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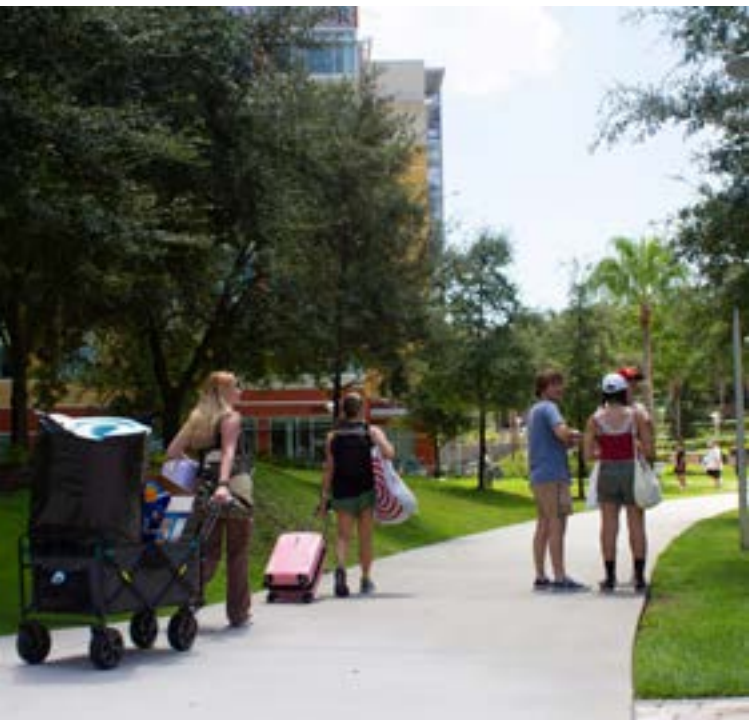
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Students struggle with high demand, prices for housing

By Lily Belcher
CORRESPONDENT



USF students faced challenges while trying to secure affordable on-campus housing, causing many to find other accommodations. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE/ALEXANDRA URBAN

Approximately 7,400 USF residents moved into their dorms over the weekend, according to USF Newsroom. The road to moving in wasn't easy for some students, however, as they faced price increases and a long standby list to secure housing.

Students, such as biomedical sciences junior Asha Moultrie, were afraid they would be forced to move off campus due to the uncertainty caused by these changes.

"I had great difficulty securing housing. As you know, there are designated times for people to choose housing. By the time it was my turn, everything was gone," Moultrie said.

"It was a stressful time because it would be impossible for me to

live off campus."

Moultrie managed to find a dorm in the Village after a month of waiting for the next round of room selection.

Many students, like Moultrie or behavioral healthcare sophomore Rana Ali, do not have a car that would allow them to commute. Ali said the approximately six minute drive to campus by car can turn into an hour-long bus ride because of the stops the bus has to make on the way and because the nearest bus stop is a 20 minute walk from her apartment.

"I kept trying [to get on-campus housing], but nothing opened up. I had to use off-campus housing without a car, which was [very] damaging financially and for my

mental/physical health," Ali said.

Other students, like microbiology sophomore Jamie Powers, want to live on campus for the convenience of being close to classes and campus life.

"I like living on campus because it is easier to go to classes everyday because they are right here," Powers said. "Also, it is easier to join clubs for the same reason."

Business freshman Gianni Fratarcangeli was not placed in a room until a few weeks ago after he realized USF had lost his housing application.

"They just said they lost it. So, I was like 'I still need a room,'" Fratarcangeli said. "It ended up working out but I could have been screwed over very easily."

While many students were on the standby list for housing, every student on the standby list was placed in a dorm before the grand-opening, with the final student being placed in a room on Aug. 16, according to Housing and Residential Education Associate Vice President Ana Hernandez.

