CAL STATE FULLERTON HOLDS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

The Campus Community gathered to hold a PeaceGiving vigil in light of the tragic attacks around the globe and in San Bernardino. “The work of making the world a better, safer place begins right here, on our campus,” said President Mildred García in a message sent campus wide.

COMBATING CYBERATTACKS: ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE CENTER FOSTERS EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

Teaching students to combat security breaches and other threats and providing research experiences to prepare students for the workforce are on the horizon for Cal State Fullerton's new Center for Cybersecurity.

The Center, supported with seed money from Raytheon, will train the next generation of computer security specialists, said College of Engineering and Computer Science Dean Raman M. Unnikrishnan. He also noted that the demand for security expertise is growing, and by 2017, a shortage of about 2 million skilled information technology professionals is predicted.

FEDERAL GRANT OF ALMOST $1.8 MILLION FUNDS OUTREACH EFFORT

Sora Tanjasiri (right), chair and professor of health science and director of Cal State Fullerton's Health Promotion Research Institute (HPRI), and Shari McMahan (left), deputy provost, want to broaden students' understanding of career options in the healthcare field, particularly in the field of allied health.

To help achieve this goal, they were recently awarded almost $1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration.

There is an increased demand for allied health professionals in such fields as physical and occupational therapy, communicative disorders, counseling, social work and public health (including environmental health specialists, epidemiologists, health educators and gerontologists).

The three-year grant will enable the North Orange County Allied and Other Health Careers Opportunity Program (NOCA HOCP) to increase outreach efforts to disadvantaged Latino, Pacific Islander and Southeast Asian students in north Orange County.

BIOCHEMIST EARNS NATIONAL HONOR FOR RESEARCH DISCOVERIES

Cal State Fullerton chemistry and biochemistry professor Maria C. Linder has been named an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow for her distinguished research discoveries on how copper and iron function in the body.

Election as an AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers, according to the association, which publishes the journal Science.

Linder is the recipient of numerous awards for her research and teaching, including the University's Outstanding Professor Award (1985); L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarship and Creativity Award (2013); and the California State University Wang Family Excellence Award (2007). She also directs the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Undergraduate Research Scholars Program.
The CSU 2010 study “Working for California: The Impact of the California State University” notes that Cal State Fullerton generates $1 billion in economic activity annually, sustains more than 8,700 jobs in the region and generates more than $65 million per year in state tax revenue.

For the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2016, the University’s annual operating fund is almost $370 million. Revenue includes tuition (51.5 percent), state allocation (42.5 percent), other receipts (3.4 percent) and non-resident fees (2.7 percent). Costs are salaries and benefits (71.6 percent), other operating costs (utilities, information technology, contractual services, supplies, services and other costs) (15 percent), and tuition discounts (13.4 percent).