

TITAN REPORT



Number One in California for Degrees to Underrepresented Students

CSUF ranks first in California and second in the nation for awarding bachelor's degrees to underrepresented students in all disciplines, according to the Dec. 26 issue of *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. The campus is second in the nation for undergraduate degrees awarded to Hispanic students in all disciplines. The publication's ranking was based on a 68 percent increase in the number of degrees awarded from 2016-17 and recorded in 2017-18 preliminary data figures collected by the U.S. Department of Education.

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BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY COURSE INVESTIGATES THE FUTURE OF MONEY

Cryptocurrency — a form of digital currency — will transform money and payments as we know it, predicts Cal State Fullerton cybersecurity expert Mikhail Gofman, associate professor of computer science. The College of Engineering and Computer Science is offering a course to prepare students in this technological field. The undergraduate course, “Blockchain Technologies,” will be offered as a pilot in the spring semester and as a regular course beginning in fall 2020. “Equipping students with the knowledge about blockchain technologies will give them a competitive edge to landing well-paid job positions,” said Wenlin Han, assistant professor of computer science, who will teach the course.

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CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS: FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCHERS SEEK SOLUTIONS

Rising sea levels, devastating droughts, hurricanes and wildfires, and increased amounts of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are proof that the Earth's climate is changing. Cal State Fullerton science faculty and student researchers are immersed in studies — impacts to land, sea and air— on climate change.

“The climate change we're experiencing today has been caused, at least in part, by humans,” said Joe Carlin, assistant professor of geological science. Research like ours is important to establish a baseline for natural climate change that was not caused by humans, then we can compare it to climate change today — and ultimately, pinpoint the impact by humans, and how we may fix this situation.”

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Campus Prepares to Launch First Fundraising Campaign

Cal State Fullerton will officially launch its comprehensive fundraising campaign, this Spring. The investment focus areas are Academic Innovation, Student Empowerment, Campus Transformation, and Community Enrichment. According to CSUF President Fram Virjee, “‘It Takes a Titan’ has many poignant interpretations, but none more important than the idea that this aspiration will indeed take the entire Titan family — faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners — to achieve.”

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The Bergstrom family has donated about \$200,000 in support of student success including gifts to the College of Communications Student Success Center, Cinema and Television Arts Scholarships, Speech and Hearing Clinic, and Titan Athletics. The Bergstroms recently pledged a gift of \$40,000 over five years to create the Adopt-A-Titan scholarship program to support students across campus with tuition and educational expenses throughout their years at CSUF.

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