UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES EMERGENCY FUND FOR STUDENTS

The Student Assistance Fund for Emergencies (SAFE) is a direct response to a January report from the California State University Chancellor’s Office stating that approximately 21 to 24 percent of the CSU system’s 460,000 students lack regular access to food and 8 to 12 percent lack stable housing.

SAFE will support projects developed by CSUF to assist food and housing insecure students, such as a food pantry, temporary housing assistance, meal plan assistance, an emergency fund and an app that will inform students where they can acquire leftover or donated food on campus.

The task force, which successfully implemented a donated meals campaign, temporary housing program and hygiene drive this semester, will continue to examine these issues on campus and make recommendations for future programming and fund allocation.

ELECTION 2016: TITAN ALUMNI ELECTED TO MULTIPLE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

Among those newly elected to serve this past November in government are many Titan alumni. More than 25 proud Orange County Titans are now serving their communities on school boards, in city government, and in the state and nation’s capitals.

CSUF PARTNERS WITH UNIVISION TO CREATE ON-CAMPUS NEWS BUREAU

Cal State Fullerton celebrated a new partnership with Univision at a December 15 ribbon-cutting to open the Cal State Fullerton Univision Bureau.

The link continues efforts by CSUF’s Latino Communications Initiative to boost College of Communications students’ access to success and creates an on-campus news bureau for the Los Angeles news group, connecting bilingual students with professional mentors and internship opportunities as well as the network’s news feed for student news programs “OC News” and “Al Día.”

Dozens of University officials, alumni, local politicians and excited students attended the afternoon ceremony welcoming the public to tour the new bureau in the lower level of the Pollak Library. Several Titan graduates now employed by Univision also attended.

“As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, and No. 1 in California in graduating Latinos with bachelor’s degrees, I am so very proud that this partnership is here at Cal State Fullerton,” President Mildred García said.

REINVIGORATED PROGRAM SHOWCASES ART OF GLASS

A $300,000 gift from a local patron of the arts is helping expand the College of the Arts’ glass program with a new state-of-the-art glass studio, an enhanced curriculum and guest artists.

The glass concentration, which dates back to Cal State Fullerton’s early years, is being reinvigorated through a multiphase upgrade that will include a redesign of the studio to provide more space for students to work, as well as new energy-efficient equipment, that will allow students to properly heat, then cool the glass.

The gift, says Hiromi Takizawa, assistant professor of art and glass program coordinator, “provides a creative learning environment that opens up opportunities for students to experiment and conduct research as we nurture these young artists to become innovative thinkers and creative problem solvers.”
LIFTING UP COMMUNITIES: CSUF CENTER PROMOTES HEALTHY FAMILIES

C. Jessie Jones, assistant vice president for academic and community programs, envisions the CSUF Center for Healthy Neighborhoods as a way to help families in need break the cycle of poverty. Situated in a low-income, predominantly Latino area near campus, and located in the Richman Neighborhood Center, the CSUF center was developed in partnership with the city of Fullerton.

The center aims to help alleviate education and health disparities in underserved and vulnerable neighborhoods, said Jones.

Culturally appropriate programs and services that promote education, health and resilience among children and families are offered by CSUF faculty and students. These may include health screenings, mental health services, youth and family programs, case management and resource referrals, offered for free or at a reduced cost.

Did You Know?

- Cal State Fullerton is Orange County’s eighth largest employer.  
  *Orange County Business Journal’s “2017 Book of Lists”*

- CSUF is the No. 1 destination for community college transfers for 15 out of the past 18 years.  
  *Among California Community Colleges; CSUF Office of Institutional Research and Analytical Studies (October 2016)*

- CSUF graduates earn 12 percent more than the national average.  
  *2016-17 PayScale College Salary Report, median mid-career salary among graduates of public universities.*