

CSUF Alumni Association

Latest Headlines



CSUF Day of Giving: #TitansGive

On March 9, our global day of giving, #TitansGive, returns! Last year, over \$230,000 was raised to establish scholarships, support student programs and provide teaching resources. Join us anytime from 12 am to 11:59 pm on March 9, make a minimum gift of \$10 and view all the different challenges, matching opportunities and contests. The CSUF Alumni Association will raise funds for the student scholarship program and match donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000!

[Learn more](#)

Sigma Pi Alumni Leave Legacy

Under the leadership of Larry Rovira '85, the brothers of Sigma Pi OCAA banded together to raise more than \$20,000 to rename the Golleher Alumni House entry arch, leaving their lasting legacy at CSUF. Interested? View more [naming opportunities](#) at the Golleher Alumni House.

[Learn more](#)





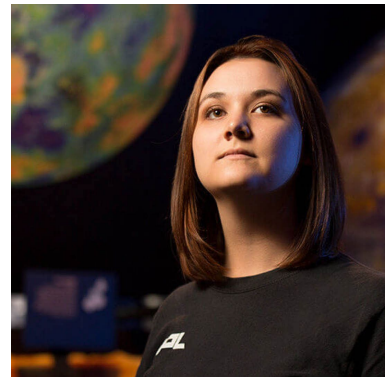
Calling all Titan Alumni Leaders

The CSUF Alumni Association is seeking enthusiastic and strategic alumni to serve on the board of directors. Apply by **March 26** to be considered for a term starting in July 2021. Applications will be reviewed in April, and all applicants will be notified in June of the Committee's decision. Applications received will be kept on file should any vacancies open this year. All board members must be a degreed alumnus/alumna of CSUF and must be a [**CSUF Alumni Association**](#) member.

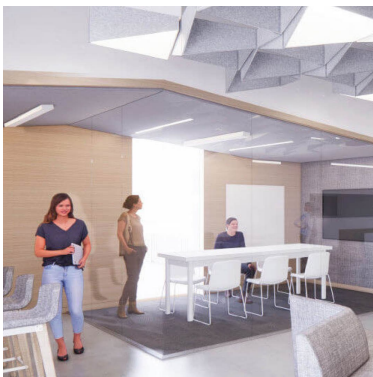
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Alumna Persevered to Land a Mission on Mars

As a mechanical engineering student, Lauren DuCharme '15 interned at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and worked on leading space technology. Now, the alumna who led CSUF's [**Titan Rover**](#) team is a JPL flight systems engineer and part of the [**Mars 2020**](#) mission to discover evidence of ancient life and collect samples on the red planet. DuCharme is a member of the mission's fault protection system team, which is responsible for developing, testing and validating flight software and hardware.



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McCarthy Hall Modernization Project to Put 'Science on Display'

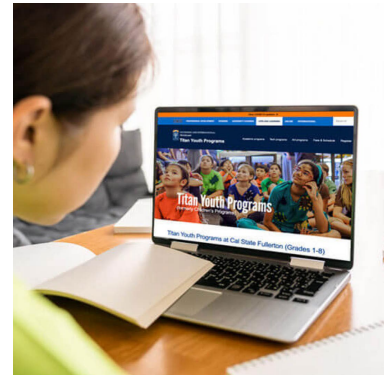
Over six decades ago, Miles D. McCarthy helped design CSUF's first building to provide classrooms, administrative offices and a library. The Letters and Science Building was completed in 1963 and later renamed McCarthy Hall. Today, McCarthy Hall, the home of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, is undergoing a \$40 million

update on the second floor to put “science on display.” Of the \$40 million update, a total of \$32 million is CSU funded with CSUF funding the remaining amount. Completion is targeted for August 2021.

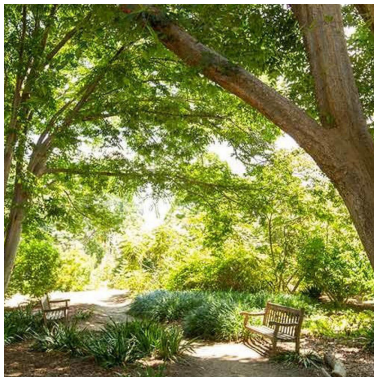
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Titan Youth Programs Debut for Spring 2021

Reading, writing, science and coding games are among the [Titan Youth Programs](#) courses being offered during the spring 2021. Courses are available to students in grades 1-8 at various times from March 1 to April 30. Academic courses last three weeks and tech courses six weeks. Sessions are one-hour long and occur once per week. Each virtual course features real-time interactive teaching supplements and instructional materials online.



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Fullerton Arboretum Plants ‘Survive and Thrive’ Thanks to a \$100,000 Matching Grant

The [Fullerton Arboretum](#)’s “Plants of Mexico” collection shows the progress arboretum horticulturists made since returning to work full-time thanks to a \$100,000 matching grant from the Mysun Charitable Foundation. The 26-acre botanical garden closed in March 2020 in response to COVID-19. “Thousands of plants and trees inside the arboretum were at risk with an overgrowth of weeds and runoff from rains,” said Harriet Bouldin, Development, Membership & Volunteer Manager at the Fullerton Arboretum.

