



### **Sandy Pettit Receives USF Golden Bull Award**

**TAMPA, Fla. (April 21, 2014)** Sandy Pettit (BSChE '94, MSChE '10), a doctoral candidate in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, has received a 2014 prestigious USF Golden Bull Award. The Golden Bull Award is one of USF's highest honors given annually to undergraduate and graduate students who encompass the spirit of USF and have demonstrated its values. Recipients must exemplify exceptional leadership and service to the university and the community. This year, the selection committee screened over 75 applications and awarded 12 Golden Bull Awards to students from all areas of the USF campus. The recipients will be honored by President Judy Genshaft during the Celebration of Leadership Awards on April 22 at the USF Marshall Center Ballroom.

Sandy's doctoral research focused on photocatalysis, using titanium dioxide and indium vanadate for remediation of contaminated water. Her advisor is John Kuhn, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical and Engineering. She worked with an interdisciplinary team from the College of Marine Science and MOTE Marine Laboratories. Sandy's achievements include the USF Signature Research Fellowship and Provost Award for Outstanding Teaching. She has served as Counselor for the USF Student Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Liaison to the Central Florida Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), president of the SWE Tampa Bay Section, a member of the Board of Directors for the USF Alumni Association, and as a leader of K-12 STEM outreach activities. This past year, Sandy was a member of the College of Engineering Dean's Search Committee.

One former mentee wrote of Sandy "her loving and compassionate spirit has built trust among students at USF and the Tampa Bay area while her dedication, hard work, and commitment motivates those around her to continue creating and reaching new goals." Another former student wrote "Sandy is a brilliant professor. She had such a passion for the subject and her teaching style made a difficult class easy to follow." Sandy will graduate in May and has accepted a teaching position at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, GA.

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*The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked at #72 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report's 2015 engineering graduate school rankings. The college serves 4,600 students offering ABET-accredited undergraduate degrees in seven programs, as well as eleven master's and nine doctoral degrees. The College is actively engaged in local and global research activities with foci on sustainability, biomedical engineering, computing technology and transportation and for the fiscal year 2013-14 had \$30.5 million in research expenditures. There are 124 tenured / tenure track faculty and 80 instructors and research faculty.*

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