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## CSUF | Alumni Newsletter



### Featured News



### Baseball Season is Here!

Are you ready? Our Titan baseball season kicks off this Friday, February 14 at Stanford. In addition, our CSUF Alumni Association is proud to continue the baseball season tradition with **Night of the Pachyderm**, our show of force and support for Titan baseball, slated for **Friday, April 17, 2020** with Hawaii as the opponent.

Lastly, save the date, **Cal State Fullerton Night at Angel Stadium** will be taking

place on **Friday, August 21, 2020** as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Join thousands of fellow Titans for CSUF night and receive a special edition hat, plus take advantage of the Angels giveaway night – Fanny Pack night.

Member pre-sale will open **Monday, April 6, 2020**. Not a member yet? You can Join the Alumni Association for life at a low one-time rate. Tickets for general public will go on sale **Friday, April 17, 2020**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

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## Alumni News

### 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 the [California Online Voter Registration website](#). 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](#).

### The CSUF Alumni Association Board Supports Prop. 13

The Alumni Board passed a resolution in support of Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, a \$15 billion bond measure that will appear on the March 3, 2020 ballot which would direct \$2 billion to the CSU.

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### Alumna's Band Receives Grammy Nomination

Accomplished trumpet player and founder of an award-winning mariachi ensemble, Cal State Fullerton alumna Cindy Shea was up for her third Grammy Award. Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea's "20 Aniversario" was nominated for Best Regional Mexican Music Album. Shea's group made history as the first all-female mariachi band ever to be nominated for a Grammy Award in 2009 — and won for Best Regional Mexican Music Album. Mariachi Divas went on to win a second Grammy Award in the same category in 2014. The group has been nominated 11 times, for

both American and Latin Grammy awards.

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## Alumni and the Male Youth Empowerment Conference

Miguel Baltazar '18 who works at DreamWorks Animation Television as a storyboard revisionist for Netflix's "Boss Baby: Back in Business," shared with about 300 male high school students of color that one of his biggest challenges in college was feeling like he didn't belong. The students — mostly African American and Latino boys ages 14-17 in 9th grade to 11th — spent the day at Cal State Fullerton's fourth annual Male Youth Empowerment Conference, listening to successful alumni and learning from campus and community leaders that college is possible, and the many financial aid programs available.

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## Titan Voices: Renowned Alumni Reflect on the Making of Opera Stars

Mark Goodrich, professor of music, vocal area coordinator and one of the current music educators who continue CSUF's legacy of helping talented singers develop into opera stars. "I was extremely lucky to have Mark Goodrich as my first formal voice teacher," says tenor Charles Castronovo, who performs "La Boheme" this month with the Royal Opera in Covent Garden, London. "Besides his positivity and support, he always gave me an honest opinion about my voice and performing, that, now looking back, was probably one of the most valuable things he could have given me."

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## Alumnus Publishes First Novel

While growing up, Nicholas Holloway '11, '14, spent summers camping with his family around the June Lake Loop. The Yucaipa High School graduate has now used that scenic location near Mammoth Lakes as the setting for his first novel, "The Loop," a murder mystery involving a young writer.

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## Titans in the Spotlight

### Alumni



#### Austin Nation '09, '11

CSUF professor Austin has pursued a career in public service and has helped many with his work in the HIV/AIDS community. Whether it was working extensive shifts at hospitals, conducting Faculty Noon Time Talks, or making the decision to go back to school in order to further his research. Nation's life has come full circle as he continues to give back to his community. Currently, Nation serves as a professor, member of the Alumni Association, coordinates the Nursing Alumni Club, and is always giving back to our Titan family. We are privileged to have such a passionate, dynamic, and selfless Titan.

### Student





## Vikki Brown

Senior animation major and computer science minor, is a resident artist for the Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Center — a first for the center. Brown has taken gravitational wave data from students and transformed it into a 3D simulation of a neutron star being sucked into a black hole and disappearing. She is helping GWPAC scientists visualize the Cosmic Explorer, the next-generation gravitational wave detector that will be 10 times bigger and 10 times more sensitive than current detectors.

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## Campus News

- [‘Dinner with the Titans’ Nets \\$150,000 for Baseball Program](#)
- [Talich Quartet Returns to Campus Czech String Ensemble to Offer Master Classes, Weekend Concerts](#)
- [CSUF’s Irvine Center Rolls Out the Red Carpet](#)
- [Fair Trade, Feminist Activism Are Among Topics of HSS Lecture Series](#)
- [Faculty to Showcase Research at Pollak Library’s Spring Noontime Talks](#)

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## Calendar

Thurs. Feb. 13	<a href="#">Celebrating 60 Years of the CSUF School of Music</a>
Fri. Feb. 14	<a href="#">Talich Quartet</a>
Sun. Feb. 16	<a href="#">University Symphony Orchestra with Talich Quartet</a>
Wed. Feb. 19	<a href="#">Awadagin Pratt, Piano</a>
Fri. Feb. 20	President's Day Observed – CAMPUS CLOSED
Sun. Feb. 23	<a href="#">Faculty Chamber Music Series Featuring Glenn Dicterow, Violin</a>
Tues. Feb. 25	<a href="#">The Pieces of Us: Paying Homage to the Life and Cultural Contributions of Toni Morrison</a>
Sat. Feb. 29	<a href="#">Anthony Davis, Composer, Pianist</a>
Sat. June 6	<a href="#">Create Technology Conference</a>

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## Member Benefit



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