Record Numbers Apply for Undergraduate Admission

Cal State Fullerton received more than 75,500 undergraduate applications for fall 2018, setting a record for the university.

Of the 75,560 undergraduate applications for fall, 51,037 are from entering freshmen — another all-time high, and a 12 percent increase from the previous year. Applications from community college students and other upper-division transfer students held strong at 24,523.

Overall, the total number of undergraduate applicants increased 8 percent over last fall, according to Darren Bush, interim associate vice president for student affairs — student transitions, who oversees admissions. CSUF’s reputation as a top-ranked, inclusive university that offers in-demand degree programs and supportive student success programs has a wide appeal to students, and not just in Orange County, Bush said.

MAJOR LEAGUE CATCHER KURT SUZUKI HEADLINES DINNER WITH THE TITANS

Cal State Fullerton baseball’s biggest fundraising event of the year, Dinner With the Titans, served as an opportunity for Titan fans to meet and mingle with the current team, coaches and former baseball greats. Major League Catcher Kurt Suzuki (2002-04), one of the most notable Titans of all-time, served as keynote speaker.

Suzuki was an instrumental part of Fullerton’s 2004 National Championship squad and was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the second round of the 2004 MLB Draft. Since being drafted, he’s played for the Athletics, Washington Nationals, Minnesota Twins and Atlanta Braves. In 2014, Suzuki was named to the American League All-Star team as a member of the Twins.

“We want to thank all the supporters of Titan Athletics,” said Jim Donovan, athletics director. “You have all been instrumental to our success.”

GRANT EXPANDS RESILIENT FAMILIES PROGRAM TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A CSUF program established by educators Melanie Horn-Mallers and Kate Bono has received a $122,819 grant from the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force to expand the program to more families through partnerships with local school districts.

The Resilient Families Program was established as a two-year study in 2015 to help families increase skills in parent-child bonding, stress management and children’s ability to regulate thoughts, attention and emotions. It was offered at the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods located in the Richman Neighborhood Center.
Did You Know?

Celebrating CSUF’s 60th Anniversary at Disneyland Park

Thousands of students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrated the university’s 60th Anniversary by attending Cal State Fullerton’s After Dark at Disneyland event in February.

Besides the obvious attractions of rides, restaurants and Disney characters, a mixer was held at Ralph Brennan’s Jazz Kitchen (in Downtown Disney) where more than 200 students, alumni and friends met to visit and enjoy a spread of delicious food, meet CSUF President Fram Virjee, and revel in their Titan pride.

Throughout the park, CSUF and 60th Anniversary logos were shining on various building locations, 60th Anniversary commemorative buttons were handed out, and crowds of people gathered to have their photos taken in front of CSUF backdrops. There was a DJ and dancing in front of the Magic Castle, and most of the crowd stayed until the wee hours of the morning to board their favorite rides.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS HONORED

The California State University honored Berenecea Johnson Eanes, CSUF’s vice president for student affairs, with the 2018 Wang Family Excellence Award for Outstanding Staff Performance at its Jan. 30 Board of Trustees meeting.

The annual award celebrates four faculty and one staff member for outstanding commitment to student achievement and significant contributions in their fields.

Eanes, who joined Cal State Fullerton in 2012, has achieved transformative results in her role as vice president for the Division of Student Affairs and as a member of the President’s Cabinet. Notably, she served as a key player in developing and implementing the university’s first-ever Strategic Plan from 2013-18, launched a number of campus initiatives to support success among a diverse population of more than 40,000 students, raised more than $14 million in support of students and student programs, and currently serves as co-chair of the Graduation Initiative 2025 task force to boost four-year graduation rates.