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Good News for Chemistry

NAS Election

Dr. Joseph S. Francisco, Purdue University and recipient of a D.Sc. (*h.c.*) at the USF December Commencement was elected to active membership in the National Academy of Sciences (April 2011).

The citation for Dr. Francisco and other chemists who have received honorary degrees from USF may be found through a link (*Honorary Degrees*) on the left-hand column of the Department Web page.

Honorary Degree Awardee

Dr. Jerry L. Atwood received the D.Sc. (*h.c.*) from USF May 1st at the 4 pm commencement.



Dr Jerry Atwood and Dr. Randy Larsen (photo)

May Graduates (cont)

On May th, **Mr. Anthony Iannelli**, received a Masters of Education (College of Education) with a concentration in College Student Affairs. He has worked across

of the USF team that helped to discover *and*

Association for the Advancement of Science, and many others. He recently has been appointed chair of the Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy of three academies, i.e., the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine.

Mrs. Osteen retires

Dr. Larsen and Mrs. Venice Osteen retired from USF after 25 years of outstanding service to our department and the University of South Florida. She started with us on August 1, 1990, and her last day

In honor of her years of service to Chemistry, the Department held a brunch for her on Friday, June 15th.



Mrs. Venice Osteen, her daughter (Mrs. Mathias), and the USF blanket Venice received.

Dr. Larsen wrote in a message to members of the Department, "The Department is the cornerstone of the main office since well before I arrived. I, for one, am indebted to her for her service to our department. Thank you."

Ms. Kimberly Read and Ms. Linda Lowe coordinated the planning. **Mr. Roberto Avergonzado, Ms. Adrienne McCain, and Ms. Cheryl Graham** assisted with implementation.

In addition to the USF blanket, **Mrs. Osteen** also received a memory book from faculty, staff, and friends complete with messages and pictures of the writers. **Ms. Read** prepared a poster with a collage of past pictures and a biography.

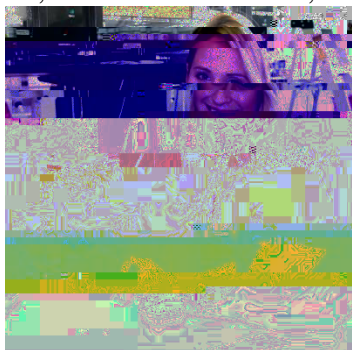
NSF –Chem SEEDS REU

Dr. Patricia Muisener and Assistant Chair and **Dr. Sandi Urena** Co-Principal Investigators provided helpful background information about the ten-week program.

Students from different universities and colleges across the country participated in the program doing research alongside their faculty mentors and graduate mentors.

Our Graduate students did a great job of advising the students and participated in the events. **Dr. Sandi-Urena** and **Ms. Ranjani Muralidharan** worked hard to make sure the program (SEEDS) was a success. (k p)(ult)- (y) . ((pa) .

(designing the product packages and advertising). Several versions have been developed for different health care markets. **Dr. Ed Tuross**, her doctoral advisor said that the product, as a water emulsion, may be



Dr. Greenhalgh

sprayed on a skin cut, quickly forming a film that stops bleeding and allows for skin regrowth while stopping infection.

Priyesh Jain (Ph.D.) is employed at Modulation Therapeutics, 1500 Spectrum Blvd, Tampa. **Dr. Mark McLaughlin**, his doctoral advisor, kindly brought us up to date.

Sbidar R. Kaulagari, a doctoral candidate, is a postdoctoral fellow at Georgia State working in the field of near IR dye synthesis and bioconjugation.

Chungsik Kim was **Dr. Peter Zhang**, is currently a postdoctoral fellow with Prof. Tsutomu Katsuki at Kyushu University in Japan.

Joshua Ruppel -track assistant professor of chemistry at the University of South Carolina Upstate. His doctoral mentor, Dr. Zhang, brought us up to date.

Ralph Salvatore (Ph.D.) is Dean of the Arts and Sciences and Professor of Chemistry at Pueblo Community College in

Pueblo, Colorado. He noted that he also continues to conduct research in the area of organic and medicinal chemistry with both undergraduate and graduate students while holding a joint appointment as a professor of chemistry at Colorado State University-Pueblo.



Dr. Salvatore

Melissa Topper-Rodnick (Ph.D.) after postdoctoral study at Wayne State University is a radiopharmaceutical chemist at the University of Michigan. She, also, was an advisee of

RIP

Mary Lynn Lupton Ph.D. died July after a long illness. She was a secretary in the Department of Chemistry for nearly years before resigning to complete her graduate work. During the years she was employed at USF she registered for six hours of classes (an employee perquisite) and earned a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D diplomas. She left chemistry to become a teaching assistant in humanities, subsequently retiring to spend more time

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