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## USF's Global and National Security Institute Names New Board of Advisors

### *Seven New Members Will Provide Strategic Guidance and Diverse Expertise*

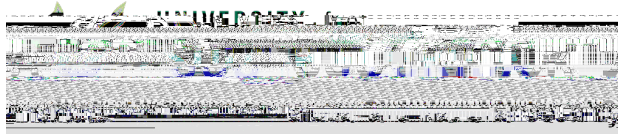
TAMPA, FLORIDA, (February 9, 2023) – The newly-created Global and National Security Institute at the University of South Florida is pleased to announce the creation of its inaugural Board of Advisors, a group of eight highly successful individuals from a diverse group of industries and disciplines, including academia, cybersecurity, finance and global consultancies.

"Traditionally, the military comes to mind when you think about global and national security, but that's an obsolete point of view," said General (Ret) Frank McKenzie, Executive Director of GNSI. "21<sup>st</sup> century security challenges involve whole-of-society problems that are complex and globalized; they require a robust and interdisciplinary expertise and approach. This group of advisors understands that the need for organizations like GNSI has never been more paramount."

Rick Knop, leading investment banker and investor in the government/defense industry, was previously announced as the Chairman of the Board of Advisors in January. Joining Knop on the Board of Advisors will be:

- Frank Cilluffo – currently serves as the Director of Auburn University's McCrary Institute for Cyber & Critical Infrastructure Security ([full bio here](#))
- Chris Galvin – Co-Founder and Chairman of Gore Creek Asset Management LLC and former Chairman and CEO of Motorola ([full bio here](#))
- General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret) – currently the president of Jones Group International and former National Security Advisor to President Obama ([full bio here](#))
- Cathy Lanier – currently the Senior Vice-President of Security for the NFL and formerly was Chief of Police in Washington, D.C. ([full bio here](#))
- Kirstjen Nielsen – served as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security under President Trump and also served as his principal White House Deputy Chief of Staff ([full bio here](#))





### About GNSI

The Global and National Security Institute at the University of South Florida is dedicated to the idea of providing actionable solutions for 21<sup>st</sup> century security challenges, focusing on the intersection of science and technology, human dynamics and social behavior, and cybersecurity. GNSI brings together the proven academic and research excellence of USF and connects them with expertise across government and the private sector to serve decision makers and leaders at the local, state, national, and international levels. GNSI will utilize outreach and engagement, continuing education, and research and support to lead USF towards a more prominent leadership role in the global and national security environment. Learn more at [www.usf.edu/GNSI](http://www.usf.edu/GNSI).

### About USF

The University of South Florida, a high-impact global research university dedicated to student success, generates an annual economic impact of more than \$6 billion. Over the past 10 years, no other public university in the country has risen faster in U.S. News and World Report's national university rankings than USF. Serving more than 50,000 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, USF is designated as a Preeminent State Research University by the Florida Board of Governors, placing it in the most elite category among the state's 12 public universities. USF has earned widespread national recognition for its success graduating under-represented minority and limited-income students at rates equal to or higher than white and higher income students. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference. Learn more at [www.usf.edu](http://www.usf.edu).