

Titans Welcome President Framroze Virjee

Framroze (Fram) Virjee has been named president of California State University, Fullerton, effective Jan. 1, 2018, for a term appointment through June 2019.

Virjee succeeds outgoing President Mildred García, who was recently appointed to serve as the next president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Since January 2014, Virjee has served as the California State University's executive vice chancellor, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees. Virjee and his staff oversee all legal services for the 23-campus CSU in areas as varied as human resources, First Amendment rights, intellectual property, regulatory compliance, health and safety, discrimination, Title IX and gender equity, and academic and student affairs.

"Cal State Fullerton is regionally powerful, and its nationally renowned diversity is woven throughout its fabric — from its student body, faculty and staff to the wide range of its academic offerings," said Virjee. "I am very excited to be part of such a well-respected and recognized university. I look forward to working with all members of the Cal State Fullerton community to further the campuswide culture of innovation that leads to more than 40,000 students having an opportunity to earn a Titan education."

VISION & VISIONARIES HONORS PRESIDENT GARCÍA, DISTINGUISHED SUPPORTERS

It was an evening to honor those who have supported Cal State Fullerton throughout the years, as well as pay tribute to former President Mildred García as she prepares to take on a new role as president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.

In celebration of the University's 60th Anniversary, this year's Vision & Visionaries Reunion Celebration brought back previous award recipients. And, of course, much of the evening's attention was focused on García.

Silas Abrego, a member of the California State University Board of Trustees and CSUF vice president emeritus for student affairs, presented the Visionary Award to President García on behalf of the chancellor, the CSU Board of Trustees and Cal State Fullerton.

"At the helm of this great University, I see a passionate and dynamic leader," he said. "During her six-year tenure, Millie championed comprehensive educational opportunities for all students. She fostered a diverse and inclusive campus community ... creating a learning environment where students can thrive and achieve their goal of a college degree.

"Her passion and drive have led the University to new heights. Her impact on this great University has positioned Cal State Fullerton to see another 60 years of groundbreaking success."



HOMECOMING: WINTER FESTIVAL CELEBRATES UNIVERSITY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Snow, ice skating, reunion tents, food, games and more greeted thousands of attendees at Homecoming 2017.

In Decades Village, attendees played iconic games, and visited a "winter wonderland" featuring sledding and ice skate skating. In the University Expo, participants checked out student cultural organizations, sports clubs, fraternities and sororities and college displays. Fight songs and peppy tunes were provided by CSUF music students to pump up the crowd, and alums enjoyed strolling the campus and seeing all the changes over the past six decades.

Capping off this special 60th anniversary event was a 86-58 win for the Titan men's basketball team against Cal Lutheran.

FACULTY, BUSINESS LEADERS RALLY TO PEN CSUF'S SECOND START-UP INCUBATOR

About 250 Orange and Los Angeles county business leaders and faculty members attended a recent open house to launch Cal State Fullerton's second Startup Incubator, this time on CSUF's Irvine Campus. The program offers students the opportunity to research and support the development of entrepreneurial companies in the region.

Poised to compete with startup services for hire in South Orange County, CSUF's incubator is different because it offers a student-centered model that expands the classroom into an immersive work experience proven successful at the University's Placentia incubator of two years, says John Bradley Jackson, director of the University's Center for Entrepreneurship, which oversees the incubators.

NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE WITH "PATIENTS"

Within CSUF's Nursing Simulation Lab, students have opportunities to provide treatment to simulators, but although simulators can help them understand the techniques of medical care, they don't necessarily help nursing students learn how to be empathetic, and express their concern and caring.

Last year, members of the campus Osher Lifelong Learning Institute were asked if they would be interested in volunteering as 'patients.' Nursing faculty came up with guidelines and strict scripts for each interaction. These scenarios offered students the chance to practice their diagnostic and assessment skills, based on information provided by OLLI members who were interested and quickly became involved. And it was wildly popular with the nursing students.

Earlier this year, faculty lecturers Barbara Doyer and Jane Williams received a \$124,513 Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development grant to fund and grow the effort.



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60th Anniversary Flashback:

FIRST BUILDINGS AND FUTURE DREAMS

When William B. Langsdorf looked over the land that had been selected as the home of Orange County State College, he looked beyond the lush green orange groves to what could be. The first year of operation was in six classrooms at Sunny Hills High School while plans were made for constructing a campus expected to serve as many as 15,000 by the 1970s and 20,000 full-time-equivalent students by 1983. In 1960, Langsdorf moved the fledgling campus's administrative staff to Mahr House, where his office was the former master bedroom. Today, Mahr House is now renamed the Golleher House, renovated through the generosity of alumnus George G. Golleher. It now serves as a center for alumni activities and some University events.