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CELEBRATING COMMENCEMENT

Approximately 150,000 family members, friends, faculty and staff gathered at multiple locations across Cal State Fullerton May 17-19 to celebrate three consecutive days of commencement ceremonies.

As the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” filled the air, families held up signs, balloons and bouquets of flowers, honoring the more than 12,600 graduates and candidates for graduation who were, after years of study and commitment, about to walk across the stage, marking their graduation from Cal State Fullerton.

Not even a light morning shower on Sunday morning could dampen the spirit of the graduates earning bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. In total, 19 separate college ceremonies were held in venues throughout campus.

“Today, you graduate from a university of significance — significance in our community, our state, our nation, and, I dare say, the world,” said President Fram Virjee as he addressed the graduating students. “That means you are all graduates of significance. You are well-prepared, culturally competent and uniquely positioned to serve your communities, excel in further education and lead the workforce.

“As you make your way in the world, remember there are nearly 300,000 Titan alums for you to lean on, look to and link with as members of your Titan family.”

CSUF Is a Top Institution for ‘Best Value’

Cal State Fullerton ranks No. 53 out of 300 public and private colleges and universities on the 2019 list of *Forbes*’ “America’s Best Value Colleges.” The university moved up 15 spots from last year’s ranking of No. 68.

This is the latest ranking supporting CSUF’s reputation as a national university offering top value. Last year, quality of education, affordability and outcomes earned Cal State Fullerton a spot among the top 12 percent of universities in *Money* magazine’s “Best Colleges for Your Money 2018.” *Washington Monthly* ranked CSUF in the top third of national universities and No. 6 in net price in the “2018 College Guide & Rankings.”

Titan Economists Predict Growth at Slower Pace

The U.S. economy has been shaken up in the last few months, but Cal State Fullerton economists Anil Puri and Mira Farka believe it has bounced back and will continue to grow over the next two years, albeit at a more moderate pace.

Puri, director of the Woods Center for Economic Analysis and Forecasting, and Farka, co-director of the center and associate professor of economics, discussed the economic outlook for the U.S. and Orange County at the April 25 spring economic forecast, “Shaken and Stirred: A Mature Expansion Among Rising Risks.”

“The expansion continues,” said Puri. “This is the second-longest recovery in the history of the United States economy. People are talking that it’s such a long recovery that recession is just around the corner, but the most important point we want to discuss is why a recession is not imminent.”



Ed Royce Gifts Congressional Papers to CSUF

In the first gift of its kind for Cal State Fullerton, retired U.S. Rep. Ed Royce has donated his congressional papers to the university’s Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History. A longtime supporter of his alma mater and the first Titan elected to Congress, Royce ’77 (B.A. business administration) recently retired after 13 terms in the U.S. Congress.

“The future of our great nation depends on inspiring thoughtful and driven leaders,” said Royce. “Cal State Fullerton understands this. That’s why it’s at the forefront of efforts to promote immersive learning, integrity and diversity. As a proud CSUF graduate, I couldn’t be more excited to start a new chapter in our work together. It’s my hope that this collection will serve as an important resource for researchers, community leaders and — most importantly — students considering a future in diplomacy and public service.”

Veterans Appreciation Night Salutes CSUF Vets

Hundreds of family members, friends, fellow veterans and Cal State Fullerton faculty and staff members were on hand to honor student veterans at the university's 12th annual Veterans Appreciation Night.

"Cal State Fullerton has a history of showing our appreciation to our veterans," said CSUF President Fram Virjee. "Veterans are so important to our campus that I wanted to be here, personally, to show our appreciation for your service to our country, our community and our campus — and to celebrate your accomplishments, commitment and hard work."



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