CSUF Alumni Welcome the Class of 2017!

Crowds of almost 70,000 were on campus during the two days of Cal State Fullerton’s commencement ceremonies May 20-21 to celebrate the milestone achievement of more than 11,000 graduates as they joined the ranks of our more than 265,000 Titan alumni throughout the world. CSUF Alumni were well-represented at the event with the Alumni Association serving juice and donuts to graduates as they prepared for the
ceremony. The Alumni Association President, Vanessa Acuna, welcomed the new alumni, and notable alumni - Bill Ruh and Linda Wolverton - provided words of wisdom during their keynote speeches.

CSUF Grads Share How They Got to the Top

Soon-to-be grads are heading off to doctoral programs and elsewhere to embark on the next chapter in their lives. One wasn’t so serious in high school. One admits her path to graduation was not clear or simple. One entered college with no real idea of what she wanted to get out of it or do with her life. That these Cal State Fullerton students evolved into what the university considers some of the best and brightest of the Class of 2017 is testament to a lot of factors.

Let’s Make it a #MyTopCollege Four-Peat for CSUF!

Starting Wednesday, June 7, Forbes launched its fourth annual #MyTopCollege social media contest. For the next seven weeks, leading up to the launch of the Forbes Top Colleges 2017 on August 1, we need everyone to tell us why you love Cal State Fullerton and really show your school spirit. Submit your posts on Twitter and Instagram and include the #MyTopCollege hashtag as well as @CSUF with a story and/or picture about what you love most about CSUF. Add a #CSUFAlumni tag, and we may share your post on @CUFAlumni social media!

Alumni News
Award Recipients Impacted by Alumni Association’s Student Scholarships

Through the generous support of Cal State Fullerton alumni, each year the Alumni Association is privileged to recognize and reward a number of continuing students on their journey to graduation. Congratulations to the 2016-2017 scholarship award recipients: James Dabbah, Melanie Espino-Canche, Rachel Griffin, Jeongyon "Stacey" Hahn, Kira Jamison, Breanna Janssen, Hieu Le, Jensine Ponciano-Cruz, Eduardo Ramirez, Jose Ramirez, Brenda Reyes, James Rodriguez, Melissa Rouse, Joshua Santiago, and Matthew Smith.

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Alumni Share Time and Talent with Students, University and Community

During the 2016-17 academic year, alumni contributed nearly 1,500 hours through the Alumni Association to support a number of efforts including:

- Hosting a dinner for students through Dinner with 12 Titans
- Leading one of our 15 alumni clubs
- Speaking at Slice of Advice panels
- Mentoring and networking with students
- Volunteering at events such as GradFest, Fully Fest, Beach Cleanup Day and Grad BBQ
- Taking a leadership position on our Alumni Association Board of Directors

Learn more and sign-up for the Titan Alumni Volunteer Corps today!

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Association Recognizes Outstanding Graduate and Senior at Honors and Scholars Program
Tim Alexander of Fullerton, who is completing his master of science in education-higher education, is this year's recipient of the CSUF Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Luc Ceci of Yorba Linda, a business administration-finance major and a Business Honors student, is the 2017 recipient of the CSUF Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award.

Geographer Wins Alumni Association’s Faculty Student Service Award

Zia Salim, Titan alumnus and assistant professor of geography, knows engaging students requires stretching learning beyond the classroom and putting curiosity and new skills to work in research and hands-on projects.

Adult Learner Takes Advantage of Irvine Campus, Online Offerings

Undeterred from pursuing a college education at the age of 42, Sharon Tanner recently graduated summa cum laude as a health science major.

CSUF Alumni Panelists Explore How to Find a Job with a Comm Degree

Comm Week featured alums returning to share insights on the communications job market.
Alumni Spotlight

Jubilant Sykes ‘92 ‘95 ‘16

"When she first arrived on our campus, she had only a high school diploma," said CSUF President Mildred Garcia as she began to introduce this year's recipient of the 2016-17 Outstanding Lecturer Award, alumna Shelli Wynant, before the Academic Senate.

