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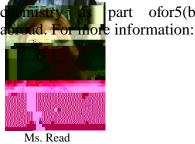


The Corridor's Matching Grants Research Program is a state initiative fostering the development of commercially applicable emerging technologies by encouraging applied research between the region's high technology industry partners and the three Corridor universities: University of South Florida (USF), University of Florida (UF), and University of Central Florida (UCF). Funds in the amount of \$39,489.00 will be





The Chinese-based luncheon was ordered and collected by Ms. Kimberly Read (Mgr. Fiscal and Business admin.), and transported to the ISA Conference room by Chemistry staff members.



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(courtesy of Dr. Fields)

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## **Chemistry in Florence**

Dr. Kimberly Fields (instructor) taught Organic I in summer B (June 27- August 5th) at the University of Florence. Dr. David Merkler (professor of chemistry) taught biochemistry during summer B as well for his third year as part of the Science in Florence program.



The idea is to broaden the ability for premed/preprofessional students to take participate in a study abroad experience without adversely affecting their degree completion and/or competitiveness for professional school application.

assistant professor of chemistry at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

**Maria Gallardo-Williams** (Ph.D.ø"99) who is senior lecturer and coordinator organic laboratories at North Carolina State) was among those whose view of the significance of Boron was included in the July 4th issue of *Chemical & Engineering News*.

Dr. Joanna Fowler, radiotracer pioneer



Two poster presenters with visitors

# What did they do later?

For over 20 years, we have been trying to keep track of our chemistry alumni in what yg" ecm" vjg" õTracking Ptqlgev.ö" cpf" vjg results may be found on our web page. Look for õDirectoryö cpf" hkpf" gkvjgt" õGraduate Anw o pkö"qt"õUndergraduate Alumni.ö"""

It is far from complete, but we lack the necessary resources to be as good as we would like to be. We value the help of loyal alumni in bringing us up-to-date.

# Around USF

### Library news

Though the University started classes in late September, 3;82." "vjg" nkdtct {" y cupøv" qrgp" postseasons and, in 2015-2016, for the first time in school history, secured the highest ranking in the American in the Learfield Cup standings, which recognizes outstanding overall achievement in a department. Meanwhile, we have also celebrated academic wins, with our student athletes sustaining an overall average 3.0 GPA for multiple semesters while our graduation rate continues to steadily climb ó now at 82 percent. Moreover, this year USF student-athletes and coaches participated in a record number of community service activities vjtqwijqwvvjg"Vcorc"Dc{"tgikqp0ö

#### **Patent announcement**

WUH"õranks ninth in the nation among public universities for US patents i tcpvgf"kp"4237ö according to a report released by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) and the Intellectual Property Owners Association (July 12, 2016).

The report indicated that USF had 90 patents in 2015 and noted the important role patents play in university research.

# Acknowledgments

Mr. Mark Harlan, USF Athletic Director, for permission to quote from his May 6 memorandum.

Dean **Todd Chavez** for helpful conversations and useful background information.

Ms. Kelly who A. Pearson, is Coordinator, Natural Science and Mathematics Advising Center; Program Coordinator, Medical Technology; B.S. Academic Advisor. Department of Chemistry. She provided helpful information concerning the number of chemistry majors and how they are advised.

Dr. Christina Nelson (Academic Services administrator) provided helpful comments.

# News and feedback

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