



BETTER TOGETHER: CALIFORNIA TEACHERS SUMMIT

Cal State Fullerton has been selected to help lead an effort to bring 20,000 teachers to sites across California for one day of sharing teaching excellence and education innovation.

The July 31 “Better Together: California Teachers Summit” is supported by \$3.5 million in grants, including \$1.25 million to Cal State Fullerton, from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“Teachers will gather for a day of sharing, learning and networking to create a better future for California students,” said Claire C. Cavallaro, dean of the CSUF College of Education, who is leading the California State University effort for the first-of-its kind event.

The CSU, New Teacher Center and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities and its member institutions will co-host the free event at 33 sites across the state, including Cal State Fullerton and 20 other CSU sites. Highlights will include best practices in implementing California standards, national speakers and resources, information and materials to help teachers navigate changes and new opportunities in state teaching practices.

Cal State Fullerton’s Mark Ellis, professor of secondary education, and Hallie Yopp Slowik, professor of elementary and bilingual education, both experts in California’s rigorous new K-12 standards, are among educators planning the event.

“California is rich with exceptional teachers who engage in excellent practices. I’m delighted to be part of a grand-scale project that facilitates teachers learning from one another and promotes their collaboration. California’s students will benefit,” said Yopp Slowik, recipient of CSUF’s 2001 Outstanding Professor Award and 2002 CSU Wang Family Excellence Award.

For more information and registration, visit online: cateachersummit.com.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EXPLORE ENGINEERING IN SUMMER PROGRAM



Cal State Fullerton, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University, is offering a month-long college-level engineering program this summer for high school students.

More than 60 students from Southern California and across the U.S., as well as international students, plan to attend. This program has been offered on the campus since 2006.

GREAT PACIFIC FLYWAY EXHIBIT AT FULLERTON ARBORETUM

A multidisciplinary art installation that explores the Great Pacific Flyway, one of the four major migratory bird routes in North America, is now open at the Fullerton Arboretum through July 26.

“Instinct Extinct: The Great Pacific Flyway” is designed to share and translate the Pacific Flyway through an interactive, intermedia environment. Visitors can explore the experience of being with migratory birds and other species viewed through a range of lenses: wildlife habitat, agricultural backdrop, recreational commons, conservation, as well as inspirational phenomena for artists, writers and others. The exhibit is free and open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in the Arboretum’s Orange County Agricultural & Nikkei Heritage Museum.



TUCKER HOSTS SUMMER ART FAIR

Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary will host its sixth annual “SummerFest” art fair June 27-28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 a person (cash only); children under 5 are free.

More than 40 arts and crafts vendors with items available for purchase will be at the two-day fair. In addition, presentations from Wolf Totem Ambassadors, featuring live wolves, and Reptile Rescue Orange County, will be offered. Wine tasting and barbecue meals available for purchase (\$3-\$8 cash only).

Proceeds from the annual event benefit Tucker’s outdoor education program at the sanctuary, which is owned and operated by Cal State Fullerton and its College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 29322 Modjeska Canyon Road, in Silverado. Event visitors may park in the lot on the corner of Santiago and Modjeska canyon roads and board a shuttle bus to Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary.

For more information, visit tuckerwildlife.org.



CAMPUS RESPONDS TO CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

Cal State Fullerton will be going brown — briefly — in response to the state's current drought conditions. The result is a whole lot less grass but a lot more drought-resistant groundcover.

State and city regulations call for the campus to reduce use by 28 percent, said Willem van der Pol, interim assistant vice president for facilities operations and management, "which means roughly 50 million gallons for CSUF."

The University believes it can achieve its target primarily through reductions in landscape irrigation. Since 2013, Facilities Operations has gradually been replacing lawns and planters with more drought-resistant and lower-maintenance plants.

Conversion of some spaces to xeriscapes is also underway, and the campus has introduced bioswales, a system that catches runoff water and allows it to percolate into the soil instead of storm drains and out to the ocean.

The campus is also looking for other ways to save water. Installation of low-flow aerators on sinks and other low-flow fixtures is ongoing and expected to contribute a three percent reduction in water use, van der Pol noted.



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Did You Know?



- The Mihaylo College of Business and Economics has been awarded a \$2.2 million U.S. Small Business Administration contract to continue to oversee the SBA's regional small-business development network for Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- For the third year in a row, Cal State Fullerton is again first in the state and has moved up to fifth in the nation for awarding bachelor's degree to Hispanic students, according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's Top 100 listing, published in its May 18 issue.
- Sixteen Cal State Fullerton alumni are sharing their time and expertise in countries around the world as Peace Corps volunteers — making Cal State Fullerton eighth in the top 10 of top volunteer-producing Hispanic-Serving Institutions nationally. Historically, 370 Titans, including faculty and staff members, have served with the international service organization established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy.