

# TITAN REPORT



## PANETTA SCHOLAR LEARNS TO LEAD AFTER VIRTUAL DC INTERNSHIP

Each year, CSUF selects a student to send to our nation's capital as a Panetta Congressional intern. Isaac Alferos, a business administration major who hopes to graduate in May 2022 won the bid.

Due to COVID 19, instead of working and living in Washington, D.C., he worked virtually. The House of Representatives closed because of the pandemic two days before the program was scheduled to begin.

"The institute does a great job of presenting interns with information on almost every domestic and foreign policy area there is," said Alferos. "And the lectures were led by industry experts. This meant that we were learning from former presidential cabinet secretaries, California state officials, leading researchers, journalists and organizers."

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## Alumna Persevered to Land a Mission on Mars

Mechanical engineering alumna Lauren DuCharme is a flight systems engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. As a mechanical engineering student, DuCharme led Cal State Fullerton's Titan Rover team and interned at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

DuCharme is a JPL engineer and part of the Mars 2020 mission to the red planet.

The Mars Perseverance rover is searching for signs of ancient microbial life, which will advance NASA's quest to explore habitability of Mars, and test technologies to help pave the way for future human exploration.

Since childhood, DuCharme has been fascinated with space and spaceflight. When she enrolled at Cal State Fullerton her dream was to land a career at JPL to design spacecraft for NASA.

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## TARSADIA FOUNDATION GIFTS \$300,000 TO CENTER FOR HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

When Maya Patel, executive chair of the Tarsadia Foundation, first visited Cal State Fullerton's Center for Healthy Neighborhoods in 2019, she was inspired by its mission to alleviate education and health disparities, revitalize neighborhoods and reduce the cycle of poverty through community partnerships.

The Tarsadia Foundation recently committed \$300,000 to the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, to support its three-year strategic plan.

The Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, in downtown Fullerton, opened its doors in January 2016. The center works to reduce health and education disparities while increasing the bilingual and bicultural workforce. In the past five years, the center has provided more than 8,000 families (95% Spanish-speaking) with services, 1,108 student volunteers, and 80,180 hours of health, education and social services to the community.

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## MOOT COURT TEAM RANKS AMONG NATION'S BEST AFTER SHIFT TO VIRTUAL COMPETITION

In a highly competitive tournament where reading body language, perfecting persuasion techniques and surveying a crowd are required, CSUF's Moot Court team earned top scores at the 2021 American Moot Court Association National Championship Tournament.

Moot Court is an appellate court proceeding simulation, also known as a Supreme Court simulation, where teams of student-contestants from throughout the U.S. compete by addressing legal problems, writing briefs and providing oral arguments before a panel of judges. The activity aims to sharpen students' critical thinking skills, public speaking skills and logic.

Twelve Cal State Fullerton students on six teams competed against the top 100 Moot Court teams in the country and brought home seven awards from the Jan. 22-24 tournament, which was held virtually this year.

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## University's Day of Giving Raises More Than \$450,000

The Titan spirit of generosity reverberated across the globe March 9 as thousands joined together to support student success via #TitansGive, Cal State Fullerton's second annual day of giving.

The 24-hour online event raised \$454,438 for the university's "It Takes a Titan" philanthropic campaign, nearly doubling the impact of the inaugural #TitansGive in 2020. A total of 1,405 donors from 40 states and four countries gave 1,621 gifts to support projects related to academic innovation, student empowerment, community engagement and campus transformation.

University Advancement holds #TitansGive each spring. Visit the campaign website to learn more about opportunities to make a difference in the lives of Titan students.

"We are awed by the outpouring of generosity on this day of giving," said Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement. "What a testament to the caring and commitment of the entire Titan family to helping our students and campus succeed."

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