

After record temperatures this summer, mornings have turned chilly and fall has finally arrived in Florida! We hope that you are able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Check out [Visit Tampa Bay](#) for a calendar of interesting things to do in our area! If you can, check out [The James Museum](#) in St Petersburg. Every Tuesday admission is only \$10.

Students planning to travel outside the U.S. for the November or December holidays should check their I-20 on page two for a valid travel signature. If the travel signature is dated November 20, 2022 or earlier, it is time for a fresh signature. Log into iStart to access the Travel Signature eform. Be sure to give staff at least 5 days to process.

For information on traveling as an F-1 please view our travel webpage at <https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/immigration/travel.aspx> and watch this helpful video - [https://youtu.be/Vhal\\_07WBM4](https://youtu.be/Vhal_07WBM4)

Our office hosts a special Sash Ceremony for students who are graduating each semester on the Wednesday before Commencement. This year, the ceremony is on December 6. During the ceremony, students are presented with a sash that represents the flag from their home country. Students who have registered for graduation and RSVP'd for commencement will receive an email invitation. Students must be present at the Sash Ceremony to receive the sash for free.

One week each November, [International Education Week](#) is celebrated as part of a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of State. The week celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. At USF, we celebrate by hosting a full month of events to recognize the university's global connections. Check out the full calendar on the USF World website here <https://www.usf.edu/world/participate/week.aspx>

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The university will be closed for Winter Break beginning Thursday, December 21, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024. *Start eforms will not be processed during Winter Break. Students should finalize all eforms by Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 11:59pm, if they need to be processed in 2023.*

The winter holidays are a common time for scams especially in the form of a suspicious phone call or email. Here are a few things you can do to protect yourself:

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