



CSUF CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT 2016

More than 10,500 Titans were eligible to participate in Cal State Fullerton's commencement ceremonies the weekend of May 21-22. About 60,000 graduates, family members and friends were present at the annual event.

Famed soprano and CSUF alumna Deborah Voigt gave the keynote address at the Saturday, May 21, celebration; and Univision anchor María Elena Salinas provided the keynote address at the Sunday, May 22, ceremony. Both speakers received honorary doctorates from the University.

The Friday before the commencement weekend, the annual Honors and Scholars Awards program to recognize student achievement was held. Earlier that day, an ROTC Commissioning Ceremony was held as was the Friday evening Teacher Credential Ceremony.



ECONOMISTS BELIEVE ECONOMY WILL GROW 'SLOW AND STEADY'

While it may not be clear sailing for the economy in 2016, a number of factors will keep the economy growing and avoid a recession, according to Cal State Fullerton economists Anil Puri and Mira Farka. On April 28 they presented CSUF's Midyear Economic Forecast, "Winter Blues or Turning Point?"

The recovery has been slow and to some extent, painful. And yet, the fact that it has been so sluggish may actually extend its life, say the two economists, who gave a measured positive forecast for the rest of 2016.

Puri called Orange County's job growth "very impressive," noting that OC's employment increased by 3.2 percent in 2015 and is expected to grow by 3.1 percent in 2016. The same applies to other Southland counties.



ENSURING EQUITY IN EDUCATION

Ensuring equity in education, looking at a Hispanic education legacy and discussing the landmark civil rights case that led to ending racial segregation in the nation's schools were among the topics addressed at the spring 2016 meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

Cal State Fullerton President Mildred García, a member of the commission, welcomed other commissioners and the general public at the start of the day's session. She noted that Cal State Fullerton is number one in California and fifth in the nation in baccalaureate degrees awarded to Hispanics.



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER FEATURED AT SPRING FORUM

Arnold Schwarzenegger, former governor of California, participated in a moderated discussion, focusing on insurance industry trends, at the 2016 Spring Forum, sponsored by the Center for Insurance Studies in the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. The event raised more than \$100,000 for an endowment supporting students enrolled in courses through the Center for Insurance Studies.



ROTC OBSTACLE COURSE OPENS TO TRAIN FUTURE MILITARY LEADERS

Cal State Fullerton's Army ROTC cadets now have an obstacle course of their own to challenge them physically and mentally on their path to future military careers.

The Roy Lopez Army ROTC Obstacle Course opened April 22 with a celebration attended by cadets, ROTC and campus leaders, retired military officers and veterans, and community supporters.

"Once the ceremonial ribbon is cut, our ROTC program becomes one of only a handful of programs in California that can boast a military-grade obstacle course in its backyard," said Shari McMahan, deputy provost. "This course raises the prestige of our program and our entire University, and affirms Cal State Fullerton's commitment to the men and women in uniform and all students who aspire to serve their country."



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Did You Know?

Student Statistics for Commencement 2016

■ Numbers of graduates and candidates for graduation:

Bachelor's 8,444
Master's 2,005
Doctorate 62
Total: 10,511

■ Gender:

Female 5,975
Male 4,536

■ Ethnicity:

American Indian 22
Black 250
Hispanic 3,361
Asian/Pacific Islander 2,077
White 2,788
Unknown 619
International 1,027
Multiple Race Non-Hispanic .. 370

■ College and type of degree:

- Arts (bachelor's/465, master's/47)
- Communications (bachelor's/1,140, master's/72)
- Health and Human Development (bachelor's/1,888, master's/342, doctorate/26)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (bachelor's/1,913, master's/333)
- Mihaylo College of Business and Economics (bachelor's/2,217, master's/231)
- Education (master's/248, doctorate/36)
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics (bachelor's/407, master's/87)
- Engineering and Computer Science (bachelor's/414, master's/645)