"We certainly did see an increase [in demand] this year. We have been navigating and managing a standby list since March when we paused the access to the space for our returning students to allow our first-year students to get some of the spaces," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said there was an increase in demand for on-campus housing due to how quickly beds filled up. Last year, USF housing didn't have a standby list until the first week of May, but this year's list began forming nearly two months sooner.

"We saw almost a doubling of the demand from our returning students, which was really great to see because that is an indicator that they are having a great experience as part of a residential community and they just want to stay," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said her office focused on being "very communicative and very clear with the students."

"The assignment staff on the Tampa campus was really doing incredible work with just trying to reach out to students," Hernandez said.

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Moultrie said she wished there was more communication from Housing about alternative solutions for spots filling up so fast.

"All I received was an email saying how all the housing had been filled. No suggestions for alternatives. Just them essentially saying 'Better luck next time,'" she said.

In addition to challenges securing a room, students faced an average of a 4.5% increase in prices for on-campus housing this year, according to Hernandez. She said the increase is a result of increased operational costs to USF, including utilities and employee pay.

This semester's new housing rates range from a low of \$767.50

to a high of \$1532.50 per month, whereas last spring's housing rates ranged from \$748.75 to \$1,487.50, according to USF's Housing website.

This increase is the first since a 1% increase in 2019. USF avoided increasing prices during COVID-19, unlike many off-campus accommodations that saw between a 10% to 58% increase in prices, according to Hernandez. However, she said it was no longer sustainable and students can expect another 4.5% increase in fall 2024 as well.

For Moultrie, the increase in prices influenced which style dorm she could choose.

"The price impacted my decision because, while my scholarships cover a lot, a very expensive dorm would not be entirely covered...I already knew that getting an apartment style would be impossible because of the costs. The Village only had a few rooms left, so I had to choose from there," she said.

Scholarships and financial aid made the cost increases manageable for some students, like mathematics major and sophomore Logan Simpson.

"I transferred from a Colorado college. So, coming here as a transfer, I really needed a place to stay. On-campus housing was better financially as I have financial aid for school related costs that don't really cover an apartment," Simpson said.

Price increases will force some students, such as Moultrie and Fratarcangeli, to get a job that they may not have needed if dorm prices had stayed the same. Fratarcangeli said without

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Student body president, vice president excited to support students

Multimedia editor Justin Seecharan interviewed Student Body President and Vice President Cesar Esmeraldi and Elizabeth Volmy about their plans for USF as they step into their new roles.

You've had a few months to get accustomed to your roles over the summer. How have you settled into your jobs as student body president and vice president?

Elizabeth: I think we've been settling in really smoothly, partly due to the fact that we've been in student government before. So just the experience that we had is really helping us... especially [with] our support team that we have as well.

Cesar: We're very grateful. I just want to thank everyone who supported us throughout the election. After the election, everyone in student government, our advisors, admin... We're very excited.

As fall semester begins, what is one thing you have already accomplished and one thing you're looking forward to working on?

Elizabeth: I think something that we're looking forward to is just working with our cabinet and making the dreams a reality...just planning out our initiatives and making them come intact.

Cesar: I will say our main accomplishment this summer is the fact that we hired a great cabinet. They're great people, motivated, hardworking, and with a great group, we're gonna do great things.

What's the most exciting part of your positions?

Elizabeth: Another part we love about the position is just getting to meet new people

every day, and really just make that impact and building those connections.

Cesar: I think the best part is being able to have a positive impact in our community. And I really mean it. Both Elizabeth and I are very passionate about USF, about the students. We've

How do you balance the stress of being a full-time student while maintaining the responsibilities of representing your student body?

Elizabeth: I find it easier to balance things I love. I feel like I love my role. And I love being a student and learning and you

think we're doing good so far. Like I said, we have a great team behind us. So I'm very excited. I wouldn't say we're stressed. I think we're planning everything for a great year.

love, and maybe make a new experience and find new friends. So really, just get involved as much as possible. And don't be afraid to take advantage of all the opportunities that can help you achieve your future career goals.