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Volunteer Opportunity: Scholarship Readers

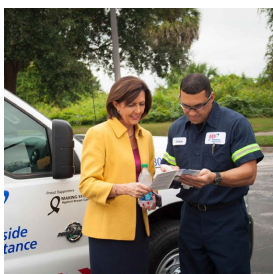
Every year the Alumni Association grants 10 scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each to continuing CSUF students. Students are selected based on: academic achievement; expressed financial need; Titan Pride; community involvement; meeting the minimum GPA requirement; and one (1) letter of reference. Applicants are asked to answer, "How will a CSUF education contribute to your goals?" If you are interested in volunteering as a scholarship reader please connect with us.



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Member Benefit



Save on AAA Roadside Assistance

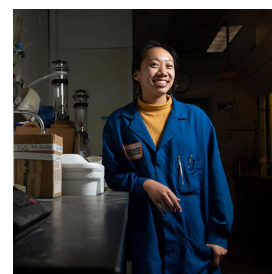
Alumni Association members, enjoy a \$20 discount on your first-year of AAA roadside assistance membership. Don't get caught alone during a road emergency, let AAA be there to help you. In addition to your new \$52 roadside assistance membership, enjoy all of the benefits of being a AAA member.

[Sign up](#)

Titans in the Spotlight

Student Scientist Searches for Therapeutics to Treat West Nile Virus

Shaina Nguyen, a CSUF undergraduate researcher, has been working on creating new therapeutics to treat people infected with the West Nile Virus. For her outstanding research and



presentation, Nguyen received the Glenn Nagel Undergraduate Student Research Award at the 33rd annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium. The virtual symposium featured 36 student nominees and finalists from 13 campuses who competed for systemwide undergraduate and graduate research awards.

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Alumna Wins News Emmy for CNN Segment 'Infested He Says'

Alumna Vanessa Rumbles '07 (B.A. Communications-Radio/TV/Film) made the jump from working behind the scenes for Cal State Fullerton TV shows to winning a news Emmy for her work at CNN. Rumbles has always had a love for current events, but her alma mater helped turn that passion into a dream career. Source: Vanessa Rumbles

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Activities and Events

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Navigating Your Black Identity in the Workplace

Whether you're looking for a job or already in the seat, come join us as we discuss what it means to navigate your Black identity in the work place. This discussion will touch on topics such as dealing with micro-aggressions, how to determine if the job is a good fit for you, how to be authentic and unapologetically you, and answering any questions you may have.

[Register](#)

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#Titansgive

For 24 hours – ONE DAY – our Titan Family will celebrate our second annual day of giving. Together, let's uplift all things new, now and next for Cal State Fullerton. It takes students, alumni,

faculty, staff, parents, fans and friends – every member of our CSUF Family – to make a difference. Mark your calendars!

[Learn more](#)

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Dinner with 12 Titans

Our Alumni Engagement signature program Dinner with 12 Titans (D12) brings students and alumni around the table over a shared Titan experience. While traditionally, our alumni host in-person meals at restaurants or in their own homes, we've adapted our program to keep our students and alumni connected while observing social distancing practices. Students registration is open until seats are filled.

[Learn more](#)

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President's Scholars Alumni Open House

The VP of Student Affairs invites alumni and friends to join a virtual open house and learn more about our President's Scholars. Attendees will meet the President's Scholars students and hear about their experiences at Cal State Fullerton this year. Also learn about the President's Scholars Alumni Club and how to get involved!

[Register](#)

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Titan Table Talk Series: Women's History Month

The next segment of the Titan Table Talk series will feature a discussion focused on the "power of the female vote" as it relates to civic engagement. Join us for this upcoming panel of alumnae and community leaders.

[Register](#)

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Virtual Veggiepalooza

Everything for spring planting at the Fullerton Arboretum will be up for grabs! Shop online for 200+ varieties of heirloom tomatoes,

sweet, mild & hot peppers, and varietal veggies. You can also choose from more than 200 ornamental plants including California natives to add to your garden at home. Sale ends April 2.

[Learn more](#)

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ALUMNI IN THE ARTS VIRTUAL LECTURES 2021

Graduates from the Visual Arts Department share their experiences as emerging professionals in their respective fields.

Presented in partnership with Art 480T: Art World Spring 2021.

March 4 [D HILL](#) | '15 (M.F.A., creative photography) artist & educator; **March 11** SALVADOR DE LA TORRE | '16 (M.F.A., drawing & painting) artist, educator & storyteller; **March 18** JOSEPH VALENCIA | '16 (B.A., art history) Independent Curator, Educator, and Exhibition & Programs Manager at [Vincent Price Museum](#); **March 25** [BLANCA NAVARRO](#) | '16 (B.F.A., graphic & interactive design) Senior Interactive Designer at Vans. All sessions at 7 p.m.

[Join a session](#)

March & April

THE ADJACENT POSSIBLE: AN EVOLVING COMMUNAL ORCHESTRA

Grand Central Art Center is excited to be hosting a limited series of performances of The Adjacent Possible. The Adjacent Possible is a live, online theater experience that mixes storytelling, improvisational performance, and technology to transform the audience into an orchestra. No musical experience is required. Event is free. EACH PERFORMANCE IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.

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