Alcibiades, the Beautiful</p> <p>Gabi Pfeiffer (SOC) Managing LGBTQ+ Rights: A Cross-Country Analysis of Legislation and Queer Civil Societies' Media Presentations of the Current Circumstances</p> <p>Julia Yassa (BMS) Gender Roles and Societal Expectation in <i>Maria Chapdelaine</i></p>

Friday, January 26

PANEL SESSION V

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

3704	The Rhetoric of Hate	<p><i>Moderator: Charles Suor, M.A. Candidate (WGS)</i></p> <p>Caelie Flora (BMS) Politics and Potatoes</p> <p>Theresa Neiberger (ENG) <i>Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood: A Study on Modern Perceptions of WWII</i></p> <p>Samantha Whiskeyman (ANT) The Problem of Hate: Dangerous Implications and Fundamental Resolutions</p>
3707	Health and the Whole Being: Medical Humanities	<p><i>Moderator: LuLu Downing, M.A. Candidate (HTY)</i></p> <p>Sima Al-Masri (BMS) Empty Calories, Full Hospitals: A Comprehensive Analysis on the Role of Malnourishment in Dictating Patient Outcomes</p> <p>Daven Mejica (BMS) The Possibilities of Personalized Cancer Care</p> <p>Nafisa Uddin (BMS & ISS) Anthropological Implications of Human Variation in Parkinson's Disease</p>
3708	Film Studies	<p><i>Moderator: Thomas Goodchild, M.A. Candidate (HCS)</i></p> <p>Grace Beilman (WGS) "It's Sort of Exciting Isn't it? Breaking the Rules:" Hermione Granger as Carol Clover's "Final Girl"</p> <p>Braelyn Ramirez (PSY) The Impact of How Mental Illness is Portrayed in Film on Those with Mental Health Issues</p> <p>Jared Lamanati (ENG) A Twisted Yet Flawless Relationship</p> <p>Gabrielle Whyte (HCS) Too Fast and Too Furious: The Rise of the Hypermasculine Blockbuster</p>
3713	Humanities in the Classroom: Education and Pedagogy	<p><i>Moderator: Danielle Mercier, Ph.D. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Ellie Saylor (ARH) Breaking Boundaries: The Impact of University Curatorial Practicum on Non-Art Student's Engagement with <i>Journey Through Change</i></p> <p>Arshita Singh (BMS) The Effectiveness of the Flipped Classroom Teaching Method</p> <p>Kobe Phillips (BSC) and Audra Nikolajski (ENG & POL) Rooted in Place: A Classroom Reimagined</p>

PANEL SESSION VI

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

3704	Creation and Destruction: Art and Design	<p><i>Moderator: Hilda Sheridan Hewlett, M.A. Candidate (HCS)</i></p> <p>Marsha Capers (CCJ) Highway Development and its Impact on Black Communities</p> <p>Olivia Anne Hamati (PHI) Du Bois and Lourde's Art, As it Relates to Flourishing</p> <p>Jessica Loaliza (ARH) Creative Destruction: Eduardo Abaroa's <i>Total Destruction of the National Museum of Anthropology</i></p> <p>Avani Sanghvi (ENG) Arts as Resistance: Sarah Walker Fossett, Queen of Cincinnati</p>
3707	Humanities and Climate Change	<p><i>Moderator: Hannah Thieryung, M.A. Candidate (HTY)</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Bear (PHI) Don't Leaf it to Chance: Our Moral Obligation to Restore Nature</p> <p>Leah Hodges (BSC) How Do the Similarities and Differences Between the US and UK Governmental Policies on Climate Change Affect the Conservation Efforts to Protect and Restore Oceans?</p> <p>Michael Justice (EDE) Imagist Poetry: Original Work by Michael Justice</p> <p>Tyler Koerner (ANT) Infrastructure, Knowledge, and Risk Perceptions of Coastal Hazards</p>
3708	The Marketing Machine: Apps, Adaptations, and Advertising	<p><i>Moderator: Mark-Elliot Finley, M.A. Candidate (ENG)</i></p> <p>Kiley Barton (ADV) Novel to Film: How <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's</i> Teachings of Consumerism Shift from Novel to Film</p> <p>Karina Burns (EGN) Dolls and Dilemmas: Barbie Films Unboxed—A Look into Antisemitic Tropes in Barbie Movies</p> <p>Milysha Castaneda (ISS) Lessons Learned: The History and Effects of LGBTQ+ Advertising</p> <p>Aditi Ragothaman (BMS) Social Media Platforms like BookTok Have Influenced the Landscape of Reading</p>
3713	Humanities and Global Medicine	<p><i>Moderator: Larry Grullon-Polanco, M.A. Candidate (WLE)</i></p> <p>Serena Bhaskar (BMS) Cultural Recognition in the Medical Field: A Celebration of Arabic Polymath Ibn Sina</p> <p>Brandon Lopez (BSC) Cultivating Inclusive Environments: A Catalyst for Improved Education and Healthcare</p> <p>Minh Pham (ACT & ECN) Dying Mindfully: Buddhist Views on Euthanasia and End-of-Life-Care</p> <p>Shubhi Verma (CSS) The Ethical Implication of Artificial Intelligence on Creative Possibility and Medical Wellbeing in Dance</p>

POSTER SESSION (3705)

Thursday, Jan. 25 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 26 | 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Student Name(s)

Poster Title

Nader Abdalla (BMS)

Octo-Diamonds: Merging Art and Oyster Conservation

Tzuiel Emiliano Garcia (EGN)

Aditi Kanchibhatta (BIO)

Amreen Naveen (BMS)

Ken Phong Dao (CMB)

Anna Alieva (ISS)

The “Gilded Cage”: The Framing of Women’s Lives by Cold War Propaganda in the US and USSR

Reaghan Ard (BIO & ENV)

The Eras of Color in the Eyes of Consumers

Shashank Aremanda (BIO)

Carlos Bibiloni (BMS)

Faizan Mohammed (BMS)

Shivani Padhye (CMB & CHM)

Sreehitha Sajja (BMS)

Kareem Suleiman (BIO)

