

# USF Chemistry NEWS

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## ***Spring Term***

### ***Faculty Funding***

From Dr. **James Leahy** (Professor and Chairman): Please join me in congratulating **Mildred Acevedo-Duncan**, who has received a \$100,000 award from the William and Ella Owens Medical Research Foundation to continue her group's research on ICA-1.

Dr. Acevedo-Duncan

### ***CHEMINARS***

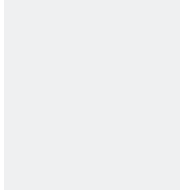
The seminar program returned to being held in the 200 seat CHM 100 auditorium with *all* live speakers and live audience,

Dr. **Jiangfeng Cai** (USF Preeminent Professor) scheduled 15 colleagues and

Dr. Cai

### ***Martin Lecturer***

The Barbara and Dean Martin Seminar speaker will be Dr.



Dr. Mapp

Dr. **Kirpal Bisht** (Associate Professor) noted, “Colloquium will be on Tuesdays 2.00-3.00 pm.”

Dr. Bisht

He has organized an interesting program of presentations that showcase interesting

## **Commencement**

Traditional commencements were held December 10 and 11. This was the first time in about two years because of COVID concerns. Some 4500 students were awarded degrees. President **Rhea Law** presided over all four commencements held in the Yeungling Center.

## **Administration Information**

President **Rhea Law** noted:

### **A Statistic**

A study compiled by the Muma College of Business shows that USF had an economic impact of \$6.02 billion in fiscal 2019-20 – nearly two billion *more* than a similar study revealed in 2011-12.

### **Tallahassee**

She also reported on some experiences in Tallahassee meeting persons there associated with specially called meeting of the State Legislature in November.

### **Football Stadium**

President **Rhea Law** recognized the priority of an on-campus football stadium, and assembled a planning committee, which has four subcommittees meeting biweekly.

The estimated cost ranges from \$250 to \$400 Million.

At least six possible locations being considered are on and close to the Tampa campus.

The hope is that a new facility could be ready for games by 2026.

President Law

### **Provost Appreciation**

President Law paid tribute to Provost Dr. **Ralph Wilcox**, describing his many contributions. Dr. Wilcox will be retiring at the end of the academic year to be able to spend more time with his family.

## **USF Innovation Enterprise**

Dr. **Paul R. Sanberg**, FNAI, FRSC., Distinguished University Professor, is now former

Florida Inventors Hall of Fame 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony and Gala was held November 5<sup>th</sup> at the same location.

## ***Acknowledgments***

Ms. **Kaitlyn Kroner**, Graduate Program Coordinator has provided helpful information concerning dissertation defense schedules and results.

Ms. Kroner

Ms. **Lorene Hall-Jennings** (Asst. Director for Undergraduate Studies, Tampa Campus) for helpful background information.

Ms. **Divya Kumar**, staff writer, *Tampa Bay Times*, December 8 for material about the stadium.

Dr. **James Leahy** provided the Solomons news.

## ***Administration***

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