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Alumna Lands Job as Blue Origin Rocket Engineer

Supported by faculty mentors at Cal State Fullerton, Sharon Pak '20 (B.S. mechanical engineering) went from failing high school math to landing a job as a rocket engineer for the commercial space company Blue Origin.

Pak works on the ignition system for the reusable BE-4 rocket engine. This ignition system creates the spark that lights the engine and sends the rocket into space.

At CSUF, Pak gained leadership experience serving as vice president of the College of Engineering and Computer Science's Inter-Club Council. She worked as a campus tour guide, attended industry networking events, and learned from peers and her professors how to prepare for a career as an engineer.

"It's an exciting time to work in this industry because we're at the forefront of making history," she said.

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CSUF Recognized as a Champion of Transfer Student Success

For its outstanding commitment to improving transfer rates for students, the Campaign for College Opportunity named Cal State Fullerton a 2023 Champion of Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer Student Success.

Of the nine California State University campuses honored, CSUF was ranked among the top five for enrolling ADT (associate degree for transfer) students and placing them on a guaranteed pathway to a bachelor's degree.

The Associate Degree for Transfer program is a collaboration between the California Community Colleges and the CSU system that guarantees admission to a CSU campus for community college students who have completed the degree program requirements.

CSUs were ranked by their success in ensuring more than half of their incoming 2022 undergraduate transfer students were ADT earners and on a guaranteed pathway to graduation. At CSUF, 59% of all transfer students were ADT earners, and 63% were on a guaranteed pathway.

"We strive to provide students with clear pathways to success, and it is an honor to be named a 2023 Champion of Higher Education for our work to support transfer students as they continue their progress to earn their bachelor's degrees and achieve career success," said CSUF President Sylvia Alva. "The pathway removes equity barriers for transfer students and is particularly promising for disproportionately impacted students and students of color."

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CSUF Hosts Forum to Discuss Affordable Housing in Orange County

Cal State Fullerton hosted a Nov. 17 Affordable Housing Summit moderated by CSUF President Sylvia Alva. Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and panelists from Jamboree Housing Corp., United to End Homelessness and the university discussed Orange County's lack of affordable housing and possible solutions to reverse the problem.

CSUF boasts more than 41,000 students and 323,000 alumni, about 50% of whom live and work in the region upon graduation.

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

Male Success Initiative Unveils Men of Color Library Collection

Cal State Fullerton's Male Success Initiative unveiled its Men of a Color Collection, a set of more than 400 narratives that center on the experiences of men of color throughout history and across different disciplines.

"We often hear from students of color that they want to see themselves reflected in the curriculum and in what they learn and what they read," said Felipe Martinez, director of MSI. "That's really what this collection does for our students and for the entire campus community."

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