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Pender Newkirk & Company Underwrites University of South Florida Faculty Fellowship
Furthering the firm's support of the USF College of Business, School of Accountancy

TAMPA, Fla. (February 21, 2011) – The public accounting firm of Pender Newkirk & Company, LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has underwritten a faculty fellowship to the University of South Florida College of Business in the School of Accountancy. The first recipient of this fellowship is Professor Jennifer Cainas.

Professor Jennifer Cainas has taught at USF for five years. She is a CPA and holds a Master of Accountancy degree from USF. Jennifer teaches both upper-level accounting major classes as well as principles of accounting mass lecture classes. She also oversees the competency exam, which every aspiring accounting major must take before they can register for their first upper-level accounting course. She is the faculty advisor for USF's award-winning Beta Alpha Psi chapter. Jennifer chairs the School of Accountancy scholarship committee, which makes the biannual scholarship decisions for accounting majors. She also chairs the College of Business scholarship committee, which makes scholarship decisions for all business majors. Jennifer is active in the FICPA, currently serving on the board for the West Coast Chapter.

“Since the firm was founded, Pender Newkirk & Company has enjoyed a close relationship with the University of South Florida's College of Business. As an employer and member of this business community, PNC has benefited greatly from USF's excellent education programs and academic leadership,” said Ralph Garcia, Managing Partner. “We are proud of our relationship with USF and believe that our association with Professor Cainas and the USF College of Business demonstrates a level of commitment to academic excellence and our support of the Tampa Bay community.”

About the University of South Florida

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF's College of Business and School of Accountancy are dually accredited by AACSB International. In addition to providing one of the nation's top accounting programs, the College of Business offers six master's degree programs, including a part-time and weekend Executive MBA program.

About Pender Newkirk & Company

Founded in 1976, Pender Newkirk & Company is a full service accounting and business consulting firm based in Tampa, Florida. With eleven partners and more than 60 professionals, the firm provides an array of services including audit and assurance, tax planning and preparation, small business advisory, litigation support and management consulting services to clients across a broad range of industries. For additional information about the firm, the services we offer and our community involvement, please visit www.pnccpa.com.

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