As I embark on my fifth year working with and serving the outstanding faculty, staff and students of California State University, Fullerton, I am proud that the ultimate goal we set out to achieve together — becoming the model public comprehensive university of the nation — is now within our grasp.

When we first made this ambition known, to some outside the community it seemed like a pipe dream — one that may have looked good in the pages of our five-year Strategic Plan (2013-2018) but would be impossible to achieve given the state’s ongoing disinvestment in higher education. However, like our more than 40,000 diverse students, the faculty and staff of this great University found a way to “Reach Higher,” and in just four years, we’ve cut the achievement gap in half for first-time freshmen, eliminated the achievement gap for transfer students, and facilitated a 24 percent improvement in six-year graduation rates.

This past academic year was crucial to this success and gave us the push we need to finish strong before beginning our next strategic planning process and setting our ever-moving bar even higher. Indeed, as you peruse the 2015-2016 Annual Report, it becomes apparent that the innovative work of our faculty, staff and students has us well on our way to becoming the model university not just of the nation, but of the world, and, dare I say, the universe. After all, not many universities had a hand in the discovery of gravitational waves, providing the world with a better understanding of how the universe works. And while our impact is galaxywide on this front, we’re equally integral to bettering our local communities, as evidenced by our Center for Healthy Neighborhoods; exploring the world through programs like the President’s Strategic Fund; and contributing to the arts with an impressively revamped glass program.

This success and other laudable achievements highlighted in this report encapsulate our mission to create and explore in a collaborative effort to transform not just the lives of our diverse students, but also the diverse communities, state and nation they will one day lead as proud Titan graduates.

A national model indeed.

Sincerely,

Mildred García, Ed.D.
President
California State University, Fullerton
This annual report celebrates the University’s events, programs, people and progress during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. In these pages, we also honor Cal State Fullerton’s many supporters, who are integral to the institution’s past success and promising future.
CAPS OFF TO OUR GRADUATES

Thousands of graduates and candidates for graduation celebrated their milestone achievement with family and friends — a crowd of more than 69,000 — during this year’s May commencement ceremonies. For the first time in history, the University conferred more than 10,000 degrees.

“Graduates, you did it!” CSUF President Mildred García exclaimed. “You juggled family, work, school, binge-watching ‘Game of Thrones’ or ‘Project Runway’... You learned new lessons and made old friends, worked all day and pulled all-nighters. And because you didn’t turn your back on challenges, today you reach one of your dreams: a university degree. Congratulations!”

Deborah Voigt (above, near right), CSUF alumna and soprano, and María Elena Salinas, co-anchor of “Noticiero Univision,” were keynote speakers for the two-day event. Both were recognized with honorary doctorates.
MAKING GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE HISTORY

A team of CSUF scientists and student researchers contributed to the first direct detection of gravitational waves Sept. 14, 2015, confirming a major prediction of Albert Einstein’s 1915 general theory of relativity. The discovery, published in the February 2016 journal Physical Review Letters, was made by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration and the Virgo Collaboration, using data from the two LIGO detectors.

Leading the CSUF research team was Joshua Smith, associate professor of physics and Dan Black Director of Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy, along with Jocelyn Read and Geoffrey Lovelace, both assistant professors of physics, and Alfonso Agnew, professor of mathematics.

On Dec. 25, 2015, CSUF scientists helped to identify a second direct detection of gravitational waves, produced during the final merger of two black holes. The second detection was announced in June.

In July 2016, Cal State Fullerton was awarded a $937,368 National Science Foundation grant for a program to recruit and expand the number of students from underrepresented groups, in particular Hispanic students, to study gravitational-wave science, and provide a pathway to enter the doctorate program in gravitational-wave astrophysics at Syracuse University in New York.

GIFTS EXCEED $22 MILLION

Cal State Fullerton raised nearly $22.1 million in fundraising commitments for fiscal year 2015-16 — the second highest fundraising year in the history of the University.

The University also reached all-time highs in donor participation among alumni, parents and faculty/staff, noted Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement. In addition, the Senior Class Gift grew substantially over the fiscal year, with nearly 20 percent of graduating seniors making a donation to their alma mater.