Cesar: USF is a great place, you're gonna meet great people, and you're gonna have a lot of opportunities. Like Elizabeth said, get involved, follow your dreams, do things you like and have an open mind. I think everyone, every incoming freshman, even transfer students, you come in, and you know what you like, you know what your passions are. But if you have an open mind, you're gonna find even more things. And USF is a great place for that.

You underwent a difficult election process. What is one lesson that experience taught you?

Elizabeth: I would say just staying true to yourself and making sure if you work for something, push through and make sure you work for it until the end. Hard work pays off.

Cesar: I think the main lesson is if you're hardworking, transparent and you don't cheat, people are going to support you. People are going to have your back. If they know your truth, if they know you're pure with your intentions, it's going to be great.

With a new class of students starting their university journey, what piece of advice would you give them?

Elizabeth: I would say always be true to yourself and do not be afraid to get involved on campus. There's so many different opportunities to find things you



Senior health sciences majors Cesar Esmeraldi and Elizabeth Valmy said they look forward to working with their cabinet this semester. ORACLE PHOTO/JUSTIN SEECHARAN

been in student government for a couple of years each. And now, we feel like we have a real opportunity to do great things and actually be there for all the students.

have to learn within this role. So, it's kind of the best of both worlds for me.

Cesar: As much as it gets hectic, we're very passionate. And I wouldn't say we stress. It's more about being able to have good time management and do everything we want. And I



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the increase, he may not have had to look for a job that would impact how he can balance his coursework.

Nursing senior Angel Wayton said she might have considered living on-campus if the prices were cheaper than her off-campus accommodations, which cost her \$850 per month compared to over \$1000 for an apartment-style dorm.

Chemistry sophomore Jenny Blasko lived off-campus last year, but the increases to dorm prices influenced her decision to stay

in her apartment.

"I chose to live off-campus last year because I was told on-campus housing was unavailable and new spots could open up right before school, but there was no guarantee," Blasko said.

Off-campus living presented challenges as well for some residents. Blasko had health and safety concerns, such as broken locks and black mold, at many of the places she considered.

Hernandez advised students to stay connected to the communication from Housing and Residential Education so they

know the timeline for applying for and selecting housing. She also suggested students complete all the necessary steps as soon as possible to avoid being placed on the standby list and missing key deadlines.

Moultrie said better systems should be implemented to help students deal with the difficulties they face when securing housing each year.

"[I hope USF makes] more opportunities for students to secure housing," Moultrie said. "Specifically for those that are really in need of housing."

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Letter from the president



President Rhea Law was inaugurated earlier this year at the Yuengling Center. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE

Dear Students,

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the University of South Florida for the 2023-24 school year. Whether you are a returning student or new to the Bulls family, I wish you happiness and fulfillment on the exciting road ahead.

As a proud USF graduate and the first alumna to serve as president, I know firsthand the incredible impact this university has on the lives of our students. And just in case you didn't know, each of you shares in a landmark new chapter of USF's history — you are studying at USF during our first academic year as a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), the most prestigious association in higher education.

Achieving AAU status was a long-held goal for our university, and it represents an enormous milestone in our collective

journey. You may wonder what kind of difference those three letters make. Consider this — AAU membership is a distinction earned by just three percent of all four-year universities in the U.S.

With only 70 other AAU members, USF now stands alongside widely respected institutions including Harvard, Stanford, MIT and the University of Florida. Joining the AAU will strengthen our university because it allows us to further invest in USF's powerful research enterprise, helps us attract even more bright minds to our institution and empowers us to make an even greater impact on our society. When you consider that USF is only the second public university in Florida to be invited to join the AAU, and the first in nearly 40 years, it is quite an accomplishment.

This achievement, combined with USF's position in U.S. News

& World Report's Best Colleges rankings — we are ranked No. 42 among all public institutions, our highest position ever — demonstrates that USF is a university on the rise. You can take great pride in knowing that the degree you will soon earn holds tremendous value and respect, because it was earned at a world-class institution that is now among the ranks of America's leading research universities.

