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So now I'm a postdoc at UCSD. I'm jointly advised by **J. Andrew McCammon** and **Rommie Amaro** studying

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computational biophysics! Due to the covid situation, I'm actually still in Tampa working remotely! We're actually working right now on modeling many of the SARS-CoV-2 virus proteins! I'm responsible for modeling the Spike protein (the protein that recognizes and binds to human cells and then allows the virus to enter and infect cells) and compounds that work cooperatively with the spike protein to enhance its activity.

**Dr. Ralph N. Salvatore**

Wrote of his delight that a student of SEU , who had worked with him doing undergraduate research, would be a graduate student in Chemistry starting in December. Dr. Salvatore is surely a loyal alumnus, and it is always a pleasure to hear from him. Another advisee of his has applied for admission to C

President emerita Genshaft and **Steven Greenbaum** also donated \$3 million to create an endowment for the Dean of the college, and current recipient Dr. Charles Adams expressed his sincere appreciation at the ceremony.

### ***Pandemic Considerations***

Selected comments by Dr. **Steven Currall**, President and Professor were taken from *USF* (Winter 2020)

pandemic will continue to include environmental testing of high-touch surfaces, enhanced cleaning and robust

Dr. Currall

The pandemic has not distracted us from our focus on delivering a world-class education, conducting life-changing research and making higher education more accessible to all students. Our efforts continue to earn

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