"Within every unit of University Advancement, we have achieved great success,” said Saks. “This speaks to the reputation of the University, the hard work of our outstanding faculty, staff and students, and the recognition of the critical role that Cal State Fullerton plays in educating members of our community.”
A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

GOING TO BAT FOR TITANS
Award-winning actor and director Kevin Costner ’78 (B.A. business administration-marketing) headlined the 10th annual Dinner With Titans fundraiser, helping to raise over $160,000. More than 700 Titan baseball fans heard the alumnus reminisce about his days as a student, his love of the game and the Titans team.

“The baseball program at Cal State Fullerton is so important,” he said. “It’s sacred to me.”

Costner has returned to campus several times to meet with students and athletes. He also has joined Titans during exhibition games and given pre-game pep talks during College World Series appearances.

Among the former players in attendance were Dodgers starting third baseman Justin Turner and MLB All-Star and Golden Spikes Award winner Phil Nevin. Addressing current Titan players in the audience, Costner shared, “You were brought here for a reason — your character and your talent. Trust your talent. Trust your coaches. Trust that you’ll get your chance.”

TITANS TAKE THE TITLE
CSUF softball won the Big West Conference title for the first time in a decade, reaching the NCAA Regionals. The team’s 45 wins were the most for the program since 2002. The Titans, who advanced to the regional final before falling to the 12th-ranked UCLA Bruins, were awarded four of the six major Big West Conference awards: Missy Taukeiaho was named Player of the Year and signed a contract to play softball professionally; Desiree Ybarra took home the Pitcher of the Year award; Sydney Golden was named Freshman Pitcher of the Year; and head coach Kelly Ford was honored as Coach of the Year.

The four-time national champion Titans baseball team, which won yet another Big West title in 2016, had seven players drafted in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in June — the 42nd straight season they have had at least one player selected.
HIGH IMPACT, HIGH SUCCESS

High-impact practices such as research, study abroad/study away and internships — outside-the-classroom experiences that are proven to raise student engagement and graduation rates — continue to leave an indelible mark on students’ academic success. Once a week, students put together a Spanish-language news broadcast — the first for the campus. “Al Día” first aired in September 2015 and is paired with the College of Communications’ two-year-old Latino Communications Initiative, aimed at developing an industry-ready workforce via course and certificate programs in Latino-oriented communication studies.

High-impact practices also hit the stage when the CSUF University Singers and University Symphony Orchestra interpreted the works of composer Tarik O’Regan at a November 2015 performance in Carnegie Hall. In June 2016, dance majors Andrew Corpuz, Christopher Jensen, Jonathan Kim and Kevin Lopez were selected to perform “August” at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., as part of the American College Dance Festival’s National Festival.

The new Healthy Lifestyles program, a partnership between Cal State Fullerton’s Department of Kinesiology and School of Nursing, engages families in wellness activities while providing hands-on training to students considering community health promotion careers. Students lead interactive workshops and hands-on activities related to health and nutrition, stress management, physical fitness and emergency preparedness.
A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS DRIVE RESEARCH

CSUF was one of nine grant recipients of the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund grants, announced December 2015 by the White House, U.S. Department of State, Partners of the Americas and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The University received the award in partnership with Universidade Estadual Paulista’s Sorocaba campus in Brazil.

In addition, CSUF’s GEAR UP program continues, thanks to a seven-year U.S. Department of Education grant expected to total $7.2 million. The program guides Anaheim students from junior high through high school, creating a culture of college attendance and increased student achievement.

