



## FRAM VIRJEE APPOINTED PERMANENT PRESIDENT OF CAL STATE FULLERTON

On March 20, 2019, The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees appointed Framroze “Fram” Virjee to serve as president of California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). Virjee has been serving as campus president under a term appointment since January 2018 and will assume the permanent presidency immediately.

Virjee becomes the sixth permanent president of CSUF. He succeeds Mildred García who was appointed president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in November, 2017. Virjee was subsequently appointed by CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White to serve as president of CSUF until the next president was appointed by the Board of Trustees, and he has served in that capacity since García’s departure.

“Over the last 15 months, our faculty, staff, and students managed to build upon the incredible momentum achieved long before my arrival; further personify our family motto, Titans Reach Higher; and elevate our stature as a University of Significance in the region, state, and nation — all with a rookie president at the helm,” said Virjee. “Joining, learning from, and succeeding with this incredible Titan Family has been the greatest honor of my life, not to mention the most fun I have ever had, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to continue our collective work, and to chart the path forward for Cal State Fullerton.

“With the overwhelming support of the Titan Family, together, we aim to see CSUF become a system, state and national beacon for equitable access to academic excellence where diversity — in all of its forms — leads to transformation of self and society.”

## Grand Central Art Center Celebrates 20 Years of Creative Exploration

It’s been 20 years since CSUF partnered with the city of Santa Ana to create a dedicated space where art, education and community could converge.

Recently recognized by Santa Ana for its “Spirit of Collaboration in the Arts Community,” Grand Central Art Center is “a space where

the community has been invited to explore possibilities for the creative process and creation,” says John Spiak, director and chief curator, who joined the center in 2012.

Over the past 20 years, scores of art graduate students have enjoyed studio, living and exhibition space at the center, while residency projects and collaborations with artists such as Cog•Nate Collective have resulted in a flurry of artistic and cultural expression in the heart of Santa Ana. Since 2014, the center has received two grants from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts in support of its artist-in-residence program.



## University Honors Visionary Alumni

Five Titan alumni and an honorary alumnus were recently recognized for their service and support of the university during Cal State Fullerton’s annual Vision & Visionaries dinner and celebration at El Dorado Ranch. Established in 1994, the Vision & Visionaries awards are the highest honors that the university bestows on alumni and community supporters.

This year’s honorees are:

- **Stephen Knott**, chairman of the board, Knott’s Berry Farm (retired) *Honorary Alumnus Award*
- **Patrick S. Donahue** ’78 (B.A. business administration-marketing), chairman and chief executive officer, Donahue Schriber *Distinguished Alumnus Award*
- **Laurie Haack** ’79, ’06 (B.S. computer science, M.S. software engineering), Battlefield Radar SW Section manager in Integrated Defense Systems (IDS), Raytheon *Distinguished Alumna Award*
- **Elizabeth Macias** ’95 (B.A. psychology and ethnic studies), superior court judge, County of Orange *Distinguished Alumna Award*
- **Scott O’Brien** ’77 (B.A. business administration-marketing), president, The Safariland Group *Distinguished Alumnus Award*
- **Joaquin Valdepeñas** ’78 (B.M. music performance), principal clarinetist, Toronto Symphony Orchestra *Distinguished Alumnus Award*

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## Partnership Benefits Fullerton Students Seeking College Degree

Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton College and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District have established The Fullerton Education Partnership to create supportive pathways for local Fullerton students to achieve higher education, including a four-year degree at CSUF.

The agreement was formalized on campus during a recent signing ceremony attended by administrators and faculty from the three partner organizations; the North Orange County Community College District; and roughly 100 student leaders from the district's seven high schools.

The Fullerton Educational Partnership aims to establish a pipeline of students, increase college-going and transfer rates, increase the number of CSUF-eligible students, expedite the time it takes to complete a degree, and serve first-generation and low-income students.



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