



## PRESIDENT GARCÍA JOINS PRESIDENT OBAMA IN SUPPORTING COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

Cal State Fullerton President Mildred García recently joined President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden for the White House College Opportunity Summit.

Thursday's D.C. summit brought together college and university presidents, business and nonprofit leaders, as well as others committed to supporting more college opportunities for students across the country.

"California State University, Fullerton is proud to be No. 1 in the state and fourth in the nation in awarding bachelor's degrees to Hispanics, as well as fourth in the nation in graduating students of color," said García, who serves on Obama's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. "I was honored to share this success on a national stage and eager to collaborate with colleagues from around the country in an effort to reach President Obama's 2020 goal."



## GROUNDWATER EXPERT LAUDED FOR INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

For 15 years, W. Richard Laton has been training geology majors about the importance of groundwater resources and stewardship – inspiring many to continue their training and become hydrogeologists.

Laton is being honored today by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) for his outstanding contributions to the industry and the organization. The associate professor of geological sciences has received more than \$2 million in research grants for projects related to water quality, use and management. He is currently developing a geological and hydrogeological conceptual model of the Malibu Valley Groundwater Basin. In addition, his students are researching the groundwater and geology of the campus, utilizing the research wells at the Fullerton Arboretum and on the northern portion of campus.



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## LYON FAMILY PLEDGES \$150,000 TO CENTER FOR ORAL AND PUBLIC HISTORY

The William Lyon Family has pledged \$150,000 over three years to support the Center for Oral and Public History's Renovation and Expansion Initiative. This gift will be part of the matching funds applied to COPH's National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant. The center's research area will be named "The William Lyon Family Reading Room."

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## KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL RECEIVES TITAN WELCOME

Cal State Fullerton President Mildred García welcomed Korean Consul General Hyun-myung Kim to campus Friday, Dec. 5, for a daylong visit that included a tour of campus and a meeting with the Titan baseball team.

The four-time national champion baseball team will represent the United States at the 2015 World University games in South Korea in July. The consul general was presented with his own Titan jersey by head coach Rick Vanderhook and Athletic Director Jim Donovan.

Consul General Kim gave a noon presentation to campus and community members titled "Making Waves and Friends With Cultural Diplomacy," focusing on how the Korean Wave's global influence is affecting the world beyond pop culture. A reception followed.



## MOOT COURT TEAM TRAVELS TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Seven Cal State Fullerton Moot Court teams and an additional team member participated in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's qualifying tournament. Two teams and two alternates are moving on to the national championship in January.

Moot court, otherwise known as mock Supreme Court, is a simulation of an appellate court proceeding, where participants argue the same hypothetical case. Coach Pamela Fiber-Ostrow, associate professor of political science, explained that students meet during bi-weekly class sessions and work through critical analyses of cases and laws. On weekends, they hold practice rounds with guest judges – Cal State Fullerton alumni and faculty, as well as lawyers and judges from the Superior Court. This year, two retired attorneys from the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute participated.

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## Did You Know?

- Cal State Fullerton received nearly 63,000 applications for admission in Fall 2015.
- Cal State Fullerton has more than 2,000 full- and part-time faculty, and almost 1,900 full- and part-time staff.
- In addition to the 236-acre main campus in Fullerton, the University operates the CSUF Irvine Campus near the Irvine Spectrum that offers mostly upper-division and graduate-level courses in a convenient location for students who live and work in southern Orange County. Other campus satellites include the Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana, Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary in Modjeska Canyon and CSUF Garden Grove Center.
- The Fullerton Arboretum, developed in cooperation with the city of Fullerton, is located at the northeast corner corner of campus and is open to the public. Heritage House, built in 1894 and moved to the 26-acre preserve in 1972, is a historical museum. A visitor and conference center includes a museum devoted to the agricultural history of Orange County and the contributions of Japanese-Americans.