These are two of the many grants and contracts the University received over the 2015-16 academic year, totaling more than $21.3 million. Others include:

• $3 million from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to support the Bridges to Stem Cell Research program, a 14-month program leading to a seven-month paid internship, where undergraduates conduct stem cell research at partner institutions;
• a nearly $2.4 million U.S. Department of Education grant to Pablo Jasis, associate professor of elementary and bilingual education, to help migrant farm workers’ children. The program offers community- and campus-based instruction and support services, as well as a transition-to-college component;
• more than $2 million from the Small Business Administration to CSUF’s Small Business Development Center to continue to oversee the administration’s regional small-business development network for Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties;
• a $1.8 million, three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration to broaden students’ understanding of career options in the health care field; and
• $1 million from the National Institutes of Health for a five-year, multidisciplinary “big data” science program to train students in this emerging field.
TURTLES AND MATH HEADLINE RESEARCH EFFORTS

New research by James Parham, assistant professor of geological sciences, and Colombian paleontologist Edwin Cadena, revealed the existence of a sea turtle that lived 120 million years ago. The fossil from South America represents the oldest confirmed record of sea turtles anywhere in the world. Meanwhile, another fossil — this time an elderly herbivorous marine mammal called desmostylia — came to light under the hands of geology graduate student Gabriel-Philip Santos. For three years, Santos studied a partial jaw fossil found during construction of a toll road near Mission Viejo. Parham and Santos co-authored an article on the fossil in the September 2015 issue of Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology.

Student Isabel Serrano and mathematics professor Bogdan Suceavă may have solved a mathematical mystery. In an article in the October 2015 issue of Notices, the American Mathematical Society journal, they discuss the origins of curvature, a math formula used in multivariable calculus, and the work of 14th-century French monk Nicole Oresme, who founded the origins of the idea 2,300 years before Isaac Newton.

Decades of research into how copper and iron function in the body were recognized when Maria C. Linder, chemistry and biochemistry professor was named an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow. Linder, who joined CSUF in 1977, has long been involved in studies on nutritional biochemistry and has won more than $12 million in competitive grants.

REACHING R-3 STATUS

Cal State Fullerton has been elevated to R-3 (research) status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, in recognition of the University’s evolution from a master’s-level comprehensive institution to one that awards doctorates. The newly created R-3 designation follows the established R-1 and R-2 tiers designated for institutions whose primary mission is research.

The University currently offers two doctoral programs: Ed.D. (education) and D.N.P. (doctor of nursing practice).

At Cal State Fullerton, the new R-3 designation also reflects the faculty’s continued commitment to engaging students in undergraduate and graduate research. The University also has been identified as a community-engaged campus, recognizing that in its pursuit of scholarship, the campus is committed to its role as an anchor in the community.
**A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**A STAR-STUDDED EVENING**
Motown made a comeback in September 2015 during Concert Under the Stars, as alumni, students and guests sang the legendary tunes of The Temptations, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye and other musical artists of the 1960s and '70s. Proceeds from the annual event fund scholarships and student programs.

**‘HAPPY HAPPY’ ANNIVERSARY**
Nickelodeon marked its history with “Happy Happy Joy Joy: Art and Artifacts From 25 Years of Creator-Driven Cartoons” at the Begovich Gallery in April 2016. The exhibit opening included a Creators Talk with some of Nickelodeon’s most admired personalities: Butch Hartmann, creator of “Fairly OddParents” and “Danny Phantom”; Vanessa Coffey, who launched the network’s animation division; Arlene Klasky, co-creator of “Rugrats” and “The Wild Thornberrys”; Jim Jinkins, creator of “Doug”; and Stephen Hillenburg, creator of “SpongeBob SquarePants.”

**MYTHBUSTING DUO**
Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, hosts of Discovery Channel’s “MythBusters,” were keynote speakers for the March 2016 Science and Math Symposium. “Science isn’t facts,” said Savage. “Science is facts in context, and in that context is a story.”
NEW CAMPUS LEADERS

Bringing a wealth of leadership experience to their new roles, six deans were appointed since the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year:

- **Marie Johnson**, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, previously worked as professor of geology and director of the environmental program at the United States Military Academy at West Point;
- **Lisa Kirtman**, professor of elementary and bilingual education, became dean of the College of Education after serving as associate dean;
- **Kari Knutson Miller**, dean of University Extended Education and associate vice president for international programs and global engagement, was named to the interim position two years ago and previously served as chair and professor of child and adolescent studies;
- **Dale Merrill**, dean of the College of the Arts, who was dean of Chapman University’s College of Performing Arts prior to his arrival at CSUF;
- **Scott Paynton**, dean of the College of Communications, came from the position of associate dean of the College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Humboldt State University; and
- **Laurie A. Roades**, dean of the College and Health and Human Development, previously served as associate dean of Cal Poly Pomona’s College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

