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Season's Greetings

The Alumni Association would like to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. We've enjoyed seeing so many of you at our events this fall — from our first ever CSUF Dodger's Night to our Founding Titans luncheon, D12 dinners, Concert Under the Stars and Homecoming game.

It's a wonderful time to be a Titan, with President Fram Virjee's permanent appointment as CSUF president to the unveiling of a new campus promenade and

the naming of Gordon Hall. In sports, the CSUF women's cross country team won its first Big West Conference championship in program history, women's soccer took the Big West Championship for the third year in a row and six Titan alumni participated in the World Series.

In the arts, "Beauty and the Beast" screenwriter [Linda Woolverton '79](#) paid an exclusive visit to campus to speak to theater arts students in preparation for their fall production and Wayne Unten '03 brought his Titan talents to the big screen as an animation supervisor for Disney's "Frozen 2."

We have so much to be proud of as Titans and we're only halfway through the academic year!

Happy Holidays Titan Family,
CSUF Alumni Association

Alumni News

Alumni Return for a Winning Homecoming

Over a thousand students, alumni, faculty and staff attended the Saturday, Nov. 16, Homecoming festivities and basketball game to cheer on the Titans as they took on the Stanislaus State Warriors. The 82-62 win, along with carnival games, In-N-Out burgers and choreographed dance routines by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) members, made for a festive evening.

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Cal State Fullerton Alum Bullish on School Investment Program

As a graduate of California State University, Fullerton, Jeffrey S. Van Harte has a little chip on his shoulder when it comes to quality of public university education. He has donated a total of \$1.5 million to CSU Fullerton to create and support an intensive, yearlong academic investment track within the university's Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. The cornerstone of the program is [Titan Capital Management](#), a student-run investment fund that's part of the university's \$100

million endowment.

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Calling all alums!

CSUF is collaborating with RoadTrip Nation to provide Titan alumni an opportunity to share their journey after graduating. Your story can help current students find their road. Please join the community by filling out your profile on Road Trip Nation.

Share your road

Titan Alumna Fashions a Way to Fight Human Trafficking

Blythe Hill '08, '11 (B.A., M.A. English) is the CEO and founder of the [Dressemer Foundation](#), an anti-trafficking organization that engages women and men in the fight to end modern-day slavery. In six years, Dressemer has raised \$7.5 million for anti-trafficking programs across the world, from prevention and intervention to rescue and restoration. Hill has shared her story, "[How a Dress Can Change the World.](#)" via TEDx Los Angeles Public Library; and the nonprofit has been featured by *Forbes*, *Glamour*, *InStyle*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Relevant* magazines, as well as the "Today" show.

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Did you know that shopping on Amazon through the AmazonSmile link allocates a portion of your purchase price back to the Alumni Association at CSUF? No donation is necessary, you can give back through the purchases you're already making. Shop through the AmazonSmile link on your desktop or android mobile device.

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Titans in the Spotlight

Alumni



Wayne Unten '03

College of the Arts alumnus Wayne Unten '03 (B.F.A. entertainment art-animation) reprises role as animation supervisor for Disney's 'Frozen 2'. Disney animator Wayne Unten admits he had trouble letting go when he completed his work on the 2013 hit film "Frozen." Years later, the opportunity to revisit Queen Elsa of Arendelle in a sequel left him somewhere in the zone of elated. "I'm so grateful for my education at CSUF," he shares. "I gained a well-rounded experience, as the curriculum exposed me to the many specialized positions of the industry, such as story, layout, character design and character animation."

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Student



For the first time in Pumpkin Launch history, a four-way tie forced a sudden death round, with a team of Cal State Fullerton electrical, mechanical and civil engineering students squashing the competition for the first-place win. “Winning in sudden death gives our win a lot of meaning because we had to work hard for it and earn it,” said Eric Alcala, team captain and an electrical engineering major.

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Five Titan art students displayed strong creative ingenuity and top-notch technical skills to finish in fourth place, out of 59 teams competing, in a two-day Adobe Creative Jam held last month at Cal State Fullerton. Team CSUF 2019 – composed of **Michael Aldama**, **Baltazar Resendiz**, **Eli Hebert**, **Ricky Acevedo** and **Octavio Garcia**, was one of 59 teams tasked with developing an application that would help students experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and food insecurity.

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- [Theater Professor Doesn't Skate Around New Netflix Role](#)
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Calendar

Featured Event

Alumni Association members will receive an exclusive opportunity in March. College of the Arts will bring a uniquely immersive presentation of 'Fefu & Friends', one you will not want to miss. Members will receive an exclusive invitation for this

performance. Not a member? [Learn how to become a lifetime member.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Show your Titan Pride on April 17th for Night of the Pachyderm

Thurs. Dec. 5	Fall Dance Theatre
Thurs. Dec. 5	Piano Ensemble
Thurs. Dec. 5	Jazz Small Groups
Thurs. Dec. 5	Women's Choir & Men's Chorus
Fri. Dec. 6	Collegium Musicum
Fri. Dec. 6	Fullerton Jazz Orchestra with Jazz Drummer Lewis Nash
Sat. Dec. 7	Men's Basketball Game vs. Sacramento State
Tues. Dec. 10	Fullerton Chamber Jazz Ensemble and Latin Ensemble
Fri. Dec. 13	Last day of Fall classes
Sat. Dec. 14	Semester exams begin
Sat. Dec. 14	OLLI-CSUF: Jazz Series at Florentine's Grill - Christmas Jazz (Open to the Public)
Sat. Dec. 14	Men's Baseketball vs San Francisco
Sat. Dec. 14	Deck the Hall at Cal State Fullerton

Sun. Dec. 22	<u>Men's Basketball vs LMU (@LMU)</u>
Wed. Dec. 25	<u>Christmas Holiday & Winter Recess Begins (Campus Closed)</u>
Wed. Jan. 1	New Year's Holiday (Campus Closed)
Thurs. Jan. 2	<u>Campus Opens</u>
Fri. Jan. 24	<u>Baseball Fundraiser</u>
Sat. Feb. 1	<u>Softball Fundraiser</u>

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