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In Rememberence of Nahida Bristy and Zamil Limon



A winding line of University of South Florida students, faculty and administrators stood Friday afternoon at Crescent Hill, north of the Marshall Student Center, each waiting solemnly to place a flower — mostly white carnations — between photos of Nahida Sultana Bristy, shown wearing a flowing royal-blue sari, and Zamil Limon, pictured in a patterned coral-pink kurta with a bright green stole.

Hundreds came to honor the two students, who died tragically last month.

Bristy, 27, was a doctoral student in chemical engineering. She began her studies in fall 2025 after coming to the United States from Bangladesh to pursue advanced research in engineering and sustainability-related fields.

Limon, also 27, was a graduate student studying geography and environmental science and policy. He began his studies in fall 2024, also after arriving from Bangladesh.

Those gathered at the vigil did so to offer condolences and to remind Bristy's and Limon's friends and family that they are not alone in their grief. Read more in this [USF article](#).

Update From the Vice President



The USF community is profoundly saddened by the loss of graduate students Nahida Bristy and Zamil Limon. For those interested in supporting Nahida's and Zamil's families, a fund has been established privately, and information can be found [here](#).

The loss of Nahida and Zamil is unimaginable. Please join the USF community in keeping their families, friends and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Recently, we honored USF faculty and staff who represent the best of our global mission with the [2026 USF Global Excellence Awards](#). Thirteen faculty and staff members whose work personified USF's global impact in research, teaching and learning, and advocacy were recognized for their contributions to global engagement across disciplines and campuses. Their admirable commitment to excellence aligns with the university's mission.

One of the most competitive honors at USF is the [Muma College of Business' 25 Under 25](#). Like most years, international students make up a respectable portion of those selected for the honor, and it seems their profiles and achievements grow more impressive by the year. Six international students made the list, with Brazil particularly well-represented with three student honorees! Their selection is a reminder of the many talented students at USF who will soon join our business community. Congratulations to all the honorees!

While we celebrate the accomplishments of our many spring graduates, we are also filled with excitement on behalf of our students who will soon embark on study abroad adventures. We can't wait to see how they experience the world, and you can follow along on our social media channels as they share their transformative experiences.

Whether our Bulls are crossing the stage at commencement, heading off to study abroad, or already making an impact around the world, they carry with them the spirit of USF and the belief they can create meaningful change. Thank you for being part of this community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kiki Caruson

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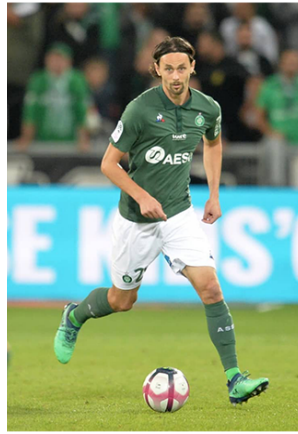
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May 5 and May 7, 2026

Marshall Student Center Ballroom, USF Tampa campus

4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

For more information regarding events, contact us at USFWorldEvents@usf.edu.

Check out the International Student Support Team's new student newsletter, *GloBull Lens*, [here!](#)



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