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MILTON A. GORDON HONORED: 'A MAN OF TOWERING ACHIEVEMENT'

Honoring one of the giants of Cal State Fullerton, hundreds of faculty, staff and students gathered for the dedication ceremony of Milton A. Gordon Hall. President Milton A. Gordon, the university's longest serving president with a 21-year tenure, shepherded the university's growth from 25,600 students to more than 36,000, and become one of the most diverse campuses in the 23-campus CSU. Nearly half of Cal State Fullerton's 290,300 alumni graduated under his leadership.

Gordon's administration launched President's Scholars, a merit-based program, and the Guardian Scholars, a first-of-its-kind program serving foster youth. To inspire students in these programs, the President Milton A. Gordon and Dr. Margaret Faulwell Gordon Endowed Scholarship was established. The scholarship will provide support to both the President's Scholars and Guardian Scholars programs, with special preference given to students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and education. (Gordon earned his Ph.D. in mathematics and taught for a number of years.)

To support this scholarship, contact Katie McGill at kmcgill@fullerton.edu. If you would like to include this program in your estate plans, contact Hart Roussel at hroussel@fullerton.edu.



ENTERING THE WORLD OF 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST'

The 1991 screenplay for "Beauty and the Beast" may have been based on the French fairy tale, but 1979 alumna Linda Woolverton made the characters her own. Woolverton is the first woman to write an animated feature for Disney, and the film is the first animated feature nominated for Best Picture at the Academy Awards. Woolverton visited campus recently to speak with cast members of the university's fall production of the play.

Pointing to Belle's character, she explained, "I wasn't going to do the same old, same old. I created a new Disney heroine who read, wanted adventure. We're invested in her ... we believe this girl. She's a girl who can stand on her own, and does."

Woolverton also pointed to the pivotal moment for the Beast, who she described as growing up, becoming a man. The changeover begins, she explained, when the Beast gets hurt: "It's adorable and real."

Woolverton wrote the Broadway play and was nominated for a Tony Award and won an Olivier Award.

2019 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED

The eighth class of the Cal State Fullerton Athletics Hall of Fame was inducted Nov. 1. The 1984 football team, Bobby Brown (men's basketball, 2004-07), John Fishel (baseball, 1982-85), Brittany Moore (volleyball, 2005-08), Heizaburo Okawa (fencing coach, 1980-2006) and Dick Wolfe (gymnastics coach, 1961-91) make up the prestigious class.



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Did You Know?

CSUF RECEIVES NEARLY \$11.2 MILLION

During the first fiscal quarter of the academic year, CSUF garnered nearly \$11.2 million in awards, grants and contracts. This funding supports education and research in such areas as manta rays, electron scattering and emerging datasets for agriculture, as well as programs that encourage study in social work, allied health care and STEM fields.