

TITAN REPORT



Visual Arts Modernization Reimagines Art Education

Almost six decades after its introduction to campus, the visual arts complex will be redesigned, ushering in a new chapter of creativity at Cal State Fullerton.

“We’ve managed to do some amazing things with some 1960s buildings, but as the arts change, it’s important that we change with them and create spaces that serve our students and their work for years to come,” said Arnold Holland, dean of the College of the Arts.



Construction of the new buildings, slated for completion in September 2024, is funded by a \$65 million grant from the state. The college will continue fundraising an additional \$10 million to purchase furnishings, technology and special equipment. The new buildings will add more than 122,000 square feet for offices, classrooms and creative spaces.

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CSUF President Announces Retirement

Cal State Fullerton President Fram Virjee announced that he would retire from his role on July 31, 2023.

“This was an incredibly hard decision — I love CSUF and the Titan family deeply,” said Virjee in a letter to campus. “It is impossible to express to you in words what being your president has meant to me. I am so proud of all we have accomplished together.”

Since Virjee’s arrival in 2018, more than 45,000 Titans graduated from the university. The campus instituted a new, 19-year physical master plan, brought financial stability and fiscal strength to the campus, and completed a \$250 million philanthropic campaign to advance the university’s mission well into the future.

Under Virjee’s leadership, Cal State Fullerton successfully navigated a pandemic by prioritizing health, safety and continuity of learning. CSUF was among the first campuses in the nation to go completely virtual and then among the first to come back fully in person. During Virjee’s tenure, the university also ushered in a new focus on diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice — reaffirming its unwavering commitment to creating a community where all can thrive and reach their full potential.

“Fram Virjee has been the epitome of a servant leader, displaying an infectious passion to improve opportunities for students,” said Jolene Koester, interim chancellor for the California State University system.

“Throughout his presidency, he has been laser-focused on expanding access and success for students from all backgrounds. We are forever thankful for Fram’s dedication, leadership and remarkable contributions to the CSU.”

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MLB Pitcher Credits 'Powerhouse' Program at CSUF

Major League Baseball pitcher and Titan alumnus **Michael Lorenzen** headlined Cal State Fullerton's Dinner With the Titans fundraiser, helping his former team raise over \$100,000 for the upcoming season.

"I want to see this organization succeed more than anything," said Lorenzen, who donated \$20,000 to the program. "I personally feel responsible for helping this organization and making sure that we're building back up to being the powerhouse that we've always been."

Approximately 420 people attended the event, including several former CSUF baseball players who have made successful careers in MLB. Lorenzen pitched for the Los Angeles Angels last season and was signed by the Detroit Tigers for the 2023 season.

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one who stands out for **greatness of achievement**

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"I chose CSUF because the midwifery program was designed to accommodate working nurses," said **Evelynn Dronberger**, graduate student in nursing-women's health concentration. "As students, we benefit from such amenities as the Fudge Family Women's Health Simulation Lab and Training Center. The lab provides a realistic environment to practice patient interactions with simulated manikins."

The Fudge Family Foundation made a transformational gift to support the School of Nursing's new Fudge Family Women's Health Simulation Lab and Training Center. The center features state-of-the-art examination rooms, two ultrasound machines, and mother/baby manikins that can simulate delivery and emergencies.

Read more impact stories from the "It Takes a Titan" campaign at: campaign.fullerton.edu.

