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USF announced Oct. 26 that the Honeywell Foundation has given USF’s College of Engineering a gift worth $1.02 million for research, instruction and scholarships for Hispanic students.

The gift comes at the one-year anniversary of the kick-off of “Great Achievement, Great Expectations: The Campaign for USF,” and is part of some $150 million raised by the university thus far.

The gift is an expansion of a 30-year partnership between Honeywell and the College of Engineering. It consists of a $600,000 contribution from Honeywell — which is eligible for a 70 percent match by the state — that will create the Honeywell Endowment for Innovation in Global Technology.

“I am pleased and honored that we can continue our decades-long partnership with this grant,” said Larry Speight, vice president and general manager of Honeywell Space Systems Division.

The endowment will provide $40,000 annually for research and instruction, continuing a long collaboration between Honeywell and the College of Engineering. For the past 10 years, Honeywell has sponsored nearly $400,000 in research projects, including efforts such as Honeywell’s RH33 space computer, which can withstand the environmental rigors of outer space.

“Honeywell has been a leader in supporting the kind of cutting-edge research that has made USF the largest metropolitan research university in the Southeast,” said Michael Kovac, dean of the College of Engineering.

In addition, Honeywell will also provide $10,000 annually for scholarships for Hispanic Engineering students, funding at least six scholarships annually.

Scholarships are not the only way Honeywell has supported educational efforts at USF. The company, which is known to USF’s wireless and microwave instruction laboratory, a program that trains engineers for future engineering and real-world applications. At the same time, Honeywell takes advantage of the College of Engineering’s distance education program, which broadcasts courses to Honeywell employees at their work sites. The company hires about 40 USF graduates each year.

by Heather L. Hicks

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Points of

USF Pride

 Strike up the bands: WUSF-FM 89.7 joined other public radio stations in October to find donated musical instruments to give to individuals and school music programs.

Books and blood: The Phyllis P. Marshall Center recently had a Book Tuesday, where 969 used books were collected for Metropolitan Ministries. A recent Bloody Tuesday resulted in 40 USF students, faculty and staff donating blood for Florida Blood Services.
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With a new school year about to begin and no one at the helm in his position as the new assistant admissions director, Murry will serve in this office for one year, then serve as president for two years.

Davenport directs admissions: Murry is second in command.

Kenneth Davenport brings more than 30 years of recruiting experience to USF in his position as the new interim director of admissions.

Davenport comes from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where he spent 28 of his 28 years there as admissions director. Previously, he served as an admissions officer at the University of Dayton, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and a master’s in school administration.

Davenport had just retired from Wright State when he was recruited for the USF position, which was vacated by Mark Rubinstein this summer. With a new school year about to begin and no one at the helm in admissions, Davenport accepted the interim position.

After his one-year contract expires, he will decide if he will make USF his permanent home. In the meantime, Davenport says to expect a few changes in his shop.

First, there will be more emphasis on customer service. The days of student workers answering telephones and dispensing admissions information are numbered. The office will become more user-friendly and the staff more accessible. Davenport says these changes and others will add a “personal touch” that students will come to appreciate.

To help him implement these changes, Davenport has hired Alana Murry as USF’s new assistant admissions director.

The former recruitment manager at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., Murry began recruiting as a student at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. The recruiter who brought Murry to USAO took him on a recruiting trip one year. Murry enjoyed talking with other students and traveling the country so much that he decided to make it his career.

After graduating with a bachelor’s of arts in communications, Murry worked at St. Gregory’s College, Oklahoma State University, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Oral Roberts.

Though he was only at Oral Roberts for nine months, Murry said he could not pass up the opportunity to work at USF.

“It is truly poised to be a university of the 21st century (because of its) cutting-edge research and academics,” Murry said. “A true vibrancy exudes from this place.”

by Terese D. Brown

Dace joins USF as multicultural student adviser

Tracey Dace is one of USF’s most recent additions. The university recently recruited her to work with the Office of Diversity, where Dace, a 26-year-old native of Mississippi, is the multicultural program adviser. She will be responsible for advising multicultural organizations and coordinating multicultural student services.

Dace completed her undergraduate work at Alcorn State University, where she served as student body president for two years. He earned his master’s degree in higher education and student personnel from The University of Mississippi.

While pursuing his graduate degree, Dace also served on 15 boards and committees, in addition to being a resident assistant.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the American College Personnel Association.

by R. Celette Glover-Hannah

Presentations

Lawrence Broer, English, recently presented “Getting Scott Right: Hemingway and Fitzgerald on the Road to Lyons” at the International Hemingway Conference in Les Saintes-Maries-De-La-Mer, France.

Mark Burriss, Center for Urban Transportation Research, presented “Designing an Effective Kiosk System” at the Association for Commuter Transportation Conference in San Francisco in August.

Ann C. DeBaldio, Public Health, presented “Efficacy of New Invasive Plants against Bacterial Pathogens” at the fourth international meeting of the Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Association in Guilin, the People’s Republic of China, on Oct. 8-10.

Benjamin P. Flower, Marine Science, presented “Millennial-scale Climate Variability during the Mid-quaternary Climate Transition: Feni Daffi Site 980” at the sixth International Conference on Paleoecography in Lisbon, Portugal on Aug. 23-28. Flower also co-authored two papers in themes session on “Does the Ocean Cause, or Respond to, Abrupt Climatic Changes?” and “Past Warm Climates.”


Margaret A. Marshall, Center for Urban Transportation Research, presented “Challenges in Metropolitan Planning” at the Florida American Planning Association Conference in Pensacola in October.

Gerry Meisels, Coalition for Science Literacy, recently presented an overview of Florida’s efforts to improve grades K-12 education, with a special emphasis on mathematics, science and technology, at a workshop for policy-level reform leaders in Florida, Alabama and Washington.

The workshop, which took place in Cleveland, was sponsored by NASA and the National Alliance of Statewide Science and Mathematics Coalitions.

Jeff Racine, Economics, presented “Density-based Multinomial Choice” at Pennsylvania State University on Oct. 9.

Beverly G. Ward, Center for Urban Transportation Research, recently presented “An Evaluation of the Community Impact Assessment” for the Florida Department of Transportation Environmental Management office annual meeting in Palm Gardens.

Publications


Domenico Ierardo, Languages and Linguistics, recently published “Sciascia e la Tradizione Letteraria, ‘Candido,’ un Modello Mangano” in Provincia.


John Petralia, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, recently published “Ethical Issues for Behavioral Health Care Practitioners and Organizations in a Managed Care Environment” as part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ managed care technical assistance series.