Governor Names Titan as CSU Student Trustee

The California State Governor’s Office recently announced the appointment of Cal State Fullerton student Kelsey Brewer to a two-year term as the student trustee with the California State University.

As a member of the CSU Board of Trustees, Brewer will help influence decisions that affect the 440,000 students within the 23-campus CSU.

Brewer, a junior with a major in political science and a minor in liberal studies, currently serves as chief governmental officer for Cal State Fullerton’s Associated Students Inc. (ASI).

Over the years, she has served as advocacy coordinator for the ASI Lobby Corps, a member of the search committee for the dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, treasurer for the University’s student alumni ambassadors and campus liaison to the Resident Student Association.

“I am very excited to be chosen for this role,” she said. “The CSU represents such a diverse group of students, and I’m looking forward to helping develop a consensus to fix some of the problems we face.”

Student Engineer Builds No. 1 Robotic Race Car

Electrical engineering graduate student Ye Lu and his robotic car, “Team 10,” took first place at the recent 2014 Grand PIEEE Competition for line-following autonomous cars at UC San Diego. Students from Cal State Fullerton’s car competed against 18 other entrants, including those from UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and UC San Diego. Not only was “Team 10” the best able to negotiate the preset course, it also sped its way to the finish line as the fastest car in the competition.

CSUF Hosted Vietnamese American Community Education Night

More than 100 community members turned out in Garden Grove recently to learn more about Cal State Fullerton’s Vietnamese classes and academic programs. Claire Cavallaro, dean of the College of Education; Sheryl Fontaine, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; and Mitch Avila, associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, were among the administrators addressing the crowd. Natalie Tran, associate professor of educational leadership, and MBA alumnus Tam Nguyen ’05, president and owner of Advance Beauty College in Garden Grove, served as masters of ceremonies and provided opening/closing remarks. Cal State Fullerton’s offerings include a Vietnamese language teaching credential, a Vietnamese minor, a bilingual authorization and a summer institute on teaching the Vietnamese language, culture and history. A number of other programs, including a bachelor’s degree, are under development.

Baseball Player Inducted into College Baseball Hall of Fame

Cal State Fullerton baseball legend Mark Kotsay (1994-96) will be inducted as part of the 2014 class of the Omaha College Baseball Hall of Fame. Kotsay was named the College Player of the Decade (1990s) by Baseball America and was also inducted into the Cal State Fullerton Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.
Physicist Among OC’s ‘40 Under 40’ Rising Stars

Physics faculty member Joshua Smith was recently honored as one of Orange County’s “fearlessly passionate and dynamically clever” young men and women chosen for the 2014 “40 Under 40” list, published by Orange County Register’s Metro magazine. The honorees on the annual roster, considered to be “impressive young professionals,” were recognized at a reception at the Chuck Jones Gallery in Costa Mesa. Smith, an assistant professor of physics and director of Cal State Fullerton’s Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Center, studies the emerging field of gravitational-wave astronomy with focus on the detection of gravitational waves.

Casanova Pendrill Receives Internship Site Award

Casanova Pendrill, one of the nation’s largest Hispanic advertising agencies with offices in Costa Mesa and New York City, is the 2014 recipient of the College of Communications’ James P. Alexander Internship Site of the Year Award. The agency was selected based on its record of providing highly rated, paid internships for students. Recognizing the value of the internship experience in preparing students for professional careers, the college’s award-winning program was launched more than 30 years ago by the late James Alexander, emeritus professor of communications. Each year, about 900 students in the college fulfill the internship requirement.

Did You Know?

- Eleven electric-vehicle charging stations are available on the Cal State Fullerton campus.
- $3.2 billion in alumni spending power can be attributed to their CSUF education.
- Mihaylo College of Business and Economics graduates an average of 2,500 students annually and boasts more than 55,000 alumni.
- The College of Education offers five online master’s degree programs, which were rated 24th of 204 programs by U.S. News & World Report.
- The College of Engineering and Computer Science is the fastest-growing college, achieving full-time equivalent student growth of approximately 30 percent over the past five years.