Arya Thakkar (CHM)

The Use of Ayurveda to Treat Long COVID-19 Symptoms

Diana Awawdeh (HLS & PSY)

Spiritual Health

Courtney Bauer (HLS)

Hygiene Inequities in the Dominican Republic: Unveiling Structural Violence

Tyler Briggs (WLE)

Proposed Compensation Structures for K-12 Educators and Why the Current One Needs Improving

Olivia Bruhn (BMS)

Review of Physician Assisted Suicide Between Patient and Physician

Marsha Capers (CCJ)

Beyond George Floyd: Assessing Sentiments on Police Fund Reallocation and its Intersection with Race and Racial Resentment

Roy Chen (BMS)

Disability Representation in David Fincher’s Fight Club

Stephanie England (BUS)

Commodifying Conservation

Ashar Farrukh (BMS) Mridula Singh (BMS & PSY)	Examining Anemia Disparities in Rural and Urban South Asia
Sarah Gammill (ENV) Reva Gandhi (BMS & PHC) Brett Pioszak (CSE) Anna Soltys (BIO)	“The Feather” Oyster Brick
Julianna Heitman (BMS)	Game of Bones: Orthopedic Injuries and Outcomes in the Dominican Republic
Cassidy Homatas (ARH) Joelynn Jung (BMS) Alejandra McGehee (BIO) Arianna Samper (BMS) Alyssa Tallman (BIO) Emma Wu (BMS)	Exploring Mental Health through Public Art: the Breath of Life
Rachel Hudson (ENG)	‘It’s for Character Development’: How Autodidactic Platforms Teach Hangeul
Nusheen Immen (BMS & ECN)	Cervical Cancer in the Dominican Republic: Awareness, Education, and Healthcare Access
Ethan Joseph (BMS) Alvin Varghese (BMS)	Harmonizing Diversity: The Impact of Cultural Hybridity on Caribbean Identities and Expressions
Rhea Joshi (BMS & WLE) Vrishni Sanjanaa Maharaj (BMS) Olivia Pinilla (BIO) Nafisa Uddin (BMS & ISS)	Peer Leading in Mental Health: The Role of Students in Mental Health Services
Jayde Lasseigne (CCJ)	Domestic Combat: How the Militarization of Police Affects Domestic Citizens
Destiny Leonard (CCJ)	Dressed to Impress: How Identity Contingencies Influence Police and Community Interactions
Renée Lucas (PSY & ENG)	The Patriarchy in Chicana Society and Works that Rebel Against It
Sudhiksha Maramraju (BMS)	Transformation of Mortality: Dissecting the Development of the Natural Feeling of Death

Jenee Marshall (PSY)	Phenotype Bias in the Acquisition of Neuroimaging (EEG) Data
Tyler Miller (HTY)	The Many Fleets of Alexander the Great
Madison Murphy (ANT & WLE)	Linguistic Proficiency and Learner Questions
Uyen Nguyen (STA & ECN) Sarah Philips (STA & EQU) Christopher Oueis (EQE & ISS) Dominique Salinski (EQE & ISS)	Conflict Risk and Climate Change: Is There A Relationship?
Onyi Ojogwu (BIO)	Language Analysis of the Igbo Language
Ebu Ojogwu (CMB)	<i>Sula</i> : The Past as a Reflection of Present
Emily Parow (CMB)	Post Partum Care: Women in Batey Communities in the Dominican Republic
Trisha Pitchala (BMS)	Beyond Just Kindness: The Societal Impact of Wonder and Disability Representation
Jasmin Pruthi (BMS & PSY)	The Depiction of ALS in “The Theory of Everything”
Vanessa Quiroz (HLS)	What is the Most Effective Way to Prepare Females for Menstruation?
Emily Rainey (CMB)	Analysis of Sex Differences in Huntington’s Disease
Abigail Reed (ENV)	Hydrologic Dams as Weapons for Ethnocide: A Case Study of the Kinzua Dam & Allegheny Reservoir
Lauren Scotch (BMS)	To Hear and to be Heard: An Evaluation of Accessibility Barriers to Hearing Care Among U.S. Elderly and Proposal of a Solution
Ramya Subramanian (BSIS & ENV)	Hiring your Next Superstar: An R Package to Expedite the Hiring Process

Don't stop now! Take your materials from the 5th Annual Undergraduate Humanities Conference and use them to apply to the **2024 OneUSF Undergraduate Research Conference**.

This annual USF-wide conference is open to all majors and is in desperate need for more representation from the arts and humanities. Registration opens soon so keep an eye on the **Office of High Impact Practices and Undergraduate Research** website:

<https://www.usf.edu/undergrad/hipur/events/undergraduate-research.aspx>

OneUSF Conference Dates and Times:

Sarasota-Manatee campus - Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Petersburg campus - Thursday, April 11, 2024

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tampa campus - Friday, April 12, 2024

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SCHOLAR BIOGRAPHIES

Nader Abdalla

Nader is a proactive student at USF pursuing a degree in biomedical sciences and a career in research and medicine. He is interested in all aspects of DNA and the genome. He is involved in an array of different subjects varying from engineering and robotics to microbiology and research. He has numerous past experiences fluidly working within groups and has even placed in international competitions working in a group.

Anna Alieva

Anna is a second-year international student majoring in International Studies and minoring in Chinese Language & Culture. She is involved with the Honors College as a tour guide and student council member and hopes to go on to work in the realm of human rights.

Sima Al-Masri

Sima is a second-year student studying Biomedical Sciences with a Nutrition minor with the aspiration of becoming an endocrinologist, with a concentrated interest catered towards diabetes management and prevention. As a second generation to Syrian immigrant parents, she serves as the Senior Public Relations Chair for Minorities in Medicine at USF. She currently engages in research employed under an associate professor at USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, whose main interests are the physiology and pathology of kidney and intestine. Her name is a part of a research abstract that is currently pending and soon to be published by the American Physiology Society and is anticipating attending the upcoming American Physiology Society research conference in April.

