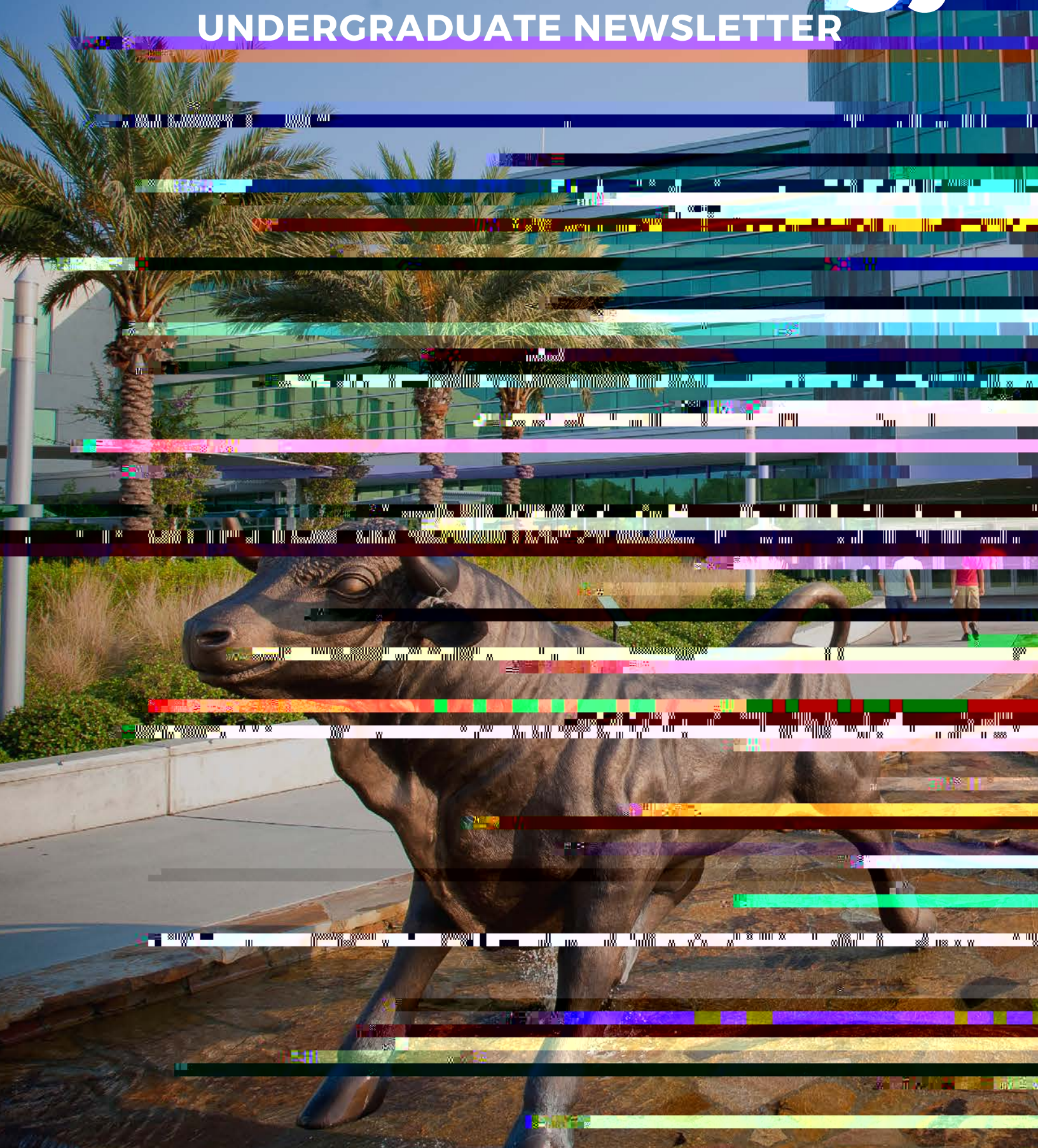


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## UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER



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## Dear USF Criminology Students, Alumni, and Friends:

Dear USF Criminology Students, Alumni, and Friends:

As we enter the fall semester, we are excited to welcome you back to campus. The fall semester is a time of growth and learning, and we are committed to providing you with the resources and support you need to succeed. We encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities available to you, and to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are proud to be part of your journey, and we look forward to seeing you in our classrooms and labs. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, and we wish you a successful and enjoyable semester.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Franz, Editor  
Karine Rodrigues, Assistant Editor

### OCTOBER 2017

October 28

Last day to drop with "W"; no refund and no academic penalty

### NOVEMBER 2017

November 10

Veteran's 10          



# Academic Advisor

Alyssa earned a B.A. in Psychology from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho, and a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration & Student Personnel from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Prior to her position as an Academic Advisor, Alyssa served in the role of a Residence Life Coordinator at USF for three years. She is passionate about empowering students to discover their purpose and how they can maximize their college experience to work towards their career interests.



