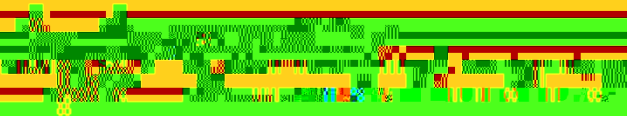


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Executive Services

, Assistant Director, Office of Compliance & Ethics

Maggie is always searching for the next best way to collaborate with, educate, or involve other offices and individuals on campus. She consistently improves systems and researches best practices to ensure University affiliates are getting the most equitable and efficient Title IX

USF Health

Courage Speaker, Feranmi Okanlami, MD who addressed the lack of black male physicians and creating a health system that is accessible and inclusive to both patients and providers with disabilities; and a panel presentation with our current medical residents who shared their practical experiences with cultural competency and challenged us as educators to do.

Academic Services Administrator, Office of Educational Affairs

In response to the COVID 19 outbreak, Prometric, the company that is contracted to administer the United States Medical Licensing Exams (USMLE), initiated a nationwide closure of all testing centers. The uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, along with state and federal social distancing mandates, created a backlog of students needing to reschedule. Fortunately, the USMLE governing board approved select medical schools to serve as regional testing hubs and operate a temporary Prometric center on their campuses. The MCOM site was the first medical school location to go live and the last center to close. Ms. Pernas enthusiastically served as the communication liaison between Prometric and the NBME. She organized and managed testing reservations with all Florida Medical Schools ensuring students received their testing vouchers and logistical information.

Staff Assistant, Department of Internal Medicine

Jayne started working in her role right before there were two employee transitions in an office of three and right before COVID-19 started. Throughout this time, Jayme not only had to learn the role that she was hired for but had to take on new assignments that were outside of the scope of her original role. Jayme has proven to be a self-starter and is highly motivated to learn new skills. Currently she helps manage a cohort of 66 imSC students and has stepped up beyond her stated role and works alongside our USF Health International Office and has been instrumental in implementing international virtual programs across USF Health including the Global Health Conversation Series, In Their Words Series, Student Conversation Series, and International Scholar Spotlight Series.

Faculty Services Administrator, College of Pharmacy

Ms. Veprek supported DPS while the Office Manager had been out for an extended period by

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The athletic medicine staff adapted to and executed policies and protocols for COVID-19 pandemic while simultaneously continuing providing excellent health care and support to our student athletes across the university. This staff had to adapt to a situation which proved unconventional and unpredictable when the pandemic began. We took these new roles and job responsibilities in stride to protect our staff and student athletes with the best of our capabilities. This included performing COVID-19 testing for all athletes and the athletic department staff at least once a week. After work, we would go to USF Health and continue testing staff after hours. We were required to be on site and in close contact with many individuals. This increased our risk of exposure but was well worth it knowing we are fulfilling our responsibilities as health care providers.

Lead Academic Advocate, Office of Academic Advocacy

Starting in August 2020, Sarah began assisting with the coordination of the Office of Academic Advocacy Intake Team, which is comprised of two graduate assistants and one full-time staff member. This temporary assistance, we intended to be a few weeks while the office went through the hiring process for an Assistant Director. The hire did not occur due to a realignment of budget and priorities. However, Sarah graciously continued working with the Intake team without pay consideration. She trained the new graduate assistant remotely, met with each member of the team weekly, and led bi-weekly meetings for the entire team.

Coordinator
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Jennifer and Rick's adaptive leadership, dedication to meet current student needs, and forecasting of the future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student persistence is a clear example of excellence with equity in alignment with the USF Principles of Community. Their coordination and leadership helped USF better understand the needs and concerns of more than 12,000 students, especially students of color and low-income, housing-insecure, and food-insecure students. With each outreach, Jen and Rick helped identify students who were in need of technology support, mental health support, and which students just wanted to have another student to commiserate with during these unprecedented circumstances. Students who needed resources beyond an empathetic listener were referred directly to the right campus resource. Concurrently, Jen and Rick developed innovative ways for USF students to engage with PALs and critical resources available.

