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COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM PROGRAMS RANK FIRST IN CALIFORNIA FOR HISPANICS

Cal State Fullerton’s communications and journalism programs are ranked first in California and second in the nation for the number of degrees awarded to Hispanics, according to Hispanic Outlook on Education’s 2019 Top Communication and Journalism Schools list published in its June issue.

The ranking is based on the total number of degrees granted in these disciplines in 2017, drawn from the National Center for Education Statistics’ Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. That year, CSUF awarded 407 degrees in media and journalism.

TITAN RECEIVES TOP HONOR FROM NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS’ ASSOCIATION

For more than 37 years, Julie Max has served her fellow Titans on the playing fields, in Titan Gym and in the halls and classrooms of the Kinesiology and Health Science Building. Her campus peers have called her a mentor, a mother, a leader, a teacher, a friend and an inspiration.

Her influence has been felt throughout her profession. She has led as the first female president of the National Athletics Trainers Association and been inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame. And now Max has been given the additional honor of NATA’s Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award, the highest recognition given to one of their members, specifically for outstanding leadership and volunteerism in the organization.

DONATION SUPPORTS NURSING STATE-OF-THE-ART SIMULATION CENTER

Cal State Fullerton nursing students are advancing their education and practical skills in the School of Nursing’s simulation facilities, where they are gaining hands-on experience with the latest technological equipment they will be using when in the field.

Recently, medical equipment manufacturer Hill-Rom donated four state-of-the-art hospital beds to the simulation center, where students are developing technical and cognitive skills through a wide range of simulated patient cases.

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EXPLORING THE PHENOMENA OF ‘PHUBBING’

While the term “phubbing” might be new, the behavior — being more focused on cell phones than engaging with people around you — has been around since the advent of the smartphone. The behavior has become of interest to Tara Suwinyattichaiporn, who studies interpersonal communication and its intersection with technology.

Did You Know?

CSUF IS AMONG THE **TOP 3%** UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION HELPING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS REACH FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Source: “Social Mobility Index” developed by PayScale and CollegeNET (October 2018)