## Academic Advising Tips

- Familiarize yourself with DegreeWorks Audit.
- Make an appointment early in the semester to meet your advisor.
- If you plan on discussing how you can improve your grade(s), bring the course syllabus/syllabi.
- Bring any questions you have to your advising appointment.
- Be on time for your advising appointment.
- Inform your advisor of special needs or circumstances so that they may assist.
- Ask questions about your degree progress so that you are well informed and understand your degree requirements.
- Ask how you can enhance your academic profile with internships, volunteering, and student organizations.
- Take notes on what you discuss with your advisor.
- Check Canvas frequently for important dates and information!

## Honor Program

Students in the Criminology Honors Program have the opportunity to make their first contribution to the study of criminology and at the same time gain valuable research, critical thinking, and writing skills. Successful completion of the program depends upon the student's ability to absorb the additional workload and produce a thesis with minimal individual guidance. The rewards upon successful completion of the program include:

- Experience in designing, conducting, and analyzing research.
- A statement noting that the student graduated with Honors in Criminology on his/her transcript and diploma.
- An Honors sash to be worn at graduation.

For more information, please contact Andrew Franz at [afranz@usf.edu](mailto:afranz@usf.edu).

## Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes academic excellence of Undergraduate and Graduate students of Criminal Justice, as well as Juris Doctorate students. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity. Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society which is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies and affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.



The USF Chapter has raised several thousand dollars which have been donated to help support worthy causes relative to their main goal of the prevention of human trafficking. They also actively participated in and raised money for Race for Freedom. Members engage in a variety of team building events, community service, fundraising, and promotion of community awareness. In order to become a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, undergraduates must be a declared Criminology Major or Minor and have a 3.2 overall GPA and a 3.2 major GPA, as well as having completed at least 4 courses in Criminology. Graduate students must have a 3.4 GPA in graduate school.

**Jacquelin Nyugon** is a junior majoring in Criminology. Her interest in criminal justice and the law was always present, but it was not until starting at USF in fall 2015 that she was able to pursue that interest. Jacqueline is involved in Greek life on campus, she is a member of Sigma Delta Tau where she is currently serving as the Vice President of Scholarship. One of her favorite classes is Parricide taught by Dr. Kathleen Heide.

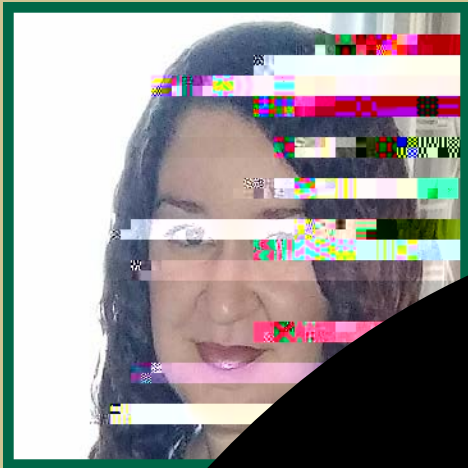
During the summer of 2017, Jacqueline interned with the United States Marshals Service at the District Court in Washington DC through The Washington Center. During this 10 week program, she was able to go to the shooting range, learn the duties of the Marshals, and get a greater sense of options after graduating from USF. She believes that there is much research needed to ensure all components of the criminal justice system are fair and just.



**Officer Andra Walk** is a senior on track to graduate with her Bachelor's degree in Criminology in Spring 2018. As a small child, she often dreamt of becoming a law enforcement officer and having the opportunity to serve and protect her community. In October of 2014, Officer Walke graduated from the HCC Tampa Police Academy. She is currently an intelligence-led police officer in the Strategic Enforcement Section at the USF Police Department on the Tampa campus. Because of her desire to learn more about the profession, she chose to further her education while continuing to work in the field. She has plans to enroll in the Department of Criminology's MACJA program immediately after earning her Bachelor's degree.

While taking courses to fulfill her Bachelor's, she quickly became very intrigued in the study of Forensic Psychology. Officer Walke





## Amy Eggers

We recently interviewed USF Criminology alumna, Amy Eggers, about her career and life.

**You chose to attend USF for both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Criminology, why?**

That's correct. I completed my Ph.D. in Criminology from USF in December 2016, but I also completed my undergraduate work right here as well. My

**How did you**

While completing my  
criminal law







# **Department Events 2016-1**

