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Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the deeply valued contributions you make to the education of students at USF, and to personally invite you to participate in the University's Fall 2008 Commencement activities on Saturday December 13, 2008, in the USF Sun Dome.

Commencement is an important milestone in the life of a university, a time when members of our academic community join together to celebrate the intellectual accomplishments of our graduates who, in my mind, represent the best measure of having achieved our core mission: academic excellence and student success. At the same time, our students, their friends, and families are provided the opportunity to acknowledge the special contributions you have made as professor, mentor, and advisor. While we do not always recognize the immeasurable impact that faculty members have on the minds and lives of our students, let me assure you that our graduates and their guests will be looking for you before, during and after Commencement.

In appreciation of all the good work that you do as faculty members at USF, we have arranged for our campus dining services to provide light refreshments for you in the Green and Gold Room of the Sun Dome, beginning one hour in advance of each Commencement ceremony. I sincerely hope that you will choose to attend one or more of the following Commencement exercises:

December 13, 2008, 9 a.m. ceremony:

Undergraduates from the **College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences**

December 13, 2008, 1:30 p.m. ceremony:

Undergraduates from the **Colleges of Business, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Nursing, and Visual and Performing Arts and Undergraduate Studies**

December 13, 2008, 6 p.m. ceremony:

Graduate students from **all colleges** (Masters, Master of Fine Arts, Education Specialist and Doctoral)

You can register to participate in one of two ways:

1. Web registration – visit the [Commencement website](#) and click on the *Faculty and Staff Participant* tab in the lower right corner of the page, or
2. Notify Anne Cash via [email](#) or call (813) 974-1816.

Because platform seating arrangements are made in advance, we'd appreciate your response by **Friday November 14, 2008**. If you are planning to hood a doctoral student, you can also register through the website listed above. The deadline to place an order to rent academic regalia through the USF Bookstore is **Friday, November 14**.

Furthermore, we invite expressions of interest from those of you who would like to serve as Commencement Marshals. Information and registration for Marshals is also located [online](#) through the *Faculty and Staff Participant* tab.

I thank you for your careful consideration of participating in this Fall's Commencement Exercises at USF.

Best regards,

Ralph Wilcox

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Provost and Senior Vice President