



## CSUF NOW AMONG TOP “NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES”

In a major indication of the University’s growth and evolution as an institution on the national stage, *U.S. News & World Report*, in its most recent rankings, heralds Cal State Fullerton as a top “national university.” The University previously had been included in the much narrower “regional universities” category.

This change was largely based on the University’s recent elevation to an “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.

Cal State Fullerton is listed in what *U.S. News* characterizes as the “first tier” of institutions in its inaugural appearance in the national category. At number 202 overall, CSUF is 110th among public universities. The top five ranked universities are Princeton, Harvard, University of Chicago, Yale and Columbia, respectively.

“When you consider that there are some 3,000 four-year institutions in the United States, Cal State Fullerton being recognized as a top national university is truly impressive,” said Anil Puri, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. “I continue to be so proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish through the work of our faculty and staff on behalf of our students.”

## FOUR GRADUATE STUDENTS NAMED CITY MANAGEMENT FELLOWS

To gain insight into the world of Orange County government, four Cal State Fullerton graduate students will spend a year shadowing city officials from Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Seal Beach and Stanton.

The City Management Fellowship Program, now in its fifth year, is designed for master of public administration students who are working in the public sector and wish to develop essential management skills.

Fellows are paired with a mentor, have the opportunity to participate in city management workshops and public administration conferences, and receive a \$1,000 scholarship and one-year membership to the Municipal Management Association of Southern California.

## CSUF POSTS NEARLY \$22.1 MILLION IN GIFTS

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

“Within every unit of University Advancement, we have achieved great success,” said Greg Saks, vice president for University Advancement. “I think 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.”

In addition to these gift commitments, the campus also reached new all-time highs in donor participation that includes alumni, parents, and faculty and staff. At the same time, the Senior Class gift grew substantially this year, with almost 20 percent of graduating seniors making a donation back to their alma mater.



## UNIVERSITY ADDS FOOD STUDIES MINOR

Students seeking careers in food tourism, health and geography have a new minor to consider. Cal State Fullerton has added food studies to its list of minors this semester.

The food studies minor was created with existing courses from departments within the colleges of Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Human Development and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Faculty members from all three colleges are teaching in and overseeing the program.



## **\$5.8 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT HELPS RAISE THE BAR IN STEM EDUCATION**

Cal State Fullerton has been awarded a five-year \$5.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a project partnering with eight regional community colleges to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income transfer students who complete bachelor's degrees in STEM (science,

technology, engineering and mathematics) and enter careers in these fields.

CSUF is partnering with Citrus, Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, Mt. San Antonio, Orange Coast, Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon community colleges for the "Regional Alliance in STEM Education: Raising the Bar in Transfer, Retention and Graduation Rates," called Project RAISE. CSUF is receiving about \$1.2 million in first-year funding.

## **EPOCHS PROGRAM WINS "EXCELENCIA" AWARD**

There is more to Cal State Fullerton's EPOCHS program than increasing the number of Hispanic students who complete a graduate degree. It creates a community that provides support and guidance so that students — including those who are underrepresented and disadvantaged — can see their educational goals succeed.

In the six years since its inception, Enhancing Postbaccalaureate Opportunities at Cal State Fullerton for Hispanic Students, or EPOCHS, has increased the number of Hispanic graduate students from 691 to 1,091. It also has created a setting that empowers such students as they move forward in pursuing their advanced degrees.

In recognition of its achievements, EPOCHS has been recognized by Excelencia in Education!, a national initiative to systematically identify and promote evidenced-based programs and departments effectively boosting Latino enrollment, performance and education.



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## **Did You Know?**



- Cal State Fullerton was one of five CSU campuses recognized by *Sierra* magazine as some of the most environmentally sustainable colleges and universities in the U.S. Ranked among the top 200 "Coolest Schools," the campuses were lauded for various sustainability initiatives including outreach campaigns, organic gardens, faculty research and energy-saving facilities.
- CSUF graduates earn 12 percent more than the national average, according to 2016-17 *PayScale College Salary Report*; median mid-career salary.