

Dr. Echelberger receives Engineer Of The Year Award



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Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D., P.E., Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Department Chairman, 1989-96) at the University of South Florida, was honored as *Engineer Of The Year* by the Tampa Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society the Tampa Bay Engineers Week Banquet 2009.

Dr. Echelberger received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Ph. D. (Civil/Environmental Engineering) from the University of Michigan. He was Professor and Chairman of Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at El Paso (1983 - 89), and has taught at Indiana University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan. Numerous honors and awards have been bestowed on Dr. Echelberger including the Florida Section/ASCE 2005 Byron Spangler Award for special lifetime accomplishments in engineering and public service. He has had a wide variety of engineering consulting and public service involvements with government (including in Venezuela, Mexico and Spain) and industry in: water and air quality control, solid and hazardous waste management, occupational safety and health, and environmental planning management and impact assessments. The Wayne & Iris Echelberger Scholarships offered through the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSM&T) and USF Foundations are awarded annually to upper-division students majoring in Civil Engineering with a special interest in the area of Environmental Engineering. For several years Dr. Echelberger has been a member of the Florida Engineering Foundation Chairman's Circle and the University of South Florida President's Council.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$380.4 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2008/2009. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

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