



**University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Spring Commencement Script
Sunday, May 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE (Brass Ensemble): 5:40 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL (Brass Ensemble): 6:00 p.m.

(Music stops. SILVIA from back of arena.)

SILVIA:

Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise for the procession of the 54th Commencement of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg led by Commencement Marshal Dr. STEVE LANG, who bears the Mace of the University.

PAUSE

(Music softly plays the processional march)

The Spring 2014 Master Candidates of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

PAUSE

the Faculty (*pause*); Regional Vice Chancellors (*pause*), and Deans of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

PAUSE

the King O'Neal Scholars, the Outstanding Graduate, and our Vocalist;

PAUSE

The USF Alumni Association President;

PAUSE

The USF Board of Trustees members (*pause*) and USF St. Petersburg Campus Board Members;

PAUSE

The Regional Chancellor of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg;

LONG PAUSE

The President of the University System, DR. JUDY GENSHAFT.

(Music stops. LANG approaches platform from right side. When the procession is completed and all are at their seats, LANG goes to center microphone).

LANG:

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a privilege to welcome you to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg's Spring 2014 Commencement. I hereby declare this convocation open. On behalf of the faculty, I offer congratulations to all the graduates.

And now, the Regional Chancellor of USF St. Petersburg, DR. SOPHIA WISNIEWSKA.

(LANG returns to seat; WISNIEWSKA goes to center mic.)

WISNIEWSKA:

Good evening and welcome to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Will the assembly please remain standing and join LAURA DAVIS in the singing of our National Anthem.

(DAVIS goes to center mic. Wisniewska returns to seat. Music starts.)

SINGING OF ANTHEM (Brass Ensemble)

(Music stops; DAVIS returns to seat. Wisniewska returns to mic.)

WISNIEWSKA:

Thank you, LAURA. You may all be seated.

A distinguished Platform Party joins us for today's celebration. I would ask you to please hold your applause until all introductions are completed.

I would like to introduce representatives of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Faculty...

(WISNIEWSKA gestures to faculty on arena floor and platform. Faculty stand, then sit.)

Our Regional Vice Chancellors and Deans...

(RVCs and Deans stand, then sit)

Sergeant First Class RONALD GORDON, JR, Army ROTC Assistant Military Science Instructor at USF St. Petersburg;

(GORDON stands, then sits)