CSUF POSTS NEARLY $22.1 MILLION IN GIFTS

Cal State Fullerton raised nearly $22.1 million in fundraising commitments for fiscal year 2015-16. This represents the second highest fundraising year in the history of the University.

“Within every unit of University Advancement, we have achieved great success,” said Greg Saks, vice president for University Advancement. “I think this speaks to the reputation of the University, the hard work of our outstanding faculty, staff and students, and the recognition of the critical role that Cal State Fullerton plays in educating members of our community.”

In addition to these gift commitments, the campus also reached new all-time highs in donor participation that includes alumni, parents, and faculty and staff. At the same time, the Senior Class gift grew substantially this year, with almost 20 percent of graduating seniors making a donation back to their alma mater.

UNIVERSITY ADDS FOOD STUDIES MINOR

Students seeking careers in food tourism, health and geography have a new minor to consider. Cal State Fullerton has added food studies to its list of minors this semester.

The food studies minor was created with existing courses from departments within the colleges of Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Human Development and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Faculty members from all three colleges are teaching in and overseeing the program.
$5.8 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT HELPS RAISE THE BAR IN STEM EDUCATION

Cal State Fullerton has been awarded a five-year $5.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a project partnering with eight regional community colleges to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income transfer students who complete bachelor’s degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and enter careers in these fields.

CSUF is partnering with Citrus, Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, Mt. San Antonio, Orange Coast, Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon community colleges for the “Regional Alliance in STEM Education: Raising the Bar in Transfer, Retention and Graduation Rates,” called Project RAISE. CSUF is receiving about $1.2 million in first-year funding.

EPOCHS PROGRAM WINS “EXCELENCIA” AWARD

There is more to Cal State Fullerton’s EPOCHS program than increasing the number of Hispanic students who complete a graduate degree. It creates a community that provides support and guidance so that students — including those who are underrepresented and disadvantaged — can see their educational goals succeed.

In the six years since its inception, Enhancing Postbaccalaureate Opportunities at Cal State Fullerton for Hispanic Students, or EPOCHS, has increased the number of Hispanic graduate students from 691 to 1,091. It also has created a setting that empowers such students as they move forward in pursuing their advanced degrees.

In recognition of its achievements, EPOCHS has been recognized by Excelencia in Education!, a national initiative to systematically identify and promote evidenced-based programs and departments effectively boosting Latino enrollment, performance and education.

Did You Know?

- Cal State Fullerton was one of five CSU campuses recognized by Sierra magazine as some of the most environmentally sustainable colleges and universities in the U.S. Ranked among the top 200 “Coolest Schools,” the campuses were lauded for various sustainability initiatives including outreach campaigns, organic gardens, faculty research and energy-saving facilities.

- CSUF graduates earn 12 percent more than the national average, according to 2016-17 PayScale College Salary Report; median mid-career salary.