A GOVERNOR’S PATH TO SUCCESS

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger received a standing ovation at a May 2016 Center for Insurance Studies forum on future industry trends. “I was fortunate to have had many careers,” said Schwarzenegger, who was a champion body builder, actor, filmmaker and businessman before he became a politician. “It is important to have a vision. If you have a vision, then you know where you want to go. Passion and vision will take you there.”
FÉTING OUR FACULTY

Some of CSUF’s outstanding professors received top honors this year. Among them was psychology professor Nancy Segal, who received the CSU’s Wang Family Excellence Award at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in January 2016 — one of five chosen to receive the award. The twins expert is the 11th CSUF recipient of this award.

Amybeth Cohen received the 2016 Andreoli Faculty Service Award from the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) at the CSU Biotechnology Symposium in January 2016. The professor of biological science, who joined five other CSUF faculty members who have received the award since 1992, was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the development of biotechnology education and research in the California State University system.

Music professor Robert Istad received the Outstanding Professor Award for superlative teaching and scholarship. “You and your singers have placed Cal State Fullerton on the map,” President Mildred García told the alumnus, who heads the University’s choral studies program.

The Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award went to Binod Tiwari, professor of civil and environmental engineering, for his dedication to his discipline and to his students. His research focuses on slope stability, natural disaster/landslide mitigation and geotechnical earthquake engineering.

Jason Shepard, department chair and associate professor of communications, was the recipient of the Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award. Under his leadership, explained Garcia, the department was “transformed” with new faculty members, as well as strategic and division plans.

Marcelo E. Tolmasky, professor of biological science, received the L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity Award for excellence in research and commitment to the University’s educational mission. “His research, which primarily deals with antibiotic resistance in bacteria that cause life-threatening, infectious disease, is cited, celebrated and recognized around the world,” exclaimed García.

Megan Tommerup, lecturer in biological science, was the inaugural recipient of the Outstanding Lecturer Award. García complimented the “transformative way in which she teaches, advises and puts people on a path toward career success.” The lecturer also serves as science education and credential preparation coordinator, as well as the biology teacher education coordinator in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

TRAINING CYBER SLEUTHS

The College of Engineering and Computer Science announced in November 2015 the launch of its Center for Cybersecurity, which will train the next generation of computer security specialists. Mikhail Gofman, assistant professor of computer science and an expert in virtualization and cloud security, web security and biometric authentication, is the center director.
ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIL
In September 2015, CSUF President Mildred García joined other educational leaders from the Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana College and University of California, Irvine to launch the Award for Innovation in Higher Education in Orange County, a state-funded effort to increase student achievement and close equity gaps in college education. Under the program, the higher education institutions established guaranteed transfer agreements for Santa Ana students who have graduated from Santa Ana College.
President García discussed the current state of successful strategies for increasing faculty diversity on college campuses in a keynote address at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Dean’s Forum in October 2015.

The president is co-chairing OASIS — Optimizing Academic Success and Institutional Strategy, which is sponsored by The Education Trust. The network mobilizes 11 regional, comprehensive institutions that serve large populations of underrepresented students to collectively achieve their shared goal of improving graduation rates.

In April 2016, the University hosted the spring meeting of the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. President Garcia is a member of the commission, which discussed ensuring equity in education, the Hispanic education legacy and the landmark civil rights case that led to ending racial segregation in the nation’s schools.
Additionally, she was commencement speaker and was awarded an honorary doctorate in pedagogy at Berkeley College, where she served as the institution’s first systemwide president.

TITAN ROTC PRIDE
The Roy Lopez Army ROTC Obstacle Course opened in April 2016 to help train Titan Army ROTC cadets for their military careers. The course is dedicated to ROTC cadet, the late Roy Lopez, whose mother, Adriana Mraz, donated the funds to build it.

