



## Congrats Class of 2017!

Nearly 11,000 CSUF graduates and candidates for graduation celebrated their milestone achievement at Cal State Fullerton's commencement ceremonies May 20-21. Supported by family and friends, crowds swelled to about 70,000 over the two days.

CSUF President Mildred García welcomed the Class of 2017 and two Cal State Fullerton alumni, recognized in their respective fields, returned to their alma mater as Commencement 2017's keynote speakers. Binod Tiwari, professor of civil engineering and the University's 2016-17 Outstanding Professor Award honoree, served as faculty marshal.

On Saturday, screenwriter, playwright and novelist Linda Woolverton '79, (M.A. theatre arts), who gained fame for such screenplays as "Beauty and the Beast," delivered the keynote, and on Sunday, Bill Ruh '83, '84, (B.S., M.S. computer science), chief executive officer of GE Digital, addressed the graduates.



## UNIVERSITY MOURNS DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT MILTON GORDON

Cal State Fullerton's fourth president, Milton A. Gordon, who led the University into prominence as one of the nation's most inclusive senior institutions of higher learning, died April 18, 2017. He was 81 years old.

A lifelong educator who began his career as an elementary school teacher, Gordon became president of Cal State Fullerton in August 1990 and served the University for more than two decades, during which he strengthened student recruitment and retention programs and formed new partnerships with public and private community entities.

"The impact of Dr. Gordon's leadership is now and will forever be felt at this University and in the lives and family legacies of the approximately 122,000 Titans — more than half of the University's total alumni — who graduated during his 22-year tenure as president," said President Mildred García, in a letter that was sent to the campus.

Gordon saw the institution grow from serving 25,600 students to more than 36,000 students and oversaw the increase in academic degree programs from 91 to 104, including the establishment of a doctorate in education program, one of the first in the 23-campus California State University system.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the President Emeritus Milton A. Gordon Memorial Fund (account #99079) online at: [giving.fullerton.edu/gordonfund](http://giving.fullerton.edu/gordonfund).





## STRONG SIGNS POINT TO A POSITIVE ECONOMIC RIDE

Cal State Fullerton economists Anil Puri and Mira Farka reported a brighter outlook for the economy for the rest of 2017 and into 2018 at

April's Mihaylo College Spring Economic Forecast, "Changing Drivers and Shifting Gears: Will the Expansion Continue?"

In the Spring Economic Forecast, the economists laid out their view for a continued expansion of the third-longest recovery since World War II. While there are still risks, overall, strong fundamentals, receding headwinds and a potential pro-growth agenda from Washington should propel the economy forward.

Puri outlined the strong labor market with a low unemployment rate, increasing full-time employment, higher disposable income and improving wages. While Congress and the new administration have a long 'to-do' list and much hinges on their delivery, the economy should continue to grow based on robust consumer spending and improved business outlook.

## EXPANDING THE REALM OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

For a group of business majors, the May 5 visit to Janus Capital in Newport Beach was an exciting part of their work in the Applied Security Analysis Program (ASAP).

ASAP is a program in which students manage approximately \$1.3 million in University funds: 60 percent in stocks and 40 percent in bonds. The program has grown, as has the annual amount it distributes in support of University.

"Being able to gain real life, practical experience outside of the classroom and normal textbooks, has really put ASAP students ahead," says Derek M. Ventura, one of the students who took part in the Janus visit, in which students presented their investment philosophy and process and described the results they had achieved for the fiscal year.



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## Did You Know?

- More than 11,000 Titans — graduates and candidates for graduation — were eligible to participate in the 2017 commencement ceremonies.
- A variety of cultural recognition events were scheduled prior to commencement. These include ceremonies for students who identify as Asian Pacific Islander Desi American, Pan-African, Pilipino American, Chicano/Latino and Native American, and LGBTQ. Additional ceremonies are held for those receiving academic honors, veterans, DACA students, Presidential Scholars and Guardian Scholars (former foster youth), and more.
- During commencement weekend, ROTC students were commissioned, nursing graduates were "pinned," and teacher candidates participated in a teacher credential ceremony.

