



USF is taking advantage of some of its current construction projects to offer students who are interested in architecture and engineering a unique interdisciplinary learning opportunity. The Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) Experience, coordinated by USF Facilities Management, is leading site tours and interactive sessions for the future homes of the Judy Genshaft Honors College, the Athletics Indoor Performance Facility and the Student Wellness Center. Students are also learning about the Southeast Chiller Plant, which is being expanded to support the new buildings' infrastructure.

"What better classroom than the real world," said Stephen Lafferty, USF Design and Construction director. "We have an unusual situation where we have four significant projects, all at the same time and within a block and a half of each other, so we decided to do some student tours and it snowballed from there."

The AEC Experience is presenting the materials in four sessions each semester through December 2022, when the projects are expected to be completed. Students who complete the program requirements will receive a digital badge supported by Credly, a global credentialing program, which will enhance their professional profiles.

So far, nearly 100 students have toured the sites. During the first round of tours, students learned about different welding processes, support structures and footings. Aside from the tours and online sessions, students who sign up for the program have access to the project plans, where they can learn about the unique features of each site and meet project management and design teams who are in careers that students will potentially pursue.

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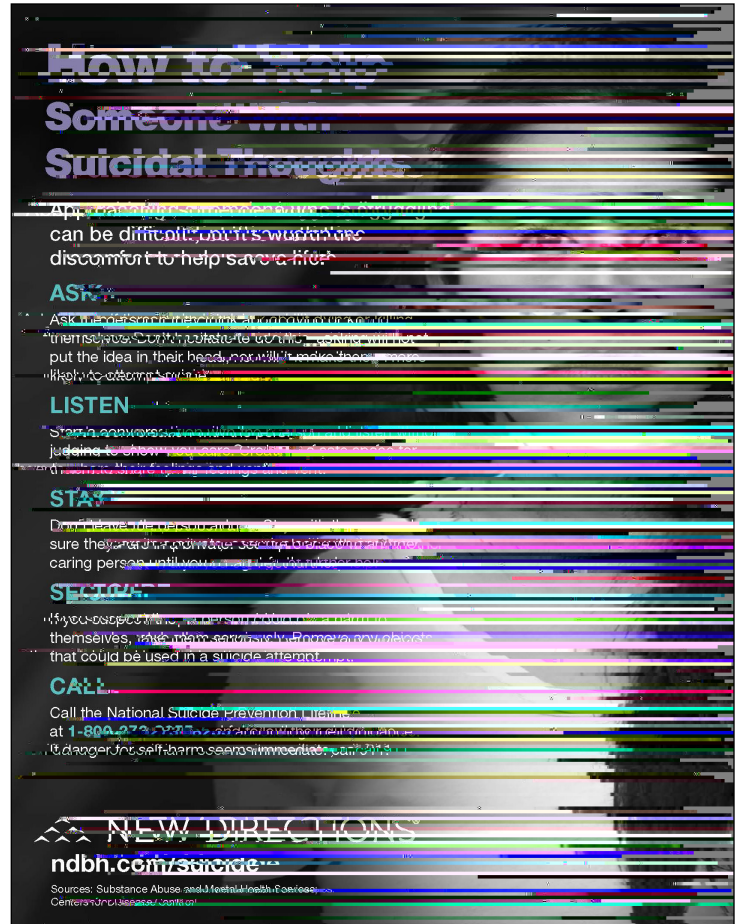
In the United States, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death. It takes more lives than homicide, war, and natural disasters combined. As we observe National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month this September in the midst of the pandemic, we realize that the additional financial pressure, social seclusion, loss of friends and family, and difficulties that accompany the pandemic put a greater strain on individuals. Suicide prevention is more vital now than ever.

USF Employees have access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), so you can find support on the journey to finding a good work-life balance. This program offers online resources, workshops, confidential telephonic consultations, referrals and more. These services are provided by Magellan Health Services, a national leader in behavioral health care. You can access this program and the services offered through Magellan's online portal at [magellanascend.com](http://magellanascend.com).

You can make a difference by simply learning more about mental health issues and suicide. Discussing suicide may be uncomfortable or painful to some, but the truth is, we can all benefit from honest conversations about mental health conditions and suicide, because just one conversation can change a life.

For more facts and figures on suicide, globally and nationally, and for more information on how you can help spread awareness, learn to spot the signs, and destigmatize talking about suicide and mental health, visit [save.org/about-suicide/](http://save.org/about-suicide/).

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. By dialing 1-800-273-8255, the call is routed to the nearest crisis center in their national network of over 140 crisis centers. The Lifeline's network of crisis centers provide crisis counseling and mental health referrals day and night.



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