

## UNIVERSITY HONORS SIX TITAN VISIONARIES

Established in 1994, Cal State Fullerton's Vision & Visionaries awards are the highest honors the university bestows on alumni and community supporters. This year, four Titan alumni and two honorary

alumni received the award for their dedication to student achievement, professional accolades and commitment to the university.

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Laura Archuleta '86, '91 (B.A. criminal justice, M.P.A.) is the president and CEO of Jamboree Housing Corp., a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and resources. She also serves on the CSUF Philanthropic Foundation Board of Governors.



Scott Coler '85 (B.A. business administration) is the president and owner of Capital Pacific Real Estate Inc. and mentors students in the College of Business and Economics' Executive in Residence program.



Jose Lara '02 (B.A. business administration), the president of SchoolsFirst Credit Union, advances student success through his support of CSUF's Guardian Scholars Program.



Rear Admiral Pamela Schweitzer '82 (B.A. biological science) was the assistant U.S. surgeon general. She and her husband, Paul, established a fellowship to support CSUF biological science students.



Francis Colwell retired as director of public services for the San Bernardino National Forest and has logged several thousand volunteer hours in the Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Cal State Fullerton.



Margaret Faulwell Gordon served as first lady of Cal State Fullerton during President Milton Gordon's 21-year tenure. She was also the dean of the College of Extended and International Education and an anthropology professor at Cal State Dominguez Hills. The Gordon family has made several gifts to CSUF, supporting such programs as the Music Associates and President's Scholars.

## New Music Students Gain a Creative Edge Thanks to \$2.5 Million Gift



Looking back on the moment they met on campus over 50 years ago, Cal State Fullerton alumni Bob '68, '84 (B.A. psychology, MBA) and Terri Niccum '73, '84 (B.A. English, M.A. communications) said what they remember most was the magic of music bringing them together. Today, they're helping students find that same magic. To honor their love for music and advance student success in the arts, Bob

and Terri made a \$2.5 million bequest to their endowment to support students in CSUF's New Music Ensemble.

"There's a spirit of nurturing at Cal State Fullerton. We see that spark and we want to help students grow and reach their goals," said Terri.

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## Actress Issa Rae: 'Success Is When Opportunity Meets Preparation'

Actress, producer, writer and comedian Issa Rae spoke to the Cal State Fullerton community about her commitment to producing and writing stories that accurately reflect the modern Black woman.

Rae helped write and produce the Peabody Award-winning HBO series, "Insecure," and has appeared in popular films, including "Barbie" and "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-verse." She shared her story as part of CSUF's Beyond the Conversation series, which engages students in dialogue about diversity, equity and inclusion.

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## Business Alumna Searches for Success, Lands Job at Google

A first-generation student with her heart set on a career in finance, Mayra Gomez didn't see a lot of women leaders in business when she was growing up. That changed when she joined Cal State Fullerton's Women's Leadership Program, which prepares students to succeed in top business leadership positions by providing them with mentorship and career coaching.

Today, Gomez '18 (B.A. business administration) is a finance program manager for Google.

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