Fariah Ansari

Fariah Ansari is a senior at USF double majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Public Health. She is the president of Student Government Senate, the treasurer of Crochet Club and Sparks Magazine, a director for the American Medical Student Association, and a member of the Dean's Student Leadership Society. Fariah has published work in the Journal of Sexual and Reproductive Health and likes to crochet and read in her free time. She plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a surgeon.

Reaghan Ard

Reaghan is a first-year honors student studying biology and environmental science. She is involved in the Honors College Cultural Exchange Program, Women in Leadership and Philanthropy, 3-D HabLab, and the Undergraduate Research Society. After completing undergrad, she plans to pursue graduate school in Australia.

Shashank Aremanda

Shashank is pre-medical student who is a biology major, and their academic goals are to finish their undergrad and go to medical school. Their future goals are to become a physician as it has been a dream of theirs forever.

Diana Awawdeh

Diana is a student at USF studying Behavioral Sciences, specifically psychology. She is a senior and plans to attend graduate school in New York and become a psychologist.

Kiley Barton

Kiley is studying Business Advertising as a part of the Zimmerman Advertising Program. This past summer she worked as a marketing intern in Little Rock, Arkansas. Kiley is a freshman apart of the Judy Genshaft Honors College.

Courtney Bauer

A second-year Health Sciences major and Spanish minor, Courtney has the overall initiative to serve marginalized populations in the Tampa Bay area. She is a medical assistant at a bilingual pediatric clinic and plans to attend a Physician Assistant program, followed by earning her doctoral degree in Public Health. Traveling on a service trip with the Judy Genshaft Honors College in December, she hopes to gain invaluable perspective regarding the culture and healthcare of rural Dominican Republic.

Elizabeth Bear

Elizabeth is a sophomore currently majoring in Philosophy. She's also trying to figure out which science she should minor in! She takes part in the Minorities and Philosophy program. Elizabeth likes roller skating, going to the aquarium, and spending her money. She hopes to go one day to graduate school and pursue a PhD in an environmental science related field.

Grace Beilman

Grace is a third-year Honors student studying Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies with minors in Public Health and Lit Studies. She is a peer sex educator, an Honors peer mentor, and a volunteer at the Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. Grace is hoping to pursue a graduate degree in Gender Studies or Public Health abroad through the Fullbright program, with the ultimate goal of becoming a sex ed teacher.

Serena Bhaskar

Serena is an Honors sophomore majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Creative Writing. She wishes to bridge the gap between her dual interests in medicine and the humanities through medical humanities-based writing.

Carlos Bibiloni

Carlos is a biomedical sciences major and wants to pursue a career either in medicine or research. After their graduation, they plan to take a gap year and work in research and decide if they want to pursue a career in medicine.

Brooklyn Bridges

Brooklyn is an English Education major in her second year at USF. She is an active member of the Education Living and Learning Community where she serves as a mentor for underclassmen. Brooklyn aspires to graduate with her Bachelor of Arts and return to her hometown where she will teach within Title 1 schools and pursue a higher degree in administration.

Tyler Briggs

Tyler is a freshman in the USF Judy Genshaft Honors College. She is the Social Media manager for the Club de Español. Tyler wants to become a teacher after college and would love to work on learning about and improving education policy.

Olivia Bruhn

Olivia is a student studying Biomedical Sciences as a part of the 7-year BS/MD in the honors college. She is a member of the Club Swimming team and the hurling club. Olivia is a freshman and plans to attend Morsani and eventually publish research.

Matthew Bullard

Matthew is a student pursuing his bachelor's degree in history at USF. He is a first-generation college student who hopes to one day become a professor himself. He plans to get his PhD in history and eventually publish further writings on Irish history.

Karina Burns

Karina is a College Board Recognized Scholar studying Electrical Engineering. She is involved in the Honors Orchestra. Karina is a sophomore who plans to join the workforce after graduating but also wants to attend graduate school in Indiana.

Marshae Capers

Marshae is a senior majoring in Criminology. Marshae is a Publix Jenkins scholar where she serves as the Scholars Planning Board director and is also a part of Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society. After graduation, Marshae plans to attend graduate school and research disparities in the criminal justice system.

Celeste Jasmine Cash

Celeste is a third-year National Merit Scholar studying Sociology and Psychology. They are an instructor for the Honors Peer Sex Ed Program and a research assistant for the Complex Rights and Wrongs project. Celeste plans to attend graduate school and continue to conduct research in sociology.

Milysha Castaneda

Milysha is studying Interdisciplinary Social Sciences with concentrations in Mass Communications and Sociology and a minor in Queer & Sexuality Studies. They are a member of the Judy Genshaft Honors College and are expected to graduate in May 2024. After graduation they wish to gain more professional experience in the agency field before applying for a graduate program specializing in marketing or organizational communication.

Roy Chen

Roy is a National Merit Scholar freshman majoring in Biomedical Sciences. He seeks to understand the influences that disability representations in fiction have on real-world perception. In addition, Roy participates in research regarding Alzheimer's intervention and developmental biology. He aims to enter medical school and become a neurologist.

Asha-Mizan Cope-Edwards

Asha is a first-generation American, with Jamaican heritage studying Geographic information systems with a double minor in Environmental Science and Urban Studies. She is a member of the SSS program, Miss Gold Coasts Teen FL 2022, and the founder of the non-profit Foster4Change which addresses the foster care to prison pipeline. Asha hopes to graduate from Law school with a Juris Doctorate and become a Foreign Service Officer specializing in urban planning and development.

Jackson Cross

Jackson is a senior at USF pursuing concurrent degrees in Cultural Studies and Creative Writing. He is the Co-Editor in Chief of Thread Magazine. He is a filmmaker, a poet, a musician, and an author of fiction, nonfiction, and critical studies scholarship.

Neha Dantuluri

Neha is a senior in the Judy Genshaft Honors College studying Healthcare Informatics and Biomedical Sciences. She is a recipient of the Genshaft-Greenbaum Global Explorer Award. Neha is passionate about violence prevention and equity in global healthcare. She plans to attend medical school after graduation.

Rylee Diehl

Rylee is a first-year psychology major. She is a member of the Stonewall Suites Living Learning Community. Rylee plans to attend graduate school and work in a women's shelter or LGBTQIA+ home after graduation.