CHANCELLOR’S VISIT
During a daylong visit to CSUF in February 2016, California State University Chancellor Timothy White pointed out that one in 10 college graduates in California is a CSU grad and that CSU graduates represent five percent of all college graduates in America. “The economic impact of the CSU is vast, and our goal is to support and challenge our students to prepare them to live and compete in a global society,” said the chancellor.
**FALL ENROLLMENT TRENDS**

Mihaylo College’s annual and mid-year Economic Forecasts for the nation, Southern California and Orange County are extensively reported on and cited by the media, and valued by business and government entities.

Several media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times, Orange County Register and National Public Radio

**OPERATING BUDGET**

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the University’s annual operating fund was $369.9 million.

**Revenue**
- Tuition Fees: 51.5%
- State Allocation: 42.5%
- Other Receipts: 3.4%
- Non-Resident Fees: 3.5%

**Expenses**
- Salaries and Benefits: 71.6%
- Other Operating Costs: 15%
- Tuition Discounts: 13.4%

**PRESTIGIOUS ECONOMIC FORECASTS**

CSUF is ranked in the “FIRST TIER” of NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

*U.S. News & World Report (September 2016)*
A LEADER IN EDUCATING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS
No. 6 in the nation in terms of baccalaureate degrees awarded to underrepresented students
*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education (August 2016), based on data from the U.S. Department of Education*

STUDENT ETHNICITY

- American Indian: .1%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 20.7%
- Black/African American: 2.1%
- Hispanic/Latino: 39.1%
- White: 21.5%
- International*: 8.1%
- Multi-Race: 4.3%
- Unknown: 4.1%

Fall 2016
*Ethnicity data is unavailable for international students*

NO. 1 IN CALIFORNIA AND SECOND IN THE NATION among top colleges and universities awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanics
*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education (August 2016), based on data from the U.S. Department of Education*

No. 1 destination for CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFERS for 15 out of the past 18 years
*CSUF Office of Institutional Research and Analytical Studies (October 2016)*
AT A GLANCE / STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

**A SUPERIOR INVESTMENT**
For every $1 invested by the state in CSUF, it returns $5.15 to the state’s economy.

“Working for California: The Impact of the California State University,” ICF International (2010); excludes impact of alumni

**MORE THAN 260,000 ALUMNI**
Living alumni (May 2016)

**57 PERCENT OF BACHELOR’S DEGREE RECIPIENTS**
were first-generation university graduates

CSUF Office of Institutional Research and Analytical Studies (October 2016)

**THE VALUE OF A TITAN DEGREE**
CSUF graduates earn 12% more than the national average.

2016-17 PayScale College Salary Report; median mid-career salary among graduates of public universities

**CSUF’S STATEWIDE IMPACT**
An economic powerhouse in Orange County and beyond, CSUF is an employer, a generator of economic activity and a provider of tax revenue.

“Working for California: The Impact of the California State University,” ICF International (2010); excludes impact of alumni
**ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE**
as of June 30

**TOTAL GIFT COMMITMENTS**

- Since 2012, **GIVING BY ALUMNI** has risen by **51%**.

**DONOR CONSTITUENCIES**
during 2015-16 fiscal year

**DESIGNATION OF GIFTS**
during 2015-16 fiscal year

- **Alumni**: 29%
- **Faculty and Staff**: 4%
- **Parents**: 2%
- **Friends**: 23%
- **Foundations**: 19%
- **Corporations**: 20%
- **Other Organizations**: 3%
- **TOTAL**: 100%

- **Academic Divisions**: 67%
- **Athletics**: 5%
- **Endowment**: 10%
- **Property and Buildings**: 1%
- **Research**: 2%
- **Student Financial Aid**: 14%
- **Unrestricted Purposes**: 1%
- **TOTAL**: 100%
This report recognizes nearly $22.1 million in philanthropic support through outright cash gifts, pledge payments, in-kind donations, testamentary commitments and new pledges to the University between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, as reported to the Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation and University Advancement by on-campus beneficiaries. The report does not include membership in various University support groups. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of these listings. If your name was inadvertently omitted or incorrectly shown, please notify University Advancement at 657-278-2118 or uarecords@fullerton.edu.
EXPLORING THE WORLD’S CLASSROOM

Out in the Mojave Desert, on an unexpectedly cool day, a small group of Cal State Fullerton students study the effects of climate change in a real-world setting. At the California State University’s Desert Studies Center, they conduct research under the direction of Darren Sandquist, professor of biological science, and Jeffrey Knott, professor of geological sciences. They spend time in the desert, courtesy of the President’s Strategic Fund, which provides scholarship funding for study abroad and study away courses.

