

USF Wastewater Design Team Places First at FWEA

TAMPA, Fla. (April 7, 2014) The USF Wastewater Design Team received a first place win in the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) design competition, which was held at the Florida Water Resources Conference in Orlando on April 6. The team was led by Project Manager Andrew Filippi, and included Lauren Davis, Michael Esteban, Jared Faniel, Winsome Jackson, Herby Jean and Richard Johnson. Their project investigated capital improvement projects for the Hillsborough County South/Central Wastewater Service Area and recommended an expansion of the Falkenburg AWTP using a 5-stage Bardenpho process.

Tom Rawls, Kim Byer and Beth Schinella of Hillsborough County were the project clients. The West Coast Chapter of FWEA also provided support. The USF team will travel to New Orleans for the national competition in September.

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The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked at #72 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report's 2015 engineering graduate school rankings. The college serves 4,600 students offering ABET-accredited undergraduate degrees in seven programs, as well as eleven master's and nine doctoral degrees. The College is actively engaged in local and global research activities with foci on sustainability, biomedical engineering, computing technology and transportation and for the fiscal year 2013-14 had \$30.5 million in research expenditures. There are 124 tenured / tenure track faculty and 80 instructors and research faculty.

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