Now, let's talk about you and the opportunities available to maximize your success at USF. This is truly an exhilarating time to be a student at our university, and I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to get involved in campus life as a participant, employee, volunteer or leader. You will find approximately 800 student organizations from which to choose — plus extra-curricular opportunities with Student

Government, departments and colleges — and I am confident you will find something that aligns with your interests, connects you with new friends and enhances your resume. Whether you're interested in the arts, technology, sports and recreation or giving back to your community — USF truly has something for everyone.

I also encourage you to attend the various athletics events hosted throughout the year. USF Athletics sponsors 19 varsity men's and women's teams, which compete in 11 different sports, providing a wide variety of opportunities to join your fellow Bulls in sharing your school spirit. And of course, we are very excited about our plans for an on-campus stadium, which is set to open in time for the fall 2026 season. This fully modern facility will enhance the culture, spirit and connectedness of the university — not just for football but throughout the year and for generations to come.

As we welcome students from approximately 150 countries and a wide range of backgrounds, USF is committed to providing opportunities for everyone to find a sense of belonging and to succeed. Please don't hesitate to ask for help as you explore your options. Our talented faculty and staff are here to support you.

What I love about USF is that everywhere you look, you'll find pockets of knowledge where you can learn more about anything that sparks your curiosity — if you are willing to put the work in to make it happen. I am thrilled that you have chosen the University of South Florida and are now a part of our vibrant university community.

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Pennachio has lived on campus for three semesters and has felt the way that roommate experiences can impact the college experience.

“Having a good roommate experience is important because, for many, college is a stressful first encounter on being self-reliant. A student’s roommate could either help relieve that stress or greatly add to it, and I feel that’s something important everyone should keep in mind when sharing a space,” said finance major Joseph Pennachio in an Aug. 18 interview with The Oracle.

Joseph said he believes that for many students, college can be stressful at times, and having a bad roommate experience can take away the sense of home and belonging.

Students that feel uncomfortable in their college

housing due to roommate conflicts show higher levels of anxiety and stress, according to a 2022 research article in the Journal of Public Health Student Capstones.

The college experience shows students new academic and social skills that will help with their career goals. Therefore, students shouldn’t have to worry about a bad roommate affecting this experience.

USF should incorporate roommate matching to minimize roommate incompatibility.

The college experience can be greatly shaped by roommates, so it is essential that USF facilitates the process of finding good roommates for students. This will allow students to feel more comfortable in their environment and find a sense of belonging during a big life change.



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OPINION: USF needs a better roommate matching system

By Brenda Guajardo
CORRESPONDENT

USF students began to move in on campus with their roommates on Aug. 17 in preparation for the upcoming fall semester, according to the USF housing website.

Dorm roommates can have a big impact on the college experience for students. A roommate can impact one's sense of belonging, academic success and mental health, according to a 2022 research article in the Journal of Public Health Student Capstones.

USF doesn't currently have a strong system for students to find compatible roommates. The university should create a system that makes that process easier,



USF's current matching system doesn't best reflect a student's personality. SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE

similar to universities like UCF.

USF uses a matching system in which students create a profile

page that describes them and they have the opportunity to message other students when

viewing their page, according to the UCF housing website. USF should use a system such as this to create a better community experience for everyone.

USF should create a system like this to make the process of finding good and compatible roommates easier for students.

Currently, USF provides roommates a short summary of yes or no questions such as "Are you a night person?" or "Do you smoke?" in order to see if there could be compatibility between roommates.

The questions that USF provides for roommates do not thoroughly represent the personality of an individual. This makes it difficult to tell if you could have a good relationship with roommates until move-in

day. Instead USF should allow students to create profiles where they can elaborate more on the type of person they are.