Elsewhere, a group of faculty-led students explores crime and justice at the U.S.-Mexico border in Calexico and Chula Vista. Another cohort studies the link between history and Mexican muralism in Guanajuato, Mexico. Yet another group visits Orange County’s Little Saigon community, home to the largest Vietnamese-American population, to learn more about this group’s contributions to society.

From San Diego to Germany to Vietnam, students from a wide range of majors receive opportunities they may never have dreamed possible. The President’s Strategic Fund supports initiatives that offer students access to high-impact practices, and is geared to those who demonstrate a financial need and have not yet participated in a study abroad or study away experience.

It places particular emphasis in supporting first-generation students or those with limited means. The fund is expected to contribute to an increase in the already above-average participation of Cal State Fullerton students in these types of experiences.

“We believe in the transformational power of high-impact practices and want to ensure that our diverse students have the opportunity to learn in the world’s classroom — to witness, firsthand, the social and cultural landscapes around us,” said Mary Ann Villarreal, Cal State Fullerton’s assistant vice president of strategic initiatives.

The President’s Strategic Fund directly supports the University’s strategic plan, which calls for an increase in high-impact practices, including study abroad and to advance global perspectives and support engagement, retention and graduation goals.

To contribute to the President’s Strategic Fund, contact Michele Cesca, associate vice president for development, at 657-278-4869 or mcesca@fullerton.edu.
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A boom in medical device manufacturers throughout Orange County and Southern California has created a need for unique workforce preparation — one that Cal State Fullerton’s College of Engineering and Computer Science is addressing through an undergraduate biomedical engineering program with a medical device emphasis.

This will be the first undergraduate program of its kind in Southern California, differentiated by its multidisciplinary emphasis on the design and manufacturing dimensions of medical devices and complementary assistive and rehabilitative technologies.

The curriculum will immerse students in design projects, rapid prototyping and research experiences, supporting cross-disciplinary project activity inclusive of engineering, business, rehabilitation and allied health disciplines. These high-impact practices with industry partners will ensure that students get the necessary experience to be work ready upon graduation in such a fast-growing industry.

“Cal State Fullerton is seeking to produce biomedical engineers who can address medical and health care issues from an engineering-centric point of view,” explained Sang June Oh, the college’s interim associate dean, who is directing the program. “The dependency of California on the biomedical sector is ever growing — and more biomedical engineers must be produced to fulfill this industry demand.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, biomedical engineers, including medical device engineers, will see one of the fastest rates of growth in all engineering occupations, with a 23 percent increase in jobs expected by 2024.

“The region lacks a broadly accessible and accredited undergraduate program with a medical device emphasis. Our plans address this deficiency,” stated Raman Unnikrishnan, the college’s former dean and professor of electrical and computer engineering.

A $300,000 grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation will support purchasing specialized lab equipment and developing curriculum to prepare students for careers as practicing engineers in the fields of biomedical engineering and assistive and rehabilitation technology.

To learn more about investment opportunities in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, contact Michael Karg, interim senior director of development, at 657-278-3348 or mkarg@fullerton.edu.
FIRING UP A DISCIPLINE FOR ARTISTS

One of the College of the Arts’ early visual arts offerings is poised for a state-of-the-art revitalization. The glass program, which dates back to Cal State Fullerton’s nascent period in the 1960s, is being reinvigorated through a multiphase upgrade that will include a redesign of the studio and new energy-efficient equipment.

“Glass is an important discipline, and most schools do not have the faculty or physical resources to offer this specialized training,” said Jade Jewett, chair of the Department of Art. “Ours is one of only three CSU glass programs. When students experience the beauty of liquid glass blowing, new creative possibilities emerge.”

