Fullerton Arboretum’s Offerings Grow With Student Help

Visitors at the Fullerton Arboretum are instantly transported from hectic Orange County to a beautiful, serene space with soothing landscapes, fresh produce and fun nature-based activities. What they may not realize, though, is that often a Cal State Fullerton student has played a role in their restorative experience at the 26-acre botanical garden. Student projects range from developing programs in the Children’s Garden to developing a strategic communications plan.

Research is another area where students engage with the botanical garden. U-ACRE, founded by Professor of Anthropology Sara Johnson, provides hands-on research and education opportunities for CSUF students that help the local community. U-ACRE members, along with hundreds of service-learning students, work together to plant, cultivate, harvest, measure and record data on crops at the Fullerton Arboretum.

PROFESSOR AWARD

Computer engineering professor Kiran George is a research pioneer and a model faculty member whose dynamic and inspiring teaching style has helped countless students reach their academic and career goals.

For his innovative and prolific research endeavors, track record of leadership, and commitment to teaching, George is this year’s recipient of Cal State Fullerton’s Outstanding Professor Award. The award is given to a faculty member for outstanding teaching, distinction in scholarship and/or creative activities, and contributions to the university and California State University system.

INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING COMPUTER ENGINEER IS 2020 OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

CENTRAL FOR HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS IS A LIFELINE DURING PANDEMIC

Mary Lou Bueno, academic tutor coordinator for the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, organizes food to deliver to residents in need. Carime Calixto, a hairdresser and mother of four, hasn’t had much business since the COVID-19 outbreak. “It’s been a little bit stressful,” she said. But rather than let it get her down, the Fullerton resident has been volunteering her “free time” to help make face masks for the community. Her desire to pitch in was fueled by Cal State Fullerton’s Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, which empowers local citizens to become community leaders.

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For the latest information and updates on how Cal State Fullerton is responding to the coronavirus, visit: coronavirus.fullerton.edu

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Alumna Reports for POLITICO, Serves as Analyst for CNN

You can see her on CNN or read her byline in POLITICO. But before she landed those prestigious jobs, Laura Barrón-López ’13 (B.A. political science), was a reporter for the Daily Titan. Recently, Barrón-López was selected as “Alum of the Year” by the Division of Politics, Administration and Justice.

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More than 500 students have used their DC Internship experience to pursue careers in politics, law, business, non-profits, media, and other areas as a result of Fullerton’s Cal State DC program, celebrating its 15th Anniversary this year.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, VISIT CALSTATEDCSCHOLARS.FULLERTON.EDU.

SALE OF SPORTS CAR COLLECTION FUNDS SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING RESEARCH

The $10 million European sports car collection donated to Cal State Fullerton as a lead gift for its $200 million comprehensive campaign was sold for the benefit of the Audrain Automobile Museum in Newport, Rhode Island, for future display.

The late Nicholas Begovich and his wife, Lee, announced the donation of the collection to Cal State Fullerton Feb. 29, launching the university’s public phase of its first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign. About $7 million will support the College of Natural Science and Mathematics’ Center for Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy, and the remaining $3 million will support interdisciplinary research in sustainable energy and power in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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