Stephanie England

Stephanie is a senior pursuing dual degrees in Business Analytics and Information Systems and Management. She is involved in various student organizations, including the Order of the Golden Brahman and Engineering Expo as President and Director of Standards of the USF Ambassadors. Following graduation, Stephanie plans to attend graduate school at USF for an MBA and master's degree in hospitality management.

Caelie Flora

Caelie is a senior studying Biomedical Sciences and minoring in history. She is a member of the Irish Culture and Language Club. Caelie takes personal and academic interest in history with interest in antiquity, epidemic history, and cultural death practices.

Ashar Farrukh

Ashar is a freshman majoring in biomedical sciences. Ashar has previously published a review research article on Beta Thalassemia and treatments for this disease on Johns Hopkins' Pre-Collegiate Global Health Review. Ashar was invited to attend Johns Hopkins Global Health Leadership Conference. From his love for nature and gardening, Ashar earned the AEST Agricultural Associate Certificate for Agricultural education, services, and technology in the 21st century. Ashar contributes hours at his local mosque as a Medical Supplies Organizer and Volunteer for the Islamic Circle of North America where he has administered physical exams and distributed food to countless hungry people in the Tampa Bay area.

Sarah Gammill

Sarah is a senior at USF majoring in Environmental Science and Policy. She is the director of campus involvement for the Chi Omega Sorority and is an Adventure Trip leader for the USF Outdoor Recreation Department. After graduation in the spring, she hopes to continue her educational journey with a master's degree in conservation biology and a career in habitat restoration and species conservation research. She is excited about the prospect of incorporating methods like 3D modeling and printing used in this project in future studies.

Reva Gandhi

Reva is a sophomore at USF majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Public Health. She is currently a part of the Marketing and Communications team for the Honors College and volunteers at the USF BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic. She has interned with the Manatee County Community Paramedicine team researching fiscal reimbursement methods to reduce hospital readmission rates. Reva has an interest in designing sustainable solutions to key issues within local communities and plans to pursue a career in patient care and treatment research.

Tzuiel Emiliano Garcia

Tzuiel is an Industrial Engineering major at USF. He is a part of the Honors college and works at the Design For X Laboratory as a student lead.

Olivia Anne Hamati

Olivia is a senior studying Philosophy and Biomedical Physics. She is involved with Alzheimer's research and works as a Medical Assistant in Dermatology. Olivia plans to attend medical school and use her education to help her community.

Andy Harrison

Andy is a senior studying History and Political Science, with a focus in political theory and Latin America. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and is president of the Philosophy Organization at USF. He plans to attend graduate school either in Florida or New York state.

Hailey Hayes

Hailey is a Judy Genshaft Honors College Student majoring in Cell & Molecular Biology and minoring in Public Health. She is currently a senior and a basic science research trainee at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. After graduation, Hailey plans to continue studying molecular biology at the graduate level, while continuing to practice narrative writing and interdisciplinary research.

Julianna Heitman

Julianna is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying biomedical sciences and intelligence studies. She has research aspirations within medical humanities and orthopedics. Julianna is a senior and plans to pursue medical school after graduation.

Lorelei Herman

Lorelei is an honors student studying Public Health. She is a senior and plans to attend graduate school with a focus on epidemiological research.

Leah Hodges

Leah is a Judy Genshaft Honors student studying Marine Biology at USF. She was awarded the USF Green and Gold Academic Scholarship to highlight her accomplishments and successes throughout high school. She is involved in volunteer work at the Florida Aquarium and a local kayaking business in Fort De Soto. Leah is a sophomore with the plans to graduate in the spring of 2026 and attend graduate school in Australia on a Fulbright or international scholarship.

Cassidy Homatas

Cassidy is a third-year honors student studying Studio Art at USF. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career related to digital art.

Rachel Hudson

Rachel is a senior at USF, graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Arts in English literary studies and minor in Linguistics. She is also a part of the honors college and the English honors program. In addition to her studies, Rachel is the president of USF's Her Campus chapter. Rachel hopes to continue academic research in linguistics in the near future.

Nusheen Immen

Nusheen is a senior in the Judy Genshaft Honors College pursuing a double major in Biomedical Sciences and Economics. Actively engaged in various student organizations across campus, she currently serves as the president of Bulls for Moffitt. Nusheen's commitment further extends to her roles as an undergraduate researcher in two esteemed labs, one within USF and another at Moffitt Cancer Center. Looking ahead, Nusheen aspires to attend medical school post-graduation, where she aims to specialize in oncology, reflecting her profound commitment to making a difference in the field of cancer care.

Ethan Joseph

Ethan is an Honors College junior majoring in Biomedical Sciences. He serves as the president and coach of the USF Karate Club, where he mentors and trains his peers in martial arts. Ethan is a six-time Caribbean Cup champion and holds the title of Trinidad and Tobago debate champion. Ethan's passion for politics led him to a prestigious internship at the Office of the Leader of the Opposition in Trinidad and Tobago. He received a 1st place merit award for excellence in CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination) Chemistry. Ethan's interests and experiences in academics, athletics, leadership, debate, and politics have shaped him into a well-rounded prospect in the realms of academia, sports, and public service.

Rhea Joshi

Rhea is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying Biomedical Sciences and World Languages and Culture with a concentration in Spanish. She is the Vice President of Communications for Dance Marathon at USF, Marketing and Public Relations Co-Chair for the Honors College Student Council, and serves on the Board of Directors for Doctors Without Borders at USF. Rhea is a sophomore and hopes to attend medical school following undergraduate studies to work in pediatric neurology.

Bethany Jowers

Bethany is a senior pursuing concurrent degrees in Biomedical Sciences and World Languages and Cultures. She has worked as an intern and research coordinator for the Tampa General Hospital Transplant Institute, a research assistant in the USF Cancer Communications Lab, and has presented her individual research at numerous university, state, and national conferences. She recently finished her Honors thesis, a grant-funded community health survey she conducted during an Honors Experience Abroad in the Dominican Republic.

