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## Update From the Vice President



I am delighted to present the January USF World newsletter and to wish you a happy and healthy 2024!

This issue of Bulls Run the World focuses entirely on USF's engagement with India, including an overview of USF initiatives with Indian academic institutions, alumni living in India, Indian students at USF, and USF faculty with personal and professional ties to India. I would like to acknowledge the significant generosity of the Indian community at USF, with special recognition to philanthropists [Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel](#). The building housing USF World is named in their honor. As the largest democracy in the world, India is an important strategic partner for the United States and a valued USF constituent.

During the early days of USF's relations with India, I was fortunate to participate in a Fulbright International Education Administrator program in 2013. Our delegation of 12 senior university leaders spent time learning about higher education policy and organization in India, participating in cultural events, and visiting a variety of universities, including public and private institutions in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and the state of Kerala. In 2014, I returned with a group of USF students to Pune, east of Mumbai, for the International Student Parliament. Last October, Provost Prasant Mohapatra and I had the good fortune to travel to India for a multi-city itinerary that included visits with university partners, alumni, and the United States-India Educational Foundation, as well as the new consulate in Hyderabad. We hope you'll enjoy the highlights of our [visit](#).

Read more about USF's longstanding engagement with India on the [USF Network India](#) page, where you will get an overview of our Indian academic partnerships, alumni, faculty and students. The network was launched in 2021 to connect USF community members and partners with ties to India, no matter where they reside.

Looking ahead, we will continue connecting Bulls across geographical boundaries and creating an international community of support for all [Global Network](#) members.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kiki Caruson



## USF forges strong ties across India

India is a key market for international student recruitment – especially for high-demand STEM fields. Indian students constitute more than 25% of the over 1 million foreign students studying in the United States, according to the [2023 Open Doors Report](#) prepared by the State Department in collaboration with the Institute of International Education. The annual impact of international students to the U.S. economy is \$38 billion and 335,000 jobs created, with Indian students accounting for \$7.1 billion in 2022, according to the report.

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## The importance of India for USF

USF Network India's is the largest global network at the university, with a prospective membership of over 3,100 alumni worldwide (over 720 in India), and more than 1,550 currently enrolled students from India. Furthermore, 113 faculty members have engaged in research, business, and/or creative endeavors in India since 2017.

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Alumnus Ranvir Singh facilitates international admissions globally



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Indian graduates honored during Fall 2023 International Students Sash Ceremony

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