



CSU CHANCELLOR TIMOTHY WHITE VISITS CSUF CAMPUS

CSU Chancellor Timothy White met with faculty, staff and students on Feb. 16, during a campus visit to learn more about some of the accomplishments and programs offered at Cal State Fullerton. It was White's fifth visit to campus during his more than three years as chancellor of the 23-campus system.

During his daylong visit, he met with members of the student success team at the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, attended meetings with the Academic Senate Executive Committee and Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors, and spent time with Sora Tanjasiri, professor of health science and recipient of both the CSU's Wang Family Excellence Award and CSUF Outstanding Professor Award. White also visited the Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Center before concluding his day at CSUF's Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana.

ALUMNUS KEVIN COSTNER HEADLINES TITAN BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

In late January, more than 700 Titan baseball fans gathered to hear CSUF alum and award-winning actor/director Kevin Costner headline the 10th annual Dinner With the Titans fundraiser. The event, held at the Irvine Marriott, raised more than \$160,000 for Titan baseball.

Costner has returned to campus several times, often meeting with students and athletes. The actor, who has starred in multiple baseball films, including "Bull Durham," "For the Love of the Game" and "Field of Dreams," has joined Titans during exhibition games and given pre-game pep talks during College World Series appearances.

"I was so moved when [current coach] Rick Vanderhook asked me to speak here," he said. "What many people don't know is that the Titans have sent 59 players to the big leagues — about 12 of them are in this room now."

"And to the players who are here now, you were brought here for a reason — your character and your talent. Trust your talent. Trust your coaches. Trust that you'll get your chance."



STUDENTS AND ALUMS SHOW TITAN PRIDE AT HOMECOMING

Threatening weather could not dampen the enthusiasm of thousands of Cal State Fullerton alumni or students as they gathered recently to celebrate Homecoming.

Prior to the game, pitting Cal State Fullerton against UC Riverside, attendees enjoyed midway games, a rock wall, balloon art and face painting, and food catered by Pink's Hot Dogs. Students, alumni and friends of the University also enjoyed student performances, including Mexican dancing, martial arts demonstrations and more.

Although the Titans did not win the game, falling 81-71 to the Highlanders, fans cheered on the team and enjoyed a special performance by members of Cal State Fullerton's dance team that recently clinched their 15th national title.



CSUF AWARDED \$3 MILLION GRANT TO TRAIN STEM CELL SCIENTISTS

Cal State Fullerton has been awarded a \$3 million grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to continue its scholar program in stem cell research and regenerative medicine to train the next generation of young scientists.

"With this new grant, we will be able to provide excellent training and amazing opportunities to 50 more students over the next five years," said Nilay Patel, associate professor of biological science who directs CSUF's Bridges to Stem Cell Research program.

Past grants of \$2.96 million from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine funded the program's early years, beginning in 2010.



GREENING THE CAMPUS—AND STILL SAVING WATER

Cal State Fullerton is demonstrating that you can do your part to reduce water usage during the state's drought, without sacrificing aesthetics.

Last spring, after recognizing that the largest proportion of the campus's water was used for