



Dear Faculty and Staff Members:

In order to better assist students experiencing significant life stressors that impede their academic success and personal wellbeing, Student Affairs has formed the **Office of Student Outreach & Support (SOS)**, under the direction of Jennifer "JJ" Larson, on the Tampa campus.

Where the **Students of Concern Assistance Team (SOCAT)** provides the process for faculty, staff and students to refer students of concern, SOS provides dedicated professional staff to not only follow through on SOCAT referrals, but to ensure that **any** struggling and distressed student receives the support needed to be successful at USF and in his or her personal life.

When monitoring and connecting distressed students to appropriate resources, the potential campus risk is reduced and these students are better able to succeed academically. By distancing SOS services from the SOCAT name, we are already experiencing more self-referrals of students who realize they are facing challenges and need intervention and guidance.

Please make sure that all members of your department are aware of the formation of SOS. To refer a student in distress for help, please continue to submit an on-line referral to SOCAT through www.usf.edu/sos.

For questions, consultation, or to schedule an educational workshop for faculty, staff or concerned others, please contact SOS at 813-974-6130.

The SOS staff looks forward to assisting you as needed and reminds you that "Getting Help is No Bull. It's Noble!"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Miller", written in a cursive style.

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