

Judy Genshaft Honors College Grand Opening Event

Remarks for USF President Rhea Law

May 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Good morning, everyone! It's certainly a great day for the University of South Florida community. Can I get a Go Bulls?

That was excellent — thank you! It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the grand opening of the Judy Genshaft Honors College.

Today marks a significant milestone in the history of our institution, as we celebrate the completion of a long-held vision to build a home for the University of South Florida's honors college.

This world-class facility is the perfect place for our talented honors students to pursue their passions and create lasting memories throughout their studies at our great university — and I know they will treasure this space as they continue to ascend to new heights in their academic journeys.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly to bring this beautiful facility to fruition — including our faculty, staff, community partners, donors, alumni, and outstanding honors students who will one day join our global network of proud USF alumni.

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize our elected officials who joined us for this lovely celebration and whose support in the legislature helped

make this project possible.

There are so many distinguished guests joining

State Representative Traci Koster
State Representative Mike Beltran
State Representative Jennifer Canady
State Representative Brad Yeager

Because the U.S. Congress is in session today, our elected leaders in Washington cannot be here with us in person, but we are joined by representatives attending on behalf of the offices of:

- U.S. Senator Marco Rubio
- U.S. Senator Rick Scott
- Congressman Vern Buchanan
- Congresswoman Kathy Castor
- Congresswoman Laurel Lee
- Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna

Your continued support of our university and our world-class honors college is greatly appreciated.

The Judy Genshaft Honors College is named in honor of our university's esteemed former president, Dr. Judy Genshaft. I had the privilege of serving on the selection committee that welcomed Judy to serve as our university's sixth president and we hit it off right away. Since then, Judy's leadership has truly been an inspiration to me.

Throughout her presidency, Judy was so involved with our students, and she worked tirelessly to maximize their success. I continuously saw the joy she had for the work of being our university's leader and for taking USF to