A national study done on over 30,000 college students showed that 47.9% of students had conflicts with their roommates, according to a 2022 research article by the Journal of Public Health Student Capstones.

Having conflicts with roommates could alter a student's view on college life in a negative way, while a good roommate relationship can make the change of living at college easier, according to a 2022 article by Niche

Finance major Joseph

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OPINION: Gen Z must better adapt to workplace environments

By Anna Gustafson
CORRESPONDENT

USF students should have no problem finding jobs following graduation, but keeping them may be another issue.

"Businesses are expecting to hire almost 4 percent more graduates from the class of 2023 than they did from the previous class," reported the New York Times on July 19.

As businesses keep hiring, just one problem faces employers – Gen Z.

Just as quickly as Gen Z entered the workplace, they left. They struggled to adapt to the office due to COVID-19, lacking the necessary soft skills and "hostile" work environments according to a CNBC report. Gen Z employees are discontent and

ready to leave the workplace, and their managers aren't stopping them.

Initiative and adaptivity must be shown by Gen Z, including USF students in the workplace. This will result in an improved workplace and satisfied employees from all generations.

Gen Z is the generation born from 1997 to 2012, according to a 2023 definition by Britannica. This makes the generation currently aged between 11 and 26.

As desperate businesses hire these young employees, Gen Z has garnered a reputation as lazy and unproductive.

"They think they're better than you, smarter than you, more capable than you and they will tell you to your face," said Akpan Ukeme, head of human resources for SGK Global

Shipping Services in a June interview with The Hill.

Only 4% of employers viewed Gen Z employees as "never difficult to work with," and one in three employers even stated they preferred hiring millennials over Gen Z, according to a ResumeBuilder survey of managers and business leaders in April. In addition, the survey results gathered the top five reasons that employers found Gen Z difficult.

Gen Z lacks technological skills, are unmotivated, are often distracted, easily offended and occasionally dishonest, according to ResumeBuilder's results.

These are qualities few hiring managers want in an employee.

There are factors, however, that have more directly led to Gen

Z's reputation in the workforce.

Employees of this generation, including over 14,000 USF students, graduated and entered the workforce during the unsettling and unpredictable age of COVID-19. This means that 14,401 USF graduates, along with millions of others, began their careers in the comfort of their own homes via Zoom and have little to no experience in a real office space.

This lack of experience is likely contributing to deep discontentment for Gen Z workers.

Many employees feel a healthy level of stress in the workplace, but Cigna's 2022 Global Well-Being Survey discovered that 91% of Gen Z is reporting stressful work environments, stress that may

be caused by miscommunication and misunderstandings with managers. This is causing many to leave or consider leaving their jobs.

However, change in the workplace is possible and happening already through the help and acceptance of older colleagues. Working environments will improve as Gen Z accepts the "9 to 5" and communicates concerns with their employers.

As USF students enter the workplace, they must be aware of these challenges and prepared to find solutions. Gen Z doesn't need to be labeled as a lazy generation if they can prioritize work and collaborating with employers to improve the conditions of the workplace.



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USF's most anticipated fall sports matchups

By Noah Vinsky
STAFF WRITER



The Bulls football team will be looking to play spoilers against a couple of nationally ranked opponents this season. USF ATHLETICS PHOTO.

Football - USF vs. Alabama, Sept. 16

Arguably the most difficult opponent the Bulls have faced in years, the Alabama Crimson Tide are a perennial SEC powerhouse led by head coach Nick Saban. The only other time the teams have played each other was in 2003, which resulted in a 40-17 loss for the Bulls.

Alabama has won six National Championships since Saban was hired in 2007, compiling a 194-27 record. The Crimson Tide also went 14 seasons before being defeated by an unranked opponent, which was snapped

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Women's lacrosse coach preparing team for first scrimmages

Sports editor Aaron Mammah interviewed women's lacrosse head coach Mindy McCord about how she is preparing her inaugural team for their first slate of scrimmages this year.



