



retired dean were recognized at this event for significant contributions.

TAMPA, Fla.—Fifty alumni and a retired University of South Florida faculty member were honored at the College of Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner held at the University of South Florida on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2018.

"As the college celebrates its 50th anniversary, we are proud of the achievements of our alumni," said Dean Robert L. Taylor. "The college is a distinctive and creative group of people who have made significant contributions to the field of engineering."

The distinguished group of award recipients have made significant contributions to the field of Engineering. Honored at this event were:

Stanley Newton, Mechanical Engineering, retired. Mr. Newton, a 1975 graduate of the University of South Florida, is the founder of Matrix, St. Petersburg, Fla. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award Scholarship that provides financial support for mechanical engineering students. Kumar Ramachandran, Industrial Engineering, retired. Mr. Ramachandran is the founder of Gram Suchana Solutions, Bangalore, India. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to industrial engineering from the University of South Florida. Ramachandran Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award at all levels.

Anthony James, Electrical Engineering, retired. James is the retired EVP of Savannah Power. He is the co-founder of Savannah Power. He has a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Florida.

and Sheila James Endowed Scholarship provides support for full engineering students. He also serves on the USF Foundation Board. Dr. Maha Sallam, Computer Science and Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award Dr. Sallam is the founder of Essance, a medical device company focused on creating diagnostic solutions for stroke applications. She received her bachelor's, masters and doctorate degrees in computer science from USF. She and her husband, KK, established the Spirit of Innovation Award that supports graduate students.

David Scott, Civil and Environmental Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award. Mr. Scott is the founder of HSA Engineers and Scientists. He also serves on the College of Engineering Advisory Board. HSA funded an 80 seat engineering classroom called the Educational Epicenter and also provides an endowed scholarship for civil engineering students.

Mark Cacciatore, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award. Mr. Cacciatore is Vice President of Manufacturing for the Campbell Soup Company, Perrysburg Ohio. He is a lifelong member of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society and a long supporter of USF.

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Scholarship that provides support for senior engineering students interested in pursuing a graduate degree.

The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida was founded in 1964. It currently serves more than 5,000 engineering students and awards 30 degrees in 14 academic programs. Since 1966, the college has awarded more than 22,000 engineering degrees.

Left to right: USF Provost Ralph Wilcox, Kumar Bahra, Anthony James, Mark Cacciatore, Stanley Newton, Gita Iranipour, Jeffrey Hornick, Maha Sallam, Suresh Batchu, David Scott, Robert