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Featured News



Happy New Year Titans

It's a new year, a new decade and a great time to reconnect with Cal State Fullerton!

While [2019 was full of new opportunities](#), accomplishments and milestones, there are many exciting things in store for 2020! A great way for you to stay connected to your alma mater, while strengthening the growing Titan network, is to become a member of the CSUF Alumni Association.

Today, we serve nearly 300,000 Titan alumni worldwide. Consider joining the Alumni Association for [a one-time rate of \\$149](#) (previously \$500) and enjoy all the benefits of membership for life!

Wishing you a prosperous and exciting new year,
CSUF Alumni Association

Alumni News

Alumna Lisa May '86 Left Radio After 30 Years to Launch Her Own Business

Cal State Fullerton alumna Lisa May '86 was unsure of what she would feel when she signed off KLOS 95.5 FM for the final time last month, bringing to a close three decades as a Los Angeles radio personality. But she was pretty sure tears would be involved. May said goodbye to the airwaves for a new chapter as a fitness studio owner in the Coachella Valley.

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Alumni and Friends, Register to Vote!

The California primary will be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**. You can register to vote or update your registration by visiting <https://registertovote.ca.gov/?t=s>. Cal State Fullerton will be hosting two Vote Centers: Juniper 111 in Housing and Residential Life and at the Irvine Center. For more information on Orange County Vote Centers, please visit the [Orange County Registrar of Voters website](#).

Forbes' 2020 "30 Under 30" | Games

Founded in April, Pipeline is a collaboration between Stephen Ellis, a former League of Legends pro, and **David Steinberg '14**, a streamer with nearly 2 million YouTube subscribers. Their self-funded company provides a platform for budding streamers to

receive education and mentorship from experts in the streaming world.

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Forbes' 2020 "30 Under 30" | Food & Drink

Hailing from Los Angeles, **Nick Ajluni '15** and Nick Guillen, launched their luxury hot sauce brand through their Instagram account (@sauce) in December 2017. Now, the black and white truffle-infused hot sauce (retailing at \$17.99 and \$34.99 a bottle, respectively) is sold in Whole Foods, Wegmans, Neiman Marcus, Barney's and more. TRUFF raised its first round of capital in early 2019, valuing the company at more than \$25 million.

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Alumna 'Christmas Karen' Brings Holiday Cheer to All

Cal State Fullerton alumna Karen Schaler '87 — a.k.a. "Christmas Karen" — has made a career out of spreading yuletide cheer through feel-good holiday stories. Schaler's original screenplay for "A Christmas Prince" (2017) became one of Netflix's most watched movies ever. Behind Schaler's warmth and effusive enthusiasm is a savvy and driven high achiever.

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Titans in the Spotlight

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Kristen Vangsness '96 to Host the 56th CAS AWARDS

The Cinema Audio Society has tapped Titan, Kristen Vangsness '96 to host the CAS Awards later this month. For the past fourteen years, Vangsness has been widely known as the bespectacled-brainiac-tech-kitten Penelope Garcia on the CBS hit drama “Criminal Minds” (and its spin-off “Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior” and “Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders”). She has long been a fan favorite, beloved for her vibrant personality and quirky style. Three years ago she and her two business partners opened Blinking Owl Distillery, the first craft distillery to open in Orange County. Congratulations Kristen on hosting the upcoming CAS Awards!

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Student



Eight Cal State Fullerton students and alumni can now add "Emmy-nominated" to their professional credentials. Alumni **Viviana Borroel '19** (B.A. Spanish), **Jessica Cardenas '19** (B.A. communications-journalism), **Maricela Perez '19** (B.A. communications-journalism), **Regina Yurrita '19** (B.A. communications-journalism) and **students Rita La Vau, Xochitl Lagunas, Tania Thorne and Dominic Torres** created the Spanish-language newscast "Al Día: A Border Emergency," which has been nominated for a College Television Award, the student equivalent of the Emmy Awards.

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- [Find a Treasure Trove of Government Information at Pollak Library](#)
- [CSUF, Western Digital Partner on STEM Exploration Event](#)

Calendar

Featured Event

Cal State Fullerton's College of Education hosts its annual "Honor an Educator" event Saturday, March 7, to recognize local K-12 teachers and other educators who have made a difference in the lives of their students and communities. Sponsorships and nominations are being accepted through March 2, and tickets are now available to attend the event.

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Fri. Jan. 17	OLLI-CSUF: Jazz Series at Belage Gourmet – Bing Crosby and Tony Bennett
Sat. Jan. 18	OLLI-CSUF: Income Tax Planning
Sat. Jan. 18	CSUF Men's Basketball vs CSU Long Beach (at Long Beach)
Mon. Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – CAMPUS CLOSED
Sat. Jan. 25	CSUF Women's Basketball vs UC Santa Barbara (at CSUF)
Sat. Jan. 25	CSUF Men's Basketball vs CSU Northridge (at CSUF)
Thurs. Jan. 30	CSUF Women's Basketball vs Cal Poly Pomona (at CSUF)

Sat. Feb. 1	CSUF Men's Basketball vs UC Irvine (at UCI)
Sat. Feb. 1	<u>OLLI-CSUF: Jazz Series at Florentine's Grill – Duke Ellington</u>
Fri. Feb. 14	<u>Talich Quartet</u>

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