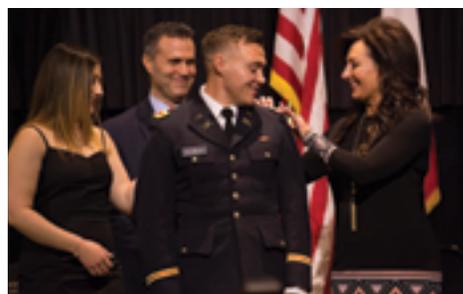


President Connects With Community Leaders in Santa Ana

President Fram Virjee recently spent a day getting to know civic and community leaders in Santa Ana. For many decades, Cal State Fullerton has collaborated with multiple community, educational and business groups in the city. Most notably, the Santa Ana Artist's Village was created around Cal State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center. Virjee met with Santa Ana's city manager, business and nonprofit leaders, developers, educators, Chamber of Commerce members, Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do, civic leaders, and central Orange County elected officials.

"We are proud of our broader outreach in the region, including Santa Ana, where we have had decades of engagement," said Virjee. "The university is committed to being a good neighbor and citizen within Santa Ana and Orange County."



ROTC CADETS COMMISSIONED

It was a day to remember for 18 ROTC cadets who were commissioned as second lieutenants before family, friends and campus members. The officers, who completed their bachelor's degrees from Cal State Fullerton or other local universities, will soon begin a year of officer training at military bases throughout the U.S. prior to deployment.

"You have not pursued an easy path," said Laurie Roades, dean of the College of Health and Human Development, to the cadets. "Thank you for your commitment and leadership. You will always be a part of our ROTC family and I hope you always see Cal State Fullerton as your home."

KINESIOLOGY MAJORS DEVELOP FITNESS TRAINING FOR LA COUNTY SHERIFFS

An opportunity to expand their learning experience beyond the classroom has landed Cal State Fullerton students on the training field with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department custody (detention) assistant and deputy sheriff recruits. The collaboration, now more than a year old, has benefited more than 30 kinesiology majors.

"The original inquiry was to check to see if physical fitness training was an issue with recruits being injured in the field," explains Robert Lockie, assistant professor of kinesiology and an athletic performance researcher whose doctorate is in biomechanics, strength and conditioning.

"The field work has given students plenty of hands-on practice and a wide range of experiences — operating in different scenarios, making quick decisions and even role playing to understand recruits' motivations and reactions to the training."



MARC SCHOLARS TRAVEL FOR SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, seven Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) scholars will be trading their summer vacations for laboratories and research. It's well worth it, they say, as it moves them closer to an advanced degree and a career in scientific exploration.

Cal State Fullerton's 22-year-old program pairs students with the university's top research faculty, who provide guidance and support in conducting research, as well as workshops and seminars about how to compete and succeed in getting into competitive Ph.D. programs. Scholars receive stipends that help fund their scholarly activities, such as travel to professional conferences where they become comfortable presenting their research.

RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR TITAN ATHLETICS

After having one of the most successful years in school history, Cal State Fullerton claimed the Big West Commissioner's Cup for the first time in school history. The honor is awarded to the institution with the highest average point total following the 18 conference sport seasons.

Fullerton won spring season titles in baseball, softball and men's track and field, while also tying for second in women's tennis. Those results came on the heels of a division crown in men's soccer, and a pair of top three finishes in cross country. Men's basketball won the Big West Tournament and advanced to March Madness first round.

The men's track and field team won the Big West title for the second straight year and for the second time in program history at CSUF.

Softball clinched the Big West Conference title for the third year in a row and advanced to the NCAA Los Angeles Regional Final.

Also, on the diamond, the baseball team earned its 30th conference title in program history and qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the 27th straight year. The team then went on to win the Regional Championship and advanced to its 14th Super Regional. The players gave their all, including a late-inning rally in game three of the Super Regional, but the University of Washington held on to win, 6-5, to advance to the College World Series.



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Did You Know?

Of the 40,439 students enrolled at CSUF last year, 57 percent were female. Also, the average age of a Cal State Fullerton student was 23 years old.

The ethnic distribution of students last year (*based on fall 2017 figures*) was: American Indian .1%, Asian 20.5%, Black 2%, Hispanic 40.8%, Multiple Race Non-Hispanic 4.2%, Pacific Islander .2%, White 20.4%, International 7.8%, Unknown 4.1%. (*Percentages total 100.1 due to rounding.*)