Taking the helm of this new effort is Hiromi Takizawa ’05 ’07 (B.A., M.A. art), assistant professor and glass program coordinator, who is no stranger to the medium; in 2012, Urban Glass Quarterly named her the youngest of 50 artists from the Studio Glass movement “whose work will remain relevant for the next 50 years.”

A $300,000 lead gift from a local patron of the arts is providing the funds for new studio equipment, an enhanced curriculum and guest artists.

“We are proud to support the vision of the Department of Art in revitalizing the glass program at CSUF to create a dynamic, sustainable learning environment for both students and faculty,” explained the donor, who prefers to remain anonymous. “We know art programs benefit not only those students pursuing art as a career, but also anyone who takes a single class that encourages creativity, problem-solving or expression. We believe community partnerships are a key way to ensure that art is around all of our lives, bringing more brilliant color into our world for years to come.”

The gift, said Takizawa, “will ensure that our students can experiment and explore their creative potential and that Cal State Fullerton will continue to be a leader in the field of glass study.”

To make a gift to the glass program or to the College of the Arts, contact Patricia Falzon, the college’s senior director of development, at 657-278-7695 or pfalzon@fullerton.edu.
TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF UNIVERSE EXPLORERS

The “chirps” celebrated inside the Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Center on Feb. 11 were the sound of the universe — gravitational waves sent out from a pair of colliding black holes a billion light-years away and converted to sound waves.

The National Science Foundation and LIGO Scientific Collaboration — a group of more than 1,000 scientists from universities across the U.S., including CSUF, and in 14 other countries — had announced the first detection of gravitational waves, opening a new window onto the universe.

Housed in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the center is the hub for faculty-student research activities related to gravitational waves. The center is at the forefront of universe exploration, making new scientific discoveries and inspiring the next generation of scholars through leading-edge research, engagement and mentorship.

The Sept. 14, 2015, discovery of gravitational waves — 100 years after Albert Einstein predicted them — provides a fundamentally different way to observe the universe, bringing new information about the most violent astrophysical events, such as collisions of black holes. A second gravitational-wave observation on Dec. 25, 2015 was announced in June.

The center’s research involves modeling sources of gravitational waves, such as black holes and neutron stars; understanding the gravitational-wave signals they produce; helping to identify signals in the LIGO detectors; and improving the sensitivity of the detectors.

With a generous gift from physics alumnus Dan Black ’67, the center is positioned to expand and advance gravitational-wave research, teaching and outreach. Black funded a three-year naming gift to create the Dan Black Director of the Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Center. His gift supports the involvement of more undergraduates and graduate students in research. This, in turn, will help them contribute to scientific discoveries and learn laboratory, computing and problem-solving skills applicable to careers in academia, computing, aerospace, optics, signal processing and other industries.

“The center promotes a diverse scientific community to train the next generation of gravitational-wave scientists,” said Joshua Smith, associate professor of physics and Dan Black Director.

To learn more about investment opportunities in the Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Center, contact Michael Karg, interim senior director of development for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, at 657-278-3348 or mkarg@fullerton.edu.
Incoming freshmen and transfer students arrive at Cal State Fullerton every summer as part of orientation. This year, a new program gave more than 100 underserved students the opportunity to spend the night at the University’s housing facilities and experience college life for two days.

The Division of Student Affairs offered the Overnight Orientation program to enhance the onboarding process of new students. The pilot program set two goals: to heighten the Titan connection by offering interventions that integrate student life, academic advising and expanded career support, exploration and real-life application to all students; and to do so regardless of a student’s finances. The program not only assisted students in their academic and career exploration, but also gave students a sense of pride and of belonging to the Titan community.

Overnight Orientation is one of many practices offered by Cal State Fullerton to increase students’ chances of having a successful college experience that culminates in a degree. Cal State Fullerton has seen a 24 percent improvement in its graduation rate in just four years, while its achievement gap — the disparity in educational success between underrepresented students and their non-underrepresented peers — has been halved. The University also has eliminated the transfer student achievement gap.

