Andrea Sanchez PhD ‘14 Receives SHPE STAR Award

TAMPA, Fla. (September 9, 2014) Andrea Sanchez, a recent PhD graduate in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, is the recipient of a prestigious 2014 STAR Award from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). Andrea was selected as the Student Role Model in the Graduate category. The recipients of the 2014 STAR Awards will be recognized at this year’s SHPE Conference, November 5–9 in Detroit, Michigan.

The STAR Awards are presented annually by SHPE, recognizing individuals and corporations nationally for their dedication, commitment and selfless efforts to the growth and advancement of Hispanics through STEM careers.

Andrea was advised by Alberto A. Sagüés, Distinguished University Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. She is now working as an Engineer at DNV GL Strategic Research & Innovation, in Columbus, OH.

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The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is a Top 50 research university among both public and private institutions nationwide in total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving nearly 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of $1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of $4.4 billion. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

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 masters 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.