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$500,000 Grant from NBCUniversal to Advance Training of Diverse Journalists

Cal State Fullerton’s College of Communications is one of only 17 institutions of higher education across the nation partnering with NBCUniversal to expand learning opportunities and training for underrepresented journalism students. CSUF is the only four-year university in California selected for the NBCU Academy collaboration.

The $500,000 two-year grant from NBC Universal funds $250,000 in scholarships for students; $200,000 to support faculty and classes in which NBCU journalists will participate as guest speakers; and $50,000 in equipment, including digital editing and production tools for multimedia reporting. Students will gain expanded opportunities to work one-on-one with news professionals, enhance global and multicultural skills, and access industry internships and jobs.

Bey-Ling Sha, dean of the College of Communications, noted that the grant reflects the consistent hard work and excellence of CSUF’s journalism faculty and students, and the strong relationships the college has nurtured for years with community and industry leaders.

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Policing Expert’s Studies Show Bill to Change Age, Education for California Cops Has Merit

A national study by Christine Gadiner, professor of criminal justice at Cal State Fullerton, Policing Around the Nation: Education, Philosophy, and Practice, shows the role of higher education in policing. Her statewide study shows California has more college-educated officers than most places across the nation.

“Increasing education requirements for officers is a promising idea to further professionalize police and improve the practice of policing,” says Gardiner.

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TITANS RECOGNIZED AS TOP-CITED SCIENTISTS

More than a dozen Cal State Fullerton faculty members are among the top 2% well-cited scientists, according to a study conducted by Stanford University.

Three CSUF psychology faculty and former faculty members — Professor Nancy L. Segal and emeriti professors Richard A. Lippa and Michael H. Birnbaum — made the list, along with faculty members in information systems and decision sciences, human communications, chemistry, biological science, kinesiology and finance.

Focusing on several indicators, the study analyzed data from 1996 through 2019, covering 7 million scientists in 22 major fields ranking from chemistry to engineering to economics and business.

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Michael Losquadro and Brian Keller Create LGBTQ Programmatic Endowment

Alumnus and Cal State University veteran administrator Michael Losquadro ’86 and his husband, Brian Keller, recently created a new endowment to support the LGBTQ Resource Center. The couple have supported the center for years and were impressed with the impactful events, programs, and resources provided to empower and educate both students participating with the center and the entire campus community.

Once the endowment is complete, annual funding will benefit outreach, education, and community-building programs.

“When I was just coming out, I discovered the LGBTQ+ student group (called the Gay Student Union then),” said Losquadro. “Interacting with other LGBTQ+ students was reaffirming and gave me the support to continue and complete my degree. Now that there’s a LGBTQ+ Center on campus, Brian and I want to help.”

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