A donation from Theresa and Richard K. Davis ’83 (B.A. economics), chairman, president and CEO of U.S. Bancorp, made Overnight Orientation possible for the first time.

“Our University orientation experiences provide a space for priceless and powerful onboarding of our new Titans,” said Berenecea Johnson Eanes, vice president for student affairs. “During these times, we want to make sure they are plugged in and ready for academic and co-curricular success. Our overnight experience, in particular, is a high-impact practice that we are excited to see grow in coming years.”

To contribute to the Overnight Orientation program, contact Cris Powell, director of development, student affairs and university programs, at 657-278-2917 or cpowell@fullerton.edu.
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In the Richman Neighborhood Center, a wellspring known as the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods has restored a sense of community. Developed in partnership with the city of Fullerton, the center opened in January 2016 and offers culturally appropriate services that promote health, education, college readiness and resilience among children and families.

“Cal State Fullerton and the city are working together to revitalize neighborhoods and to increase the economic outlook of a community,” said C. Jessie Jones, the center’s director and professor emeritus of kinesiology. “We want to reduce the cycle of poverty and have students, faculty and community members working together toward that common goal.”

Youth and family programs, health screenings, mental health services, case management and resource referrals are offered for free or at a reduced cost. One of the programs, Resilient Families, focuses on enhancing parenting skills, managing stress and improving parent-child bonding. Christine Bondiek, who is pursuing a B.S. in human services, participated in the program in spring 2016.

“I learned just as much as the children about being mindful, but the more valuable personal development was the experience of helping these families and bonding with them,” explained Bondiek. “Working together with someone for a common goal opens doors and builds bridges for both sides to come closer.”

“Students are able to get work experience and interact with other students from different disciplines,” said Jones. “It also prepares them to be more culturally competent — and they often serve as role models in the community.”

Former State Assemblywoman Marilyn Brewer, a member of the Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation Board of Governors, has pledged ongoing support for the initiative. “I support the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative because it makes a huge difference and impacts the lives of local youth,” she explained.

With a growing wait list, largely due to word-of-mouth, the center wants to extend its reach by offering the Resilient Families and other model programs to more community centers around Fullerton.

To find out about investment opportunities at the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, contact Elizabeth Eastin, director of development for the College of Health and Human Development, at 657-278-5466 or eeastin@fullerton.edu.
OPENING DOORS IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL

In the summer of 2008, Amie Zeoli ’10, ’14, (B.A. political science, M.P.A.) interned with a bipartisan lobby firm on Capitol Hill. She became a legislative intern, gaining what she now describes as both an unforgettable and an invaluable experience.

“We went on tours of the Capitol, attended congressional hearings, went to networking events ... it was my first professional experience,” said the alumna, who works for the city of Anaheim.

More than 400 Cal State Fullerton students of all majors have participated in the Cal State DC Scholars program since it began in 2006, completing upper-division courses while interning at congressional offices, nonprofits and advocacy groups, museums, media outlets and executive firms in the nation’s capital. There, they’re welcomed by an expansive network of Cal State Fullerton alumni who offer guidance, support and opportunities.

The experience opens doors for many students who wouldn’t typically get the chance to study away, receive mentorship from established professionals or spend time soaking in the inner workings of politics and business in Washington, D.C.

“What initially started as a summer program has expanded into a yearlong study/internship program,” said Stephen Stambough, chair of the Division of Politics, Administration and Justice, and the program’s founding director. “Former DC Scholars often mentor and advise today’s students. When you think of the impact that this one program has on our students, I think we can all feel a sense of pride.”

“I give to this program because I believe in the opportunities and self-esteem it offers to Cal State Fullerton students,” said Zeoli, who, besides donating financially, gives of her time as program coordinator to mentor and guide scholars through their experience. “I believe in the success and contributions that this program can make on their lives.”

To contribute to the Cal State DC Scholars program, contact Alina Mircea-Trotz, director of development for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, at 657-278-2559 or amircea-trotz@fullerton.edu.
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For more information about the Ontiveros Legacy Society and planned giving, please contact Hart Roussel, director of planned giving, at 657-278-5429 or hroussel@fullerton.edu.
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