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Student Spotlight

Student: Former Foster Youth Grad Comes Full Circle, Lands Dream Job

Class of 2017 graduate, Michael Crane, draws on his own experience in foster care to assist foster youth in his new role as a community college administrator.

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Featured Campus Events

Fullerton Baseball to Clash with Long Beach State

Cal State Fullerton baseball will take on Big West rival Long Beach State, in what will be the Titans' 13th trip to the Super Regional round this weekend at Blair Field. Plan your watch parties now!

- Game 1, 6/9: Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State | 3 pm PT | TV: ESPN2
- Game 2, 6/10: Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State | Noon PT | TV: ESPNU
Game 3, 6/11: Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State | Noon PT | TV: ESPNU (Played if needed)

Or, join the Alumni Association at **BIGS Fullerton located at 323 N. State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92831** for watch parties. Represent with your Titan gear and let's cheer on our Titans.

You can also cheer on the Titans at the following locations:

- **Fullerton Brew Company, 305 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92832**
- **Brian's Beers & Billiards, 1944 N Placentia Ave, Fullerton, CA 92831**

**A Year of Celebration is Being Planned for CSUF’s 60th Anniversary**

During the year of celebration starting in August, special 60th Anniversary events and activities are being planned, including CSUF Night at Angels (9/15), Concert Under the Stars (9/23), Homecoming (12/2), and a Titans-only night at Disneyland (2/1/18).

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**Campus News and Events**

**OLLI Presents Music, Science, Finance Classes for Active Adults**

Cal State Fullerton's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents more than 80 summer programs for retired and semi-retired adults. Most classes meet in Mackey Auditorium of the University's Ruby Gerontology Center at 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Several of the programs are free and open to the public.

**Fullerton Arboretum to Honor Former Dean at Summer Gala**

The Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum will honor Harry Norman, CSUF’s late associate vice president emeritus for international programs and dean of University
Extended Education, at the June 17 Summer Solstice Garden Gala.

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**CSUF Offers New Online Teacher Induction Program**

The new program is updated to meet California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requirements for teachers who need to earn a clear multiple or single subject credential through a general education induction program. The fully online program includes individualized learning experiences based on a candidate’s unique district, school and classroom environment. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on August 15.

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**They Persisted: CSUF Celebrates Achievements of Women**

President Mildred García hosts Women’s History Month reception, honoring trailblazing women.

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**No Magic Bullet to Stop Cyber Intrusion in an Election**

So says Mikhail Gofman, associate professor of computer science and the director of the University’s Center for Cybersecurity. With a federal investigation underway into the Russian cyber intrusion of the 2016 presidential election, Cal State Fullerton cybersecurity expert Mikhail Gofman points out that there is no "silver-bullet solution" to prevent such cyberattacks from happening again.

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**Gender Differences: Are We Speaking the Same Language?**

Join the Mihaylo College Executive Council on May 11 for a highly interactive session that looks at the ways in which men and women differ in their communication styles.
CSUF Students are Putting their Computer Programming Chops to the Test in June

The IEEE OC Computer Society Intercollegiate Game Showcase encourages students to work together to create computer games. Now in its sixth year, the competition is being held at Cal State Fullerton in June.

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Computer Engineer Lauded With Shields Award

Kiran George, professor of computer engineering, was recognized Thursday with this year’s L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity Award. From developing a brain-controlled robotic arm for people who lose mobility in limbs to an electronic communication system to aid patients who can no longer speak, George has been a transformational force in innovative research.

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Grants Fund Research in Science, Computers, Special Ed

Cal State Fullerton garnered more than $2 million in grants and contracts during the quarter ended March 30.

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Asian American Heritage Honored at University Reception

Cal State Fullerton students, faculty and staff celebrated Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month with a reception hosted by President Mildred Garcia.

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