Student Programs Coordinator
Director
Associate Director

In the height of the pandemic the staff team worked on the execution of a significant project – transitioning over 100 programs and initiatives coordinated throughout the year, in-person, to remote, virtual formats and spaces. CSI transitioned large-scale programs like Homecoming Week and National Hazing Prevention Week to small-scale programs like an Open Mic Night, to virtual platforms with the strategic use of technology. Instagram, Facebook and Microsoft Teams Live ensured students still had as much tradition as possible in this new, remote world. Two programs uniquely curated were the Homecoming Carni-Bull where participants created their own avatar chatting with each other while listening to a concert and getting personalized items created, as if they were doing so in-person.

St. Petersburg Campus

Director, Housing & Residential Education

Throughout the past year, it has been truly remarkable the way in which Susan has led her department locally and collaboratively with colleagues across the Saint Petersburg and Tampa campuses. She gracefully led the opening of our new residence hall, Osprey Suites (375 beds), actively participated in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by deepening her understanding of W

Kristen Kusek uses every interaction to share her passion for science communication, inspiring scientists to step into the communications world. I have learned more from Kristen about communication over the past few years than I have from anyone else throughout my career – and she shares this knowledge freely with everyone regardless of their position within USF (e.g., offering workshops for graduate students in storytelling that are not required of her position). She answers every email, phone call, and request for advice – even the frantic ones late at night

Associate Director
Assistant Vice President
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Academic Services Administrator
Director

An advisory committee of instructional design/faculty success lead from across the University of South Florida (Tampa including Health, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee) designed and implemented a multilayered approach to support faculty in transitioning courses to remote delivery. The approach provided faculty with a variety of options to leverage Canvas to fit their pedagogical strategies in a short time period. On many occasions throughout the pandemic, this team worked round the clock, night and day to provide assistance and hands-on workshops for our faculty. They led their internal teams with grace, empathy, and professionalism. This was a

Business & Finance

Manager, Fiscal & Business Administration, Housing & Residential Education

With a reduction in staff due to the pandemic and very little additional assistance, Aaron 'took the bull by the bit' and managed to get the department back on track. He was instrumental in the development of the new fiscal system and the implementation of the new fiscal system. He was also instrumental in the development of the new fiscal system and the implementation of the new fiscal system.

Administrative Services, Information Technology, and University Police

, Director, Emergency Management

Jen's leadership has been instrumental in the University's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Her knowledge, skill, and commitment to the University made sure we were fully prepared before the pandemic. When the emergency began, she was ready to deploy the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and immediately accommodated the infectious disease aspect of this particular emergency. Through direct consultation with President Currall and Dean Donna Petersen, lead of Covid-19 Task Force, Jen made sure we had a solid framework, procedures and plans to enable an effective response. She made sure every member of our community was supported, that all mitigation measures needed were designed and employed, a-5(rk.)1. Tfc oan and immediately



Fiscal & Business Specialist
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The Accounts Payable team positively reacted to the change, adapted, and committed to continued exceeding of expectations and creating WOW moments in day-to-day operations. The AP team went above and beyond to not miss any accounting deadlines and exceeding customer expectations. The workload increase equivalent to a 1.00 FTE is immense given the high volume of transactions that are processed in this business center. They collectively worked together as a team to resolve customer issues and process all requests timely. Overtime and extended work hours were no issue as they realized we must remain accountable to our clients and stakeholders.

USF Research & Innovation

Research Services Administrator, Office of the Vice President of Research & Innovation

Through one of our university's most challenging years, Judi has been the linchpin in two of the university's most ambitious faculty research programs responding to the dual crises faced in 2020: the COVID-19 pandemic and the national reckoning on social justice. By working tirelessly behind the scenes, Judi's efforts made possible USF's \$1.5 million investment in seed funding for