

## Meet your 2013 Mr. & Miss USF



It was a night of beauty, talent, and glamour yet again at the 2013 Mr. & Miss USF Pageant. On February 28<sup>th</sup> over 700 students filled the Marshall Student Center Ballroom to witness their fellow Bulls compete for the crown. Once the show started, the contestants dazzled the audience with good looks, unique talents, and stunning humility that gave each candidate a deserving shot at the crown. But at the end of the night it was Samson Lu and Meghan Palmer who stood at the center stage to be crowned Mr. & Miss USF.

Samson, a med student at USF with a passion for music, graced the crowd with a modest smile and a humble stroll down the catwalk as he was introduced to the crowd. For his talent, Samson captivated the crowd and silenced the room with a brilliant violin ensemble, leaving the crowd stunned with amazement for the seemingly lost art. During his interview Samson revealed a passion for aiding the homeless population within the Tampa community; and plans to use his title as Mr. USF to raise awareness regarding the cause of homelessness, rather than only helping those in need.

The Miss USF Competition became the Meghan Palmer show once she stepped out on the stage. Meghan was poised with confidence until the very end as her smile turned heads and her upbeat dance performance left the crowd wanting more. Meghan showed her compassion for others when she introduced her platform. A desire to assist mentally handicapped children sparked her idea for "Communication for All," an idea she created that would link Speech Pathology students at USF with children who suffer from Downs Syndrome to receive weekly speech sessions,

helping those in need, as well as providing experience to students at USF. Meghan ended the evening as Miss USF, having also won awards for Best Talent, Best Lifestyle and Fitness and Best Evening Wear.