

## Faculty Activities

### NIH Award

Dr. **Wayne Guida** congratulated Dr. Jim Leahy and Dr. Yu Chen (Dept. of Molecular Medicine) for having received a R21 NIH grant, “Novel Inhibitor Discovery Against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PBP3”.



Dr. Chen



Dr. Leahy

Dr. Chen will serve as PI and Dr. Leahy as Co-PI.

### DOE Awards

Drs. **Brian Space** and **Shengqian Ma** each received DOE grants from the Fuel Cell Technologies Office within the Department of Energy (DOE).



Dr. Ma

This was in response to a funding announcement titled “Fiscal Year 2019 Commercial Trucks and Off-road Applications FOA: Natural Gas, Hydrogen, Biopower, and Electrification Technologies”.



Dr. Space

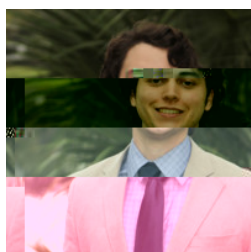
Each award was funded at \$800,000 and USF received two of the eight awards this round.

Dr.



Dr. Barbeto

Dr. **Douglas M Franz** (Dr. Brian Space)



Dr. Franz

Dr. **Zachary Schultz** (Dr. James Leahy)



Dr. Shultz

## ***Persons You May Know***

Dr. **David Merkler**, professor , was elected to the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council in May.

Dr. **Mildred Acevedo-Duncan**, research professor, attended the World Cancer Action meeting in Valencia, Spain May 8 and 9 to chair the sessions and present "Preclinical Testing of ICA-1; A Potent Protein Kinase C-



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***USF News***

**Donation**

Dr. **Judy Genshaft** and her husband, **Steven I. Greenbaum**, will donate \$20 million toward a new honors college building in her name.

The South Florida gift is a contribution towards a \$47 million five-story building

that will be named the Judy Genshaft Honors College.



Genshaft Honors College proposed structure

The building will have classrooms, offices, study areas, and event spaces.

According to a *Chronicle* article, this gift could be the “biggest made by a chief executive while still in office.”

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### **Four-year graduation rate**

- 2000: 20%
- Now: 60%

### **Total Student head count**

- 2000: 35,728
- Now: 50,755

### **Total Alumni**

- 2000: 167,210
- Now: 340,000

### **Annual Research Expenditure**

- 2000: \$172 million
- Now: \$568 million

## ***New Administration***

Dr. **Steven Currall** USF's seventh president assumed office July 1<sup>st</sup>. He had announced that this appointment would be his "great life mission."

He was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Southern Methodist University.



Dr. Currall

Previously he worked at the University of California, Davis, an AAU member, serving as the chancellor's senior advisor for strategic projects and initiatives, dean of the graduate school of management. During his time in California, Currall was also vice

chair of the board of directors and member of the executive committee for the 10-campus University of California system's Global Health Institute.

His experience includes positions at AAU institutions Rice University, the University of Chicago and Cornell University. On an international level, Currall spent time at University College London, serving as a professor and founding chair of the department of management science and innovation in the faculty of engineering sciences, where he was also a vice dean.

A psychological scientist, Currall has received more than \$21 million in research grants, and taught for nearly three decades on organizational psychology topics such as innovation, emerging technologies, negotiation and corporate governance.

Dr. Currall was lead author of a book on university-business-government collaboration,

He has served on several editorial review boards, and he is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He and his

Dr. Steve Currall presiding for his first time as USF president. The 3,200 graduates represented 48 states and 79 nations.

## USF Innovation Enterprise

**Paul R. Sanberg**, Ph.D., D.Sc., (Senior VP for Research, Innovation & Knowledge Enterprise), President and Founder of the National Academy of Inventors, shared information about utility patents.



Dr. Sanberg

The National Academy of Inventors announced (June 4<sup>th</sup>) the top 100 worldwide universities granted U.S. utility patents in 2018.

The seventh annual report is a compilation of data obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The rankings of selected organizations are listed below.

1. University of California System
8. Harvard University
16. University of South Florida
19. University of Florida
33. Florida International University
69. The Florida State University
75. University of Central Florida

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Dr. Currall's background: USF news release.

**CAS**: C&EN, June 3, p 43 (Linda Wang)

Florence information: Ms. **Paige Romero**

Doctoral information Ms. **Sylvia Onac**,

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Chemistry doctoral graduates: Ms **Kaithlyn Kroner**

## Abbreviations

**NIH**: National Institutes of Health

**PI**: Principal Investigator

## News and feedback

### *Immediate past Chair:*



Dr. Wayne C. Guida  
Professor and Chair  
July 1, 2015-August 6, 2019

### *Interim Chair:*



Dr. Jim Leahy  
Professor and Interim Chair  
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