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Chamber Presents Dottie Berger MacKinnon Woman of Influence Award to USF President Judy Genshaft

Tampa, Fla. –USF President Judy Genshaft was selected as the recipient of the 2015 *Dottie Berger MacKinnon Woman of Influence Award*, presented by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Under her leadership, the University of South Florida has become one of the fastest growing research universities in the nation with a rapidly expanding international reputation for academics, research and innovation. During her tenure, USF has been recognized as a top 50 research university and grown to be the 9th largest public research university in the nation, with an annual budget of \$1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of more than \$4.4 billion for the Tampa Bay region.

“President Genshaft is a game changer. She has great vision for our community and leads the USF System with great enthusiasm. She demonstrates the ability to go above and beyond every day,” said Jose Valiente, 2006 Chamber Chair.

The Woman of Influence Award recognizes a woman whose leadership has made a positive impact in Hillsborough County. It pays tribute to an individual who exemplifies outstanding professional values; demonstrates the ability to go above and beyond the normal expectations of a leader; and serves as an inspiration to the community. President Genshaft was presented the award at the Chamber’s annual Women of Influence Luncheon featuring Emily Núñez Cavness and Betsy Núñez, co-founders of Sword & Plough, before an audience of over 800 attendees.

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