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Mohinder Jain (Interviewee)

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• Became a student at USF in 1964.
• Born in Karachi, the capital of undivided India, then moved to New Delhi, where she received most of her education. She was then awarded two scholarships, the Fulbright Scholarship and the National Science Foundation Scholarship, and got the chance to study in the United States. Prior to her departure from India she was introduced to a scholar from Florida who helped her navigate the HEW system and had her placed in Riverview High School in Sarasota. She then attended classes at University of South Florida during the summer where she received her masters in Science Education.
• Describes her experience at Riverview High from 1964-1966.
• Describes the University of South Florida in the 1960s.
• Describes her education at the University of South Florida.
• Alumni Association Life Member, contributor to the USF Scholarship Foundation, Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Recognized by the United Negro College Fund in 2002, member of the Community Leadership Council as well as several other accolades.
• Describes her career in the community, especially with the Head Start program.
• Describes her involvement with Bethune-Cookman University.
• How growing up in India impacted her.
• Describes her meeting with Mother Theresa.
• Served on the Florida Commission on Education under Lawton Chiles, and as of April 2005 was serving on the Florida Commission on the Status of Women; was appointed by former Governor Lawton Chiles.

1[Transcriber’s Note: Appears to be discussing the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which was later split into the Health and Human Services Department and the Department of Education, both of which are departments of the federal government.]