Joelynn Jung

Joelynn is a third-year honors student at USF majoring in biomedical sciences and minoring in biomedical physics. She is currently on a pre-dental track and serves as the treasurer for the Pre-Dental Society at USF and 3D-Hab Lab club.

Michael Justice

Michael is a junior studying English Education. He has been writing poetry for eight years and has been published in "The Copper Quill" twice. He plans on becoming an English professor in the future and continue his work with Special Needs Students.

Rafael Kaiser

Rafael is an undergraduate student of Philosophy. He is in his junior year. He is also a creative writing minor.

Aditi Kanchibhatta

Aditi is an Honors student studying Biology. She is the co-founder and vice-president of the Judy Genshaft Honors College Community Garden. She has previously had research published in the ASM Journal through the SEAPHAGES program. Aditi is a junior and plans to continue to be involved in areas of climate and sustainability.

Tyler Koerner

Tyler is a senior anthropology undergraduate with an interest in the specific area of environmental anthropology. After conducting undergraduate thesis work, they now aspire to continue their training through the USF master's program and further explorations of topics such as trends of rapid land development, invasive species interactions, and human infrastructure relations.

Jared Lamanati

Jared is an English major with a concentration on Literary Studies. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta. Jared is a senior in his last semester and hopes to attend a graduate program in the fall.

Jayde Lasseigne

Jayde is a third-semester junior studying Criminology and Linguistics. She has been part of the National Society for Leadership and Success since her second semester. Jayde plans to continue her studies in graduate school, with hopes to work in intelligence collection and analytics with the federal government. Eventually, she hopes to work in criminal justice research, education, and reform.

Nicholas Laugen

Nicholas is a senior English Literary Studies major. He has particular interest in Early to Victorian English Literature. He plans on graduating in spring 2024 and attending graduate school at USF to further study Victorian literature.

Destiny Leonard

Destiny is a senior Judy Genshaft Honors College student majoring in Forensic Studies and Justice and minoring in Psychology and Africana Studies. She holds executive board positions in USF's NAACP Chapter as their Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice Chair and the Parliamentarian/GBM Coordinator of the Black Student Union. During Summer 2023, Destiny participated in Washington State University's 1st Criminology NSF REU Program, where she studied the correlation of race and policing and was inspired by the work of Claude M. Steele and USF professors David Ponton, III and Edward Kissi to analyze these topics as they relate to the concept of identity contingencies. Destiny plans to continue her graduate studies at USF and earn a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Matthew Lewicki

Matthew is a Bright Futures Academic Scholar currently studying History at USF. Additional academic pursuits include minors in Queer and Sexuality studies as well as Urban studies. Matthew is a senior who aims to continue his historical studies in graduate school beginning next fall. Topics Matthew has researched vary from the histories of Queer and Immigrant scenes in Tampa to the cultural impact of Lana Del Rey.

Jessica Loaiza

Jessica is a third-year undergraduate at USF working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History with a minor in Mass Communication. As a second-generation Colombian immigrant, Jessica brings a unique approach to analyzing visual culture. Jessica was selected to present her paper "The Complexities of Kerry James Marshall's De Style" at the Art History Symposium in Spring 2023. She was awarded a Bay Art Files undergraduate scholarship award for her paper. Jessica plans to continue her studies with a master's degree and aspires to work as a curator of Latin American art.

Brandon Lopez

Brandon is a first-year student in the Honors College studying Microbiology. He is involved in Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity and UEMSA. Brandon has plans to become a clinical physician and work in public health to some degree.

Renée Lucas

Renée is a sophomore student pursuing a double major in Psychology and English. She is in the Judy Genshaft Honors College LLC. Renée currently attends the New Tampa Piano and Pedagogy Academy. She is working as an intern at BrixTec Web Solutions, utilizing her skills in graphic design. She intends to continue her education with a graduate degree in Psychology.

Vrishni Sanjanaa Maharaj

Vrishni is a sophomore majoring in Biomedical Sciences with a Psychology minor. She is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student and holds positions including Community and Leadership Coordinator of the JGHCSC, Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of USF Phi Delta Epsilon, and Co-Founder of the USF Tampa Debate, and USF Global Health Catalyst clubs. Vrishni is currently an undergraduate researcher within the Morsani College of Medicine and is passionate about reducing global healthcare disparities in the field of neurosurgery.

Sudhiksha Maramraju

Sudhiksha is a Genshaft-Greenbaum Global Explorers Scholar and is studying Biomedical Sciences as a part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College.

Jenee Marshall

Jenee is a first-year student at USF Tampa, currently part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College, currently studying Psychology with a focus on Advanced Research Experience. Her academic pursuits extend to a future double major in Information Sciences, specifically honing in on Data Science and Analysis, and graduate school.

Chance Mason

Chance is studying World Languages and Cultures with a concentration in Classics. He is involved in the Dean's Student Leadership Society and is a member of the USF John Quincy Adams Society. Chance plans to attend law school.

Ariana Matondo

Ariana is a poet, filmmaker, and teacher-in-the-making who studies Creative Writing at USF. She is president of the Creative Writer's club, a peer mentor at the College of Arts and Sciences, and an intern at Ippolito Elementary School. Ariana Matondo is currently a senior and plans to go to graduate school to pursue a master's degree in creative writing, as well as continue doing research on literature, language, and other forms of media.

Alejandra McGehee

Alejandra is a National Merit Scholar student studying Biology. She is an English, Biology, and Chemistry tutor and is Operations Chair of the 3D-Hab Lab club. Alejandra is a sophomore and plans to attend graduate school to become a physician's assistant.

Daven Mejica

Daven is studying Biomedical Sciences. He is involved in Fencing and the Judy Genshaft Honors College Student Council. Daven is a freshman and plans to attend medical school and conduct further research in cancer treatment.

Adam Miecznikowski

Adam is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student currently registered as an Electrical Engineering major but is interested in both humanities and industrial engineering. He intends on getting involved in the USF Book Club and is interested in a wide variety of subjects outside analytical systems work. Adam is from Tampa, and he hasn't fully committed to either entering the work force or starting graduate school once his bachelor's degree is achieved. He is open to suggestions for the direction of his career path while at USF.

