



## **Tampa-based Engineering Firm Makes Financial Commitment to College of Engineering**

*Alumni-founded HSA Engineers & Scientists has donated \$100,000 to further  
a renovation project and support student success.*

**TAMPA, Fla (October 15, 2012)** - College of Engineering alumni, Nick Albergo, PE, DEE '86, '86 MSCE, and Dave Scott, PE, '83, '86 MSCE, two of the founders of HSA Engineers and Scientists, a local engineering firm, announced the firm's commitment of \$100,000 toward the renovation of the Engineering II building, specifically, a new classroom that will serve as a multi-disciplinary learning center for students called an 'educational epicenter'.

Scott, a member of the College's Advisory Board said, "HSA Engineers and Scientists is proud to be able to support such a well-planned and realized space renovation. We believe the positive exposure our sponsorship will provide for our business over the years will enhance our symbiotic relationship with the College, helping both the engineering community and the College."

Albergo and Scott met as undergraduate students in civil engineering and two more opposite personalities could not be found. Scott, who served as the company's Vice President and Treasurer for most of its history was the quiet, studious one. But, Albergo, HSA's president, was the other end of the spectrum. He came to class barefooted and often with his dog in tow. He regularly parked in the dean's reserved parking spot, much to the dismay of Glenn Burdick, then Dean of the College. Back then, no one would have predicted such future success.

"The College of Engineering is so fortunate to have such dedicated alumni that support our vision and goals with their time, talent and treasure. Both Nick and Dave have been long-time fans of the College and remain involved with our students on a personal and professional basis," said Dean John Wiencek.

Albergo and Scott started the company that would eventually become HSA in 1989. Today, HSA has 300 employees in 14 offices in eight states and its corporate office is located directly across from campus on Fowler Avenue. HSA's conference room in their Tampa office is the old USF bookstore (Remember those days?) and as payback for all the times Albergo parked in the dean's spot, a reserved parking spot for Albergo, complete with a sign that reads "Dean of the College of Engineering" sits outside the building, to which several employees take great delight in occupying.

HSA's leadership and employees have been generous partners throughout the years by providing scholarships, internships, and practical support. And that support will continue in the years to come through the key partners of the firm which includes other USF grads, such as Ron Maynard, PG, MBA; COO-elect, Brian Moore, PE, MBA and CEO-elect; Scott Linteau, PE; and Steve, Janosik, PE; and Ralph Moon, PhD; who are just a handful of USF graduates who have been crucial to the growth and success of HSA.

"Nick is a Professor of the Practice in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and provides important 'real world' experience for our students outside of the confines of the USF campus," said Wiencek. "We are all focused on our students and the region's economic health and partners like HSA help us achieve great things."

Scott added, "We plan to rotate exhibits of engineering works from companies throughout the area on the walls of the classroom to inspire students, and reflect the result their education has on creating their world."

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