



A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Jewel Plummer Cobb, the third president of California State University, Fullerton, died Jan. 1 at the age of 92. The first African-American woman to lead a major university west of the Mississippi, Cobb served as CSUF president from October 1981 to August 1990.

"The quality of the classroom is our overriding concern," Cobb said during her final convocation address as CSUF president in September 1989. "Instruction is the cornerstone of what we do at Cal State Fullerton."

Her presidency was notable for her success in obtaining funds for the construction of several new buildings on the campus. She also obtained state bond funding for the construction of the first on-campus student residence halls that, today, bear her name. The fact that students of all ethnicities are residents was a source of pride to Cobb, who had lived in segregated dorms when she first entered college.

Cobb established schools for communications, and engineering and computer science, opened a satellite campus in Mission Viejo, established a university endowment fund, and actively promoted science education among minorities and women. She enhanced existing programs for disadvantaged students, such as the President's Opportunity Scholars program, and supported the establishment of a minor in women's studies.

Donations can be made to the Jewel Plummer Cobb Scholarship Endowment at giving.fullerton.edu



A MODEL MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

With a growing demand for midwifery services as well as initiatives to improve newborn outcomes and reduce the number of cesarean-section deliveries in the United States, Cal State Fullerton is one of three universities in the state — and one of approximately 40 nationally — leading the charge to prepare nurse-midwives for the workforce.

A nurse-midwife is a primary care professional who independently can manage the prenatal care, delivery, birth, postpartum or after-care, and newborn care during the first month of life. Nurse-midwives also provide care to women from adolescence to menopause and can prescribe medications.

Each year, Cal State Fullerton's graduate-level nurse-midwifery program receives 40 to 50 applications from prospective students for its 12 to 15 slots.

"CSUF has a highly competitive program," said Ruth Mielke, associate professor of nursing who



coordinates the nationally-ranked women's health care concentration. "Our students are high achievers. A lot of them come with quite a bit of life experience and really have a passion to make birth better and women's care better in the United States."



TITAN CENTER OFFERS 'DREAMERS' SUPPORT, MENTORSHIP AND UNITY

The California Dream Act made it possible for undocumented students to attend college. But it's not until many of them walk through the door of the Titan Dreamers Resource Center that they feel a sense of belonging. Henoc Preciado, the center's founding coordinator, has worked to create a "safe space" for undocumented students since the center's opening more than two years ago.

"I'll never be able to put into words the challenges and obstacles these students face," Preciado said as a crowd of students gathered inside the center. "These are students who have been told repeatedly by teachers, the government, family and friends that they could not attain a college education. But they persevered, and here they are, working hard to graduate from college."

As many as 75 students visit the center on the second floor of Pollak Library on any given day; they come for study, fellowship and friendship. They also seek information, often about state and national immigration policies and legislation that may affect their ability to remain in the U.S.

The center — the first in the California State University system — and its staff remain committed to supporting undocumented students in reaching their educational goals, said Preciado.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Staying connected to Cal State Fullerton has never been easier. Three new, free apps deliver information about the campus community to mobile devices. Each app — one for parents and families, another for friends and a third for alumni — offers calendars, campus news, event information, directions, giving opportunities, tours, dining options and more.

Visit the Apple and Google app stores to download them.



STUDY OF EXTINCT SEABIRDS REFLECTS CLIMATE CHANGE IN OC, CALIFORNIA

A CSUF alumnus' master's thesis, which focuses on more than 500 seabird fossils to see how this species changed in response to climate change, has been published in *Palaeogeography*, *Palaeoclimatology*, *Palaeoecology*, an international peer reviewed journal.

Geology graduate Peter Kloess studied over 500 seabird fossils from across the state, including 242 fossil seabirds from Orange County, mostly specimens housed at the John D. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center.

"By studying seabird fossils from around California, we were able to observe the effects of changing climate on past seabird communities along the coast," said Kloess, who conducted the study for his master's thesis, under the mentorship of James Parham, assistant professor of geological sciences.

"This study shows how animal groups change through time in response to climate and can help to predict the impact of future climate change on them."



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Did You Know?



- Anthony Sparks, assistant professor of cinema and television arts, received three 2017 NAACP Image Award nominations: Outstanding Drama Series ("Queen Sugar"), Outstanding Writing on a Dramatic Series ("Queen Sugar" episode titled "By Any Chance"), and for Outstanding Instructional Literary Work - for "Running the Long Race in Gifted Education: Narratives and Interviews from Culturally Diverse Gifted Adults," which he coauthored with Joy M. Scott-Carrol.
- More than \$5.7 million in grants were awarded to CSUF during the last three months of 2016.

IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS:

- Men's programs are NCAA Division I baseball (2004, 1995, 1984 and 1979 national championships), basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and track and field.
- Division I women's sports are basketball, cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track and field, soccer, softball (1986 national championship), tennis and volleyball.