Tyler Miller

Tyler is a senior studying History and Classics Studies. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta. His research focuses on the Ancient Mediterranean. He plans to go to graduate school following graduation from USF.

Faizan Mohammed

Faizan's major is Biomedical Sciences and is a hard worker who loves to learn more. In their free time they enjoy playing sports and hanging out with friends.

Karmen Montoya

Karmen (They/Them) is a 19-year-old sophomore seeking an undergraduate degree in psychology. They plan to attain their Psy.D in Criminal psychology and work in the prison system. They are currently part of the K-pop cover group KDA.

Dennis Moore

Dennis is a senior undergrad studying history. His focus is on looking at the human-animal relationships within history and is hoping to attend USF as a master's student to further pursue studying animals in Irish history under Dr. Knight

Mariana Mosli

Mariana Herrera Mosli, an award-winning photographer and artist, is a senior at USF, majoring in Literary Studies with a minor in Applied Behavior Analysis. Passionate about literature and writing, she aims to explore the intersection of affective science and theology. Her goal is to understand human behavior through literary perspectives and behavior analysis. As a Cuban-American writer and English as a second-language speaker, her work combines her life experiences, artistic voice, and spiritual journey. She aspires to write a book on the unexplored connection between affective science and theology.

Ainara Munoz-Odrizola

Ainara is a third-year student studying International Studies and World Languages and Cultures with a concentration in French and Francophone studies. She previously participated in Dr. Jacobson's Sociology Research Experience and is excited to further enhance her research skills. Ainara is president of the Golden Bulls Dance Club at USF. She plans to graduate in 2025 and pursue graduate studies in international relations.

Madison Murphy

Madison is studying Anthropology and Spanish with plans to teach. She is involved in the P.R.I.D.E. Alliance and a member of the Club de Español and Anthropology Club. Madison is pursuing graduate school and intends to continue her work with Equality Florida in the coming years.

Asil Naveed

Asil is a junior studying Philosophy and Econometrics. He is the vice-president of the Philosophy Organization at USF. Asil plans to attend graduate school in Philosophy and is researching Continental Philosophy in the 20th Century.

Amreen Naveen

Amreen is an honors student majoring in Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Public Health. Her research interest focuses on the intersection of public health and the environment with an emphasis on health equity and immune disorders. She works at Moffitt Cancer Center under the immunology and tumor biology department focusing on protein-protein interactions in cancer development and the role of fucosylation pathways and sex hormones in melanoma metastasis. Amreen plans to further her focus on immunology research and cancer biology.

Theresa Neiberger

Theresa is a Puerto-Rican American History and English student. They are the secretary of the Creative Writing Club, focusing on fictional short stories and poetry. Tess is planning to graduate in Fall 2024 and take a gap year before applying for a history graduate program.

Uyen Nguyen

Uyen is a Statistics & Economics major. She is currently a Data Science Analyst Intern at Crosstree and a research assistant at SPACHeS Lab. She serves as Secretary of Association for Computing Machinery club. She is interested in research and data science and plans to pursue a master's degree in data science after graduation.

Audra Nikolajski

Audra is a senior majoring in English and Political Science and minoring in Education. Dedicated to storytelling and its role in education, she devotes her time to mentoring, writing, teaching, and community-building. As a UN Millenium Fellow and Phi Beta Kappa Key into Public Service Scholar, Audra will continue her work in curriculum development and educational advocacy as she pursues an MPP in Educational Policy.

Ebu Ojogwu

Ebu is a senior majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology. She serves as the recruitment chair for the Maternal and Child Health Student Organization, is a student volunteer researcher in the Biobehavioral Health Lab, and tutors refugee K-12 students. After graduating Ebu plans to attend medical school where she will combine her passion for social justice and medicine by becoming a physician.

Onyi Ojogwu

Onyi is a senior majoring in Microbiology. She is the health chair of the NAACP club on campus. Onyi plans to graduate in Spring 2024 and attend medical school.

Aishat Ostanbekova

Aishat is a junior exchange student studying American Studies. She is involved in History club and International club. She participated in an international conference, Smolny Readings, in her home university in St Petersburg, Russia, and published an article in a research journal "Aktualnye issledovaniya". Aishat plans to pursue master's degree in history.

Christopher Oueis

Christopher (Chris) is a Gilman Scholar studying Econometrics and International Studies, with a minor in Legal Studies. Chris is a junior of Lebanese origins. He was a Foreign Policy Research Intern at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington DC where he has published on Global Islamism trends. He then pursued another internship conducting policy research focusing on Global Development, especially in the Middle East and North Africa. On campus, he serves as the treasurer of the Lebanese Student Association and Volunteer Coordinator with Project Downtown Tampa.

Shivani Padhye

Shivani is pursuing a concurrent degree in Cell and Molecular Biology and Chemistry with a concentration in Biotechnology and Biochemistry. She is a research coordinator in the USF Undergraduate Research Society (URS) leading three different projects around subjects like music therapy, reproductive health, and Ayurveda. She plans to pursue a career in medicine as a physician.

Sky Park

Sky is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying cybersecurity. He is a sophomore interested in philosophy (particularly continental and postmodern) and literature (classical and late-modern) who hopes to actualize his interests in academia and synthesize it with a career in STEM.

Emily Parow

Emily is a graduating cell and molecular biology major applying to graduate programs for infectious disease and microbiology. She is traveling to the Dominican Republic in December as part of a study abroad trip in which she will volunteer in clinics in rural areas in the Dominican Republic. She plans on dedicating her career to researching the spread of infectious diseases in resource limited areas and how these diseases can be prevented and eradicated.

Madeleine Penman-Derstine

Madeleine is a student athlete from Toronto, Canada studying both Philosophy and Psychology. She is a full-time women's soccer player and is president of USF's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Madeleine is a junior and plans to complete a master's in philosophy before attending law school in Toronto, Canada.

Gabi Pfeiffer

Gabi is a Provost's Scholar and Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying Sociology and Psychology. They are currently involved with the USF Student Accessibility Task Force and volunteer as a research assistant on the Complex Rights and Wrongs research project in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies under Dr. McCracken. They plan to attend graduate school to obtain a Ph.D. in Communication and Media Studies and pursue a career in academia.

