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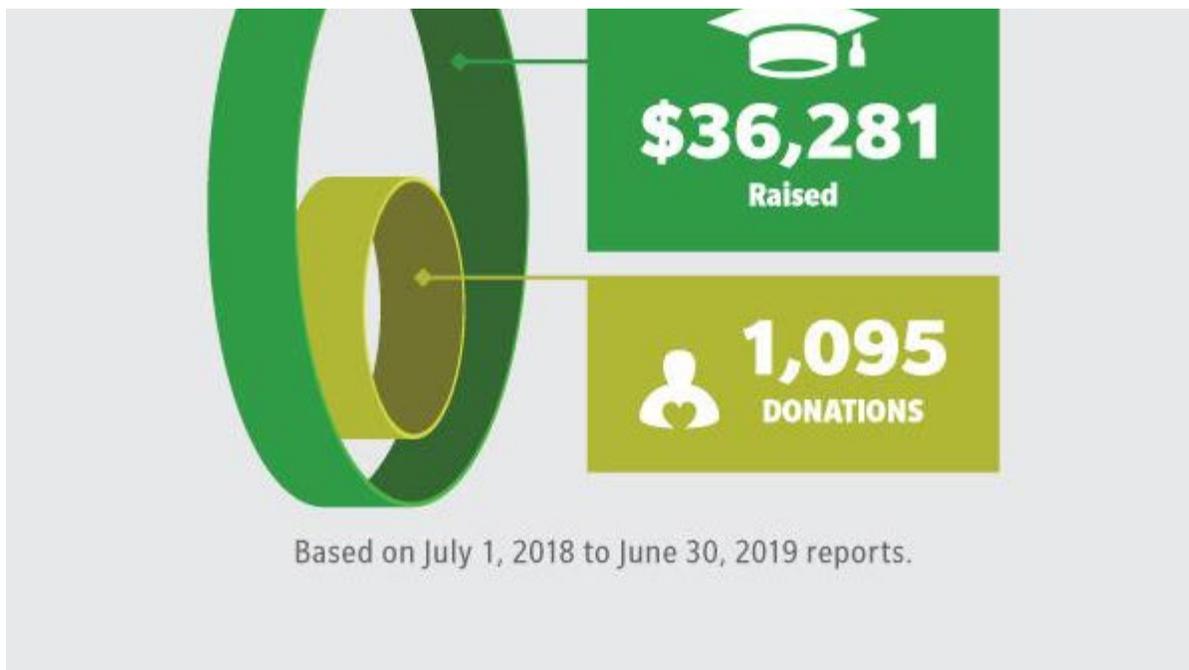


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Alumni Impact

Titans Reach Higher, and our Titan students need us. CSUF Alumni must band together to help our current students succeed in their academic journey and prepare for the increasingly competitive market. Also, as Titan alumni, we must help each other continue to grow no matter what career level. If you can get involved with your alma mater, CSUF, through time, talent or treasure, [get in touch with us!](#)

Get involved!

Donate

Volunteer Corps

Titan Pro Network

Professional Clothing Drive

Help our students prepare for the job search by donating lightly worn or new professional clothes. Plan on dropping off dry cleaned items at the Golleher Alumni House, M-F: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m./ Saturday, September 21st from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Want to help beyond clothes? We're looking for folks to help with resume and cover letter reviews. Contact our Student Outreach Coordinator Justine Budisantoso (jbudisantoso@fullerton.edu) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Opera Baritone Jubilant Sykes, '79, Leads Master Class

Jubilant Sykes visited CSUF recently and lead a master class for opera students. As a Cal State Fullerton alum, he's always willing to help current students whether through a master class or offering career advice. As one of opera's most renowned baritones, Sykes has played venues across the world but doesn't forget what it's like to break into the world of music.

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Chemistry Grad Receives Outstanding Thesis Award for Fuel Cell Research

Omar Muneeb's '16, persistence and passion for research led to the development of the first fuel cell of its kind — one powered by vitamin C mixed in an alkaline solution. His contribution to the research community has earned him the university's 2019 Giles T. Brown Outstanding Thesis Award, which recognizes distinguished scholarly achievement at the master's level.

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Preparing Students for Hollywood

The California State University Entertainment Alliance (CSUEA), offers low-cost three-unit internship courses for students who need credit to complete an internship opportunity. This California State University (CSU) opportunity is open to all students in the CSU system, as well as grads up to two-year post-graduation.

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MARC Scholars Ready for Next Challenge: Grad School and a Ph.D.

A 23-year program offered at Cal State Fullerton has offered underrepresented and first-generation students an opportunity to conduct research and receive mentoring, all toward the ultimate goal of advancing their educational journey into a research career. This year's MARC graduates are now preparing for grad school and doctoral studies.

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Titans in the Spotlight

Alumni Spotlight



Natalie Rodriguez '14

In addition to writing, directing, and producing her first feature film, "The Extraordinary Ordinary," Natalie Rodriguez pulled \$7,000 from her savings to get her project started. Her film follows three young adults with a history of mental health issues as they cope with triggers and old wounds that resurface. Natalie's vision and sacrifice were worthwhile for her film was recently selected for the Los Angeles Diversity Film Festival and will be debuting Aug. 23. Congratulations on reaching higher Natalie!

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Student Spotlight



Denyz Melchor (left) and **Kimberly Lopez-Zepeda** (right) are the first CSUF students to receive a Barry Goldwater Scholarship. These remarkable undergraduates are also first in their families to go to college and earn a bachelor's degree. Physics major Denyz Melchor is doing out-of-this-world research to simulate black hole and neutron star mergers to produce gravitational waves — ripples in space and time. Chemistry student Kimberly Lopez-Zepeda is studying DNA nanotechnology — an emerging field using science, engineering, and technology to, for example, design and manufacture mechanisms and machines to treat cancer.

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Campus News

- [CSUF's Communications and Journalism Programs Rank First in California for Hispanics](#)
- [More Latinos are graduating but disparities in Higher education persist](#)
- [ESPN Pro Ranking Puts CSUF 13th Among Baseball Programs](#)
- [From Disney to Shakespeare, Student-Led Productions Drive Theater Season](#)
- [Scholars Study Desert and Marine Ecosystems in Summer Boot Camp](#)
- [Ellen Treanor Joins CSUF as AVP for Strategic Communications](#)

Calendar

Fri. Aug. 23	Appreciation Night (Invite Only Event)
Sat. Aug. 24	First Day of Classes – Fall 2019
Thrus. Sept. 5	Founding Titans Luncheon and Convocation
Fri. Sept. 6	CSUF Dodgers Night
Sat. Sept. 21	Concert Under the Stars

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