

Welcome, Ambassadors!

11th Annual Ambassador Day
October 15, 2024

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President



2024 State of the University Address



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Fall 2024 Semester



USF campuses came alive with the start of the fall 2024 semester on Monday, August 19.



Campus Safety

- WalletHub ranked USF #1 in Illinois in its “Campus Safety” category of its annual college & university rankings for three years in a row.



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Financial Outlook

- Operational surplus in 9 of past 11 years – including COVID.
- Net Assets increased >\$30 million in the past 11 years.
 - Close to \$60 million.



Nationally Ranked

The
**Princeton
Review**®

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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Money


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Keeping College Affordable



- >\$22 million in institutional aid and scholarships provided.
- Student loan default rate lower than the average of our peers and close to half that of the Illinois and national averages.

A Diverse Campus

- 47% of this year's freshman class were first-generation college students.
- 56% of this year's freshman class identifies as a minority.



Looking Back...Points of Pride



A closer look at the accomplishments that have helped to lay a foundation for our vision of a shared tomorrow.

Points of Pride: International Partnerships



Points of Pride: Three Vibrant Joliet Campuses



Plaster Center
(2014)



Guardian Angel Hall
(2016)



Brown Science Hall
(2018)

Points of Pride: Federal Grant Awards



In the past decade, USF has been awarded over \$10 million in federal grant funding that has supported USF programs and students.

Points of Pride: Hispanic-Serving Institution Designation

- Designation by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Undergraduate full-time equivalent student population that is comprised of at least 25 percent Hispanic students.
- USF awarded Title V “Developing HSIs” funding worth close to \$3M over 5 years.



Points of Pride: Fundraising Successes

- FY23 & FY24 each saw record-setting fundraising totals that reached >\$6 million/year.
- Previous institutional record for fundraising in a fiscal year was \$4.2 million in FY15.



Points of Pride: Caritas Scholarship Celebration

- Annual fundraiser supports student scholarships.
- Over \$3 million has been raised in the past 10 years alone.



Points of Pride: Centennial Celebration



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Creating "A Shared Tomorrow"



Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
Will County Executive



Cesar Cardenas
City of Joliet Councilman

Pace e Bene!

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