Minh Pham

Minh, a dedicated sophomore majoring in Accounting and Econometrics & Quantitative Economics, is a burgeoning scholar with a passion for economics. Currently serving as the Research Lead for the Economics Scholars Society and a consultant at HEXA Consulting JE,

Minh showcases a keen interest in the application of economics to health-related issues. Her future aspirations involve pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics, specializing in Health Economics. Specifically, Minh is intrigued by the intersection of economics and health, particularly in aging studies and mental health issues.

Sarah Philips

Sarah is a senior at USF studying Statistics and Econometrics. She is the vice president of the Real Estate Society at USF and works as a tutor for USF Athletics. After graduation, Sarah intends to pursue a career in actuarial science.

Kobe Phillips

Kobe is a senior at USF studying Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. As the founder and past instructor of “Rooted in Place” and the JGHC Community Garden as well as a local beekeeper, he is passionate about pollinators and ecological stewardship. He is an active member of the Rowing Club and founder of the USF 3D HAB-Lab which aligns student interests in engineering, design, art, and ecology to create working solutions for habitat loss locally, and globally. As a 2023 Marshall Finalist and UN Millenium Fellow, Kobe will continue his work in building sustainable communities for both people and wildlife as he pursues further graduate studies in the Built Environment.

Ken Phong Dao

Ken is a second-year student at USF majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology. He is an undergraduate researcher at Tampa General Hospital and Moffitt Cancer Center. He plans to pursue an MD-PhD in the future with a focus in Biostatistics.

Olivia Pinilla

Olivia is a second-year student majoring in biology with a minor in Public Health. She is a National Hispanic Scholar and is the Secretary of Bulls for Moffitt and Volunteer Co-Chair of the Judy Genshaft Honors Student Council. Olivia plans to attend medical school and obtain a master’s degree in public health after graduating from USF.

Brett Pioszak

Brett is a junior at USF majoring in Computer Science. He wishes to learn more about 3D modeling and how to incorporate his major with humanities-based research. He also has an interest in data science and plans to learn more about how to apply his skills to real-world problems. He hopes to get a master’s degree in computer science and wants to focus on artificial intelligence because of its potential future applications in every aspect of life.

Trisha Pitchala

Trisha is a third-year Honors Biomedical Sciences major with a minor in Public Health. She is involved in various student organizations, participates in humanitarian projects abroad, conducts research at Moffitt Cancer Center, and plans to attend medical school in 2025.

Jasmin Pruthi

Jasmin is a Provost’s Scholar and Honors College student studying Biomedical Sciences and Psychology. She is the Sponsorship Director of Dance Marathon, Events Chair of Doctors without Borders, and is involved in Hearts for the Homeless. Jasmin is a dancer on the colle-

giate dance team Bull Bhangra and has received training in a variety of other styles of dance such as ballet, tap, and contemporary. She works as a research assistant at Moffitt Cancer Center where she investigates the discovery and development of new inhibitors as potential therapeutics. Jasmin plans to attend medical school upon graduation in hopes of becoming a practicing physician.

Vanessa Quiroz

Vanessa is an Honors College freshman studying Health Sciences with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. She is a member of the Honors Volunteer Committee, the Honors LLC Leadership Committee, and secretary for the Organization for Student Health and Success. Vanessa plans to become a public health program coordinator to promote public health initiatives in the community upon graduation. Her research project is very near to her heart since both she and her sister have suffered from lack of knowledge regarding female health. She hopes to spread awareness of the impact that the quality of female health education has on women's well-being.

Aditi Ragothaman

Aditi is a freshman majoring in Biomedical Sciences with the intention of going to medical school after her undergraduate degree. She enjoys reading novels in her free time.

Emily Rainey

Emily is a senior studying Cell biology and biomedical anthropology. She's been involved in research for two years, with two publications as a result and plans to go to graduate school for medical anthropology.

Braelyn Ramirez

Braelyn is a freshman Honors College student studying psychology with interests in film and theatre. Braelyn plans to attend graduate school and pursue research in developmental and/or social psychology.

Abigail Reed

Abigail is a senior majoring in Environmental Science & Policy with minors in Geology and Biology. She is an NSF ADI Geo-History fellow and attended the Geological Society of America's annual meeting under this fellowship to learn more about the Geo-History and Geoheritage of Pennsylvania and other geologic sites from around the world. Her research interests include biogeochemistry, water quality, and environmental justice. Abigail plans to attend graduate school to earn her PhD in Earth and Environmental Science once she graduates in May 2024.

Kadence Relente

Kadence is a second-year Biomedical Sciences major who intends to pursue medical school. She is heavily involved with Asian student organizations at USF as Co-Cultural Chair of Asian Students in America and Decorations Chair of Association of Filipino Students. Kadence is also in the Honors College and participates in music through the Honors Choir.

Sreehitha Sajja

Sreehitha is currently a Biomedical Sciences major in a combined medical program. In the future, they will be pursuing to be an oncologist. Overall, they are interested in the field of medicine and healthcare and want to make a difference in their community.

Dominique Salinski

Dominique is a senior studying Econometrics and International Studies. He is interning as a data analyst at SWFWMD, and is an economic research analyst at the USF Investment Club.

Arianna Samper

Arianna is a second-year Honors student majoring in Biomedical Sciences on the pre-medical track. She is EMR certified and vice-president of the USF Baking club. Arianna plans to continue work in emergency medicine and ultimately pursue a career in Dermatology.

Avani Sanghvi

Avani is an Honors freshman studying English. She is involved in the Suffrage Postcard Project and is part of the Creative Writers Club. She hopes to document the female artist of color in the broader historical narrative and publish research to bring attention to these forgotten stories.

Elliot Santaella-Aguilar

Elliot is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying Biomedical Sciences and Psychology. He is involved in the Substance Misuse & Addictions Research Lab and is the co-director of the Spanish Interpreting Program at USF BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic. Elliot is a junior and plans to attend medical school and get his research published in Substance Use & Misuse.

