



College of Engineering in the Top 5 Nationally in Conferring Minority PhDs

TAMPA, Fla (September 6, 2013) - The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked in the top five nationally in conferring engineering doctorates to both African American and Hispanic/Latino students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents, according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* annual listing of the top 100 minority graduate degree producers in 2013.

The college ranks fourth in graduating African Americans PhDs, and fifth in graduating Hispanic PhDs in *Diverse Issues'* national ranking. USF joins AAU member institutions Georgia Tech University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and MIT as one of just four schools listed as a top five producer of both African American and Hispanic engineering doctorates.

According to Jose Zayas-Castro, professor of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering and associate dean for research in the College of Engineering, "We credit our success to the strategic investments made by the USF Provost's Office and Office of Research & Innovation in partnership with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, National Science Foundation, Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, USF College of Graduate Studies, and the Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship program. This university point of pride would not be possible without the excellent mentoring and administrative support our students have received from the college's faculty and staff."

Diverse Issues in Higher Education based its survey on data from the National Center for Education Statistics for the 2009-10 and 2010-2011 academic years based on the U.S. Department of Education reports submitted annually by doctoral degree granting institutions. The magazine is published bi-weekly and informs national leaders from academe, industry and government about current trends and issues in the United States.

More information on the rankings is available at the [magazine's website](#).

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The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF ranks 50th in the nation for federal expenditures in research and total expenditures in research among all U.S. universities, public or private, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving more than 47,000 students,

the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of \$3.7 billion. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

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