Women's lacrosse head coach Mindy McCord is preparing her inaugural team for their first slate of scrimmages in 2023-24. USF ATHLETICS PHOTO

The first women's lacrosse freshmen class just wrapped up its first move-in day. What was that experience like?

A: It was so cool. We had a lot of players from the [men's and women's] soccer teams and our administration showed up so they helped move our first years in. And, this excitement on their faces, that they're starting a program from scratch. It was fun, it was fast and then we were able to have the parents there to enjoy that experience with them.

You're no stranger to the process of building programs. Did you share any advice or insight with your players on what that's going to be like?

A: They get a chance to leave a legacy. So, when they're my age, they can say 'They did something special that not everyone gets an opportunity to do.' And I think they want that opportunity. That's why they chose it.

Because you're building a program, you have to be able to overcome adversity. You've got to be able to develop your game and be one of the very top teams in the country...so I think

we want to build a great culture and the expectation is that they help us do that so we can recruit future bulls to help us compete at the top of the NCAA level.

You're set to begin competition in 2024-25. What can USF fans expect in 2023-24?

A: This is a great [educational moment] because we get to play this fall, all the month of October, the end of September, and then we'll play exhibition games in the spring. Some will

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by a loss against Texas A&M in 2021.

Last season, a

Golesh-led Tennessee team defeated Alabama 52-49. The game will be broadcasted nationally on ABC.

Football

- USF at Texas-San Antonio, Nov. 17

USF will face off against conference newcomers UTSA in a difficult road tilt on Nov. 17 that is sure to be an offensive shootout.

Senior Roadrunners quarterback Frank Harris is one of the premier quarterbacks in the country, winning the Conference USA MVP award last season. Harris threw

for 4,063 yards and 32 touchdowns in 2022, also adding 602 yards rushing along with nine touchdowns.

Under head coach Jeff Traylor, the Roadrunners finished last season ranked No. 25 in the country – their first time finishing in the AP Poll in program history.

Women's soccer - USF vs. Florida Atlantic, Oct. 26

The Owls will travel to Tampa to take on the Bulls to close out women's soccer's regular season.

Last year, FAU defeated USF 2-1 in an Aug. 28 matchup. The last time the Bulls defeated the Owls at

home was in 2009 in a 1-0 victory. Florida Atlantic finished last season with an 11-8-3 record, falling in the third round of the Conference USA tournament to UTSA.

This game will also mark head coach Denise Schilte-Brown's final regular season home match. Schlite Brown was selected to become the head coach of Tampa Bay's USL Super League team which will begin play in 2024.

Volleyball - USF vs. Georgia Tech, Aug. 26

Volleyball will begin their season at Amalie Arena for the Road 2 Tampa Bay Invitational, playing against No. 20

Georgia Tech.

With three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, the Yellow Jackets are annually one of the top squads in the country. They finished last season with a 21-8 record, falling in the second round of the NCAA tournament to Marquette.

Georgia Tech head coach Michelle Collier played volleyball at USF from 1998 to 2002, where she was teammates with current USF head coach Jolene Shepardson.

South Florida will also take on Florida during the tournament on Aug. 27 at the Yuengling Center.

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be home, some will be away. We'll play at the Track and Field and Corbett stadiums, and we get to train. We get to train like we're competing for a national championship but the score doesn't count.

So I think they'll see that we want to be in the community. We want to be serving our community [and] serving our school. We want to be gaining fans. We want to partner with [USF students] to build our fan base. so they want to come and have a great experience watching us play.

We are even going to do some Lacrosse 101 events where people can come out and we'll teach you the rules.

How exciting will it be to be able to house your program in the on-campus stadium?

A: Football and lacrosse will reside in that stadium with our lacrosse operations facility. We're looking forward to it. And we're in our fourth recruiting class and they're excited about the development of that because it's a transformational place for all of us, students and employees, to have a place that they can call home to come and have that on-campus experience.