Ellie Saylor

Ellie, a senior studying art history, eagerly anticipates her graduation and entry into the museum curatorial field. Currently serving as the Art Director at USF's Centre Gallery, Ellie showcases her leadership skills and dedication to promoting artistic expression within the university community. In addition, as a Provost Scholar, she has consistently demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to scholarly pursuits.

Lauren Scotch

Lauren is a first-year Honors student studying Biomedical Sciences and Dance Performance. She plans to pursue research at USF or Moffitt Cancer Center and is interested in exploring new disciplines. Lauren plans to pursue professional dance and attend medical school in the future.

Ginamarie Second

Ginamarie is a junior studying Secondary English Education. She is involved in the USF chapter of HerCampus and enjoys writing to inspire others. Ginamarie plans to attend graduate school at USF and plans to get her Ph.D. in education.

Arshita Singh

Arshita is an International Baccalaureate program graduate from King High School. She is a freshman pursuing a biomedical sciences degree with a public health minor and aims to pursue an M.D./ Ph.D. after graduation. She is president of the ENGIN Service club, which aims to connect Ukrainian youth with American-speaking students to advance their understanding of English. She hopes to explore more research and medical-related opportunities as she embarks on her journey at USF.

Mridula Singh

Mridula is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Psychology. Mridula is a Research Coordinator for the Undergraduate Research Society where she leads five groups and a Research Assistant under the USF HEALTH Byrd Alzheimer's Institute. She is a UF McKnight Brain Institute Travel Scholarship recipient and was invited to present her Honors Thesis on the effects of a psilocybin derivative on addiction at the UF Center for Addiction Research and Education Symposium. She has presented her research at the USF HEALTH and USF Undergraduate Research Conferences. Mridula works for the Honors College and Alumni Association as a Marketing and Communications Assistant and is a member of Phi Delta Epsilon and the Deans Student Leadership Society. Mridula hopes to pursue an MD/PhD and go into Interventional Neurology.

Anna Soltys

Anna is a sophomore majoring in Marine Biology with a minor in Environmental Science and Policy. She is currently in a research lab with Dr. Pollenz, where she assists him in bacteriophage research. She is scuba certified and plans to go into shark conservation post grad. She has previous experience with oysters from high school with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation student leadership program.

Modena Stevenson

Modena is a senior studying Biomedical Sciences. She is an active swimmer and volunteer in her community. After graduating, Modena plans to attend medical school and work as a physician specializing in psychiatry and hopes to reduce healthcare inequalities.

Ramya Subramanian

Ramya is a junior Honors student working towards a dual degree in Information Science with a Data Science and Analytics concentration and Environmental Science and Policy with an Environmental Analysis concentration. She plans to attend graduate school and become a professor in the sustainability field. With interests in environmental data science, she intends to explore R programming and GIS tools further into her degree and career.

Kareem Suleiman

Kareem's academic interests are biology and psychology. They are a pre-medical student and biology major. They hope to go to medical school where they can work and hopefully become a physician one day.

Alyssa Tallman

Alyssa is a third-year Honors student at USF. She is a National Merit Scholar and is studying Biology. She plans to pursue a career in laboratory research associated with animal biology.

Arya Thakkar

Arya's academic interests are scattered across various topics and different fields, but one of the most prominent being psychological behaviors and how outside factors can influence the way we function. Their current major and course of study is Chemistry, and they plan to attend Pharmacy School after completion of undergrad.

Nafisa Uddin

Nafisa is a National Merit Scholar and Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying Biomedical Sciences, International Studies, and minoring in Biomedical Anthropology. She is the president of the Pre-med AMSA chapter at USF, vice-president of the JGHC Honors Student Council, and vice-president of the CAS Dean's Student Leadership Society. She is currently involved with research at Moffitt Cancer Research Center in the Immunology Department. Nafisa is a senior and plans to attend medical school after graduating and work in global health.

Alvin Varghese

Alvin is an Honors College sophomore majoring in Biomedical Sciences with aspirations of becoming a doctor, specializing in infectious diseases. Alvin is vice-president of Healthcare Students United at USF. He is on the Service Board of Directors for the Doctors Without Borders Club at USF and is a board member of the Youth Climate Task Force for Broward County. Alvin is a founder and Risk Manager for the Karate Club and a co-founder of the Medical Way Program. Alvin is enrolled in the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and volunteers at Memorial Hospital West as a Bariatric Nurse Assistant. Alvin has a passion for humanitarian work, global health initiatives, as well as environmental and community issues.

Shubhi Verma

Shubhi is a first-year Computer Science major at the Judy Genshaft Honors College. With a proclivity towards researching artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, and their broader ethical implications in society, Shubhi has performed prior research at the MIT Beaverworks Summer Institute Dr. Masoumeh Mansouri (lecturer at University of Birmingham) on autonomous systems and their ethical implications. She is particularly fascinated in this subject because of her passion for the performing arts- she has been a professional dancer for over four years and has been commercially training for 10 years. She hopes to continue dabbling in such exciting research opportunities at the Judy Genshaft Honors College and USF School of Engineering during her next four years of college.

Cole Vianest

Cole is a NSHSS member currently studying Biomedical Sciences. Despite science being his main focus, he is an avid writer, and is in the process of publishing a paper based on horror video games. Cole is a sophomore and plans to attend medical school in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduating.

Jordan Viles

Jordan is a junior at USF enrolled in the College of Education. She is part of the Education Living and Learning Community pursuing an English Education Degree. Her goal is to go into a secondary teaching position after graduation in May of 2025.

Luke Vischio-Duffy

Luke is a first-time-in-college student majoring in Secondary English Education and a Judy Genshaft Honors student. After he graduates from USF, Luke plans to teach English at the high school level and later pursue his master's and doctoral degrees.

Samantha Whiskeyman

Samantha is a USF Honors student studying Anthropology and Philosophy. She is a freshman pursuing research into the problem of hate, as well as research into intersocial relationships. She is a member of The Raven's Guild, and in her free time enjoys playing volleyball, writing poetry, and taking road trips.

Gabrielle Whyte

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