



Meet our 2019 Vision & Visionaries

Six exemplary Titans — five alumni and an honorary alumnus — were recognized during the annual Vision & Visionaries celebration in February. Joaquin Valdepeñas '78 (B.M. music performance), Laurie Haack '79, '06 (B.S. computer science, M.S. software engineering), Patrick S. Donahue '78 (B.A. business administration-marketing), Elizabeth Macias '95 (B.A. psychology and ethnic studies), Scott O'Brien '77 (B.A. business administration-marketing) and Stephen Knott were honored for their accomplishments, service and support of Cal State Fullerton during the annual awards event, which dates back to 1994.

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Alumni Philanthropy

Food & Fashion: Career Readiness Made Simple

The CSUF Career Center, Tuffy Basic Needs, and the Alumni Association are teaming up with WHW to help our students prepare for the job search. Students will be able to stop by the Golleher Alumni House on Tuesday, April 16 to receive tips on dressing for success and the opportunity to meet with WHW fashion consultants to assist in professional clothing needs.

If you would like to donate lightly worn professional clothes or other items, you can drop off all your donations with our event partner [WHW](#), or just professional clothes here at the [Golleher Alumni House](#). Contact our Student Outreach Coordinator if you have any questions (jbudisantoso@fullerton.edu).

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Alumni News

Microscopic Organisms in Gulf Found to Limit Greenhouse Gases

Research conducted by alumna Kylie Caesar '16 and faculty member Sean Loyd, and recently published in the journal *Nature Communications*, gives clues to how microorganisms destroyed quantities of methane in the subsurface of the Gulf of Mexico region.

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CSUF Art Faculty, Students and Alumni Participate in Illustration Competition

Illustration West 57, the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' 57th annual illustration competition, kicks off **March 2** with CSUF faculty, student and alumni representation. Alumni forming part of the competition include Alberto Castillo '17, Riza Cruz '16, Doug Sirois '09, Rodolfo Montalvo '11 and Thinh Nguyen '07.

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Lessons From 'The Late Show'

Tanya Michnevich Bracco, a 1995 Cal State Fullerton graduate, discusses her path from a theater arts major to "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. Tanya was working in CSUF's costume shop when Abel Zeballos, now professor emeritus of theatre and dance, shared that communications students needed help with set building, costumes and special effects for student films.

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University Advancement Wins Gold, Silver, Bronze CASE Awards

Awards received at the recent CASE District VII Conference, showcase the efforts from CSUF Alumni Engagement and Strategic Communications. The district covers Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, and Utah.

Gold medal-winning entries were the CSUF "Presidential Rap" in the category of general information videos and the inaugural Founding Titans Reception & Convocation for programming for special constituencies by Alumni Engagement. Alumni Engagement also won a silver award in programming for special constituencies for the Inside Look series, which included, The Little Mermaid, Newport Beach Film Festival, and the Los Angeles Angels Night. A bronze award was received for the university's Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign.

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Titans in the Spotlight

Alumni Spotlight



Marc Stein '91

Marc Stein '91 (B.A. communications) has joined the ranks of sports media greats like Bob Costas, Chick Hearn and Dick Vitale. On Feb. 15, Stein was honored with a 2019 Curt Gowdy Media Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of his considerable contributions to basketball media over the past 30 years.

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Student Spotlight



Cal State Fullerton communications students have won two awards at the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts, an international digital media and broadcast competition with more than 300 participating schools and 1,500-plus entries from around the globe.

Episode one of the news magazine *Al Día* won the Award of Excellence in the television news magazine category. The student team was comprised of **Darwin Ayala**, **Viviana Borroel**, **Jessica Cardenas**, **Victor Cholico**, **Adeyling Fiallos**, **Xochilt Lagunas**, **Rita La Vau**, **Alfonso Manrique**, **Alans Torres** and **Brenda Villa**. Students working on *Al Día* have been the first CSUF group to produce a long-form TV news magazine, so winning an award is significant.

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Campus News

- [Partnership to Benefit Fullerton Students Seeking College Degree](#)
- [Jim Donovan Honored as an Athletic Director of the Year](#)
- [CSUF Swaps Single-Use Plastics](#)
- [Award-Winning Video Tells Why CSUF Is a 'Great' Place for Women to Pursue Engineering Degrees](#)
- [New Campus Freeway Sign Going Up](#)
- [Neuroscientist Wins Biotech Award for Research on Brain-Related Diseases](#)

Calendar

A promotional banner for a Washington, D.C. CSU Alumni Reception. The background features a view of the Washington Monument and cherry blossoms. A dark blue curved banner at the top contains the text "WASHINGTON, D.C. CSU ALUMNI RECEPTION" in white and "MARCH 26 / RSVP BY MARCH 22" in orange. Below this, a circular portrait of Barbara Starr is shown next to an orange curved banner that reads "ALUMNI KEYNOTE SPEAKER" in white. Underneath the portrait, her name and title are listed: "Barbara Starr, Pentagon Correspondent, CNN".

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CNN



Calling All East Coast Titans!

The California State University alumni receptions have become an annual east coast tradition. Join hundreds of alumni representing all 23 CSU campuses for an evening of networking and fun.

- [Washington, DC](#)

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

RSVP by March 22

[First 25 to register with this link will receive complimentary admission](#)

TITANS, JOIN US FOR TWO CSUF EVENTS IN NEW YORK!



- [New York/Tri-State](#)
Thursday, March 28, 2019
RSVP by March 22
First 25 to register with this link will receive complimentary admission
- [NYC Student Showcase](#)
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
RSVP by March 25

Various	<u>College of the Arts Music Calendar</u>
Various	<u>College of the Arts Dance Calendar</u>
Various	<u>College of the Arts Theatre Calendar</u>
Wed. Mar. 13	<u>Center for Insurance Studies 3rd Annual Golf Tournament</u>
Wed. Mar. 13	<u>Cal State Fullerton's Women's History Month reception</u>
Tues. – Thurs.	

Mar. 26-28	<u>Gradfest – CSUF Campus</u>
Thurs. Apr. 11	<u>Gradfest – Irvine Campus</u>

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