One of the players on the roster is blazing a trail in the NIL space. Can you tell us about her?

A: Sophia Chapnick came from Clemson and she has one of the top deals out of any men's and women's lacrosse player in the country. Sophia has a great brand. She's a mass communications major and she wants to go into broadcasting.

She chose this school because she felt the Tampa Bay

area and the companies and organizations in this university could help her leverage her career and be able to find NIL opportunities.

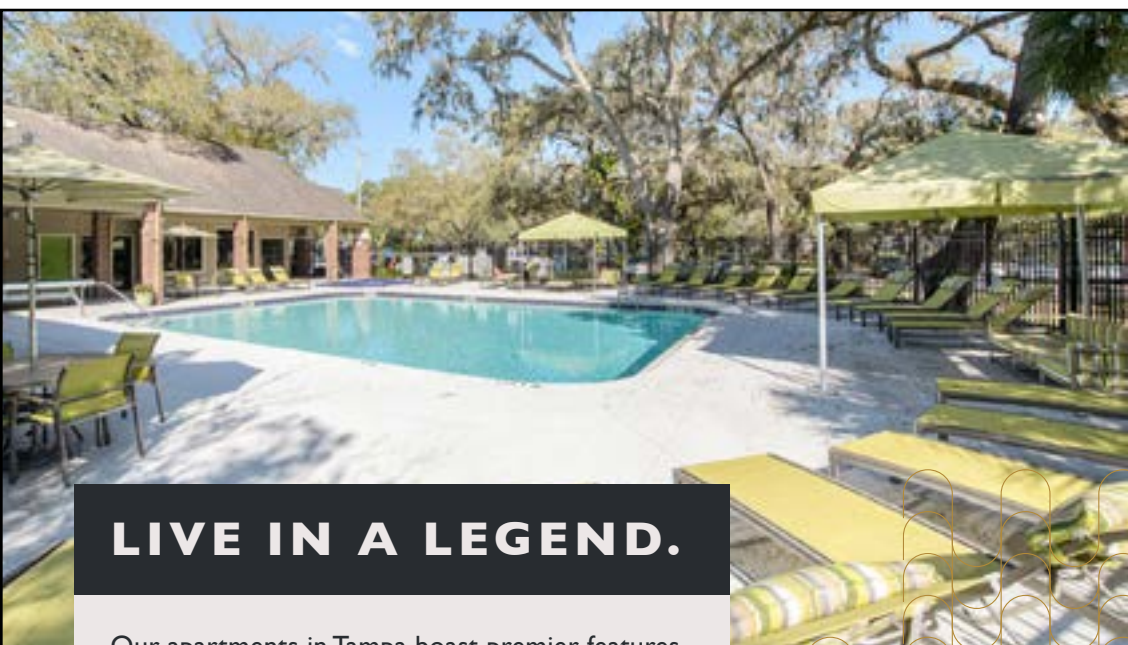
She doesn't just choose anything and It's not about making money for her. It's about putting purpose into what she chooses. So she doesn't go with any company that doesn't have her passion and purpose at the heart of what they do and that is like minded with her, which I like.

It's huge for our student-athletes to be able to leverage that and be entrepreneurs in their 18 to 20s. But to be able to find top recruits like Sophia, we can leverage the Tampa Bay area and this amazing city. I'm sure a lot of students stay after they leave USF because Tampa is a great place to be.

You spoke about being elite. What does the word "elite" mean to you? And what does that word mean for this lacrosse team?

A: It's a goal for a university, right? We want to be first class, we want to be elite in everything we do. We have the support of the university administrators, the leadership of the Athletics leaders and we want to build championship elite programs where all students can have an elite experience.

So what does that mean? It's in the eye of the beholder, but it's either you do it the best, or you don't do it at all. And to me, coming to USF and being here for a year, this city and the partnerships with the professional sports all the way through the academic programs and the athletic support we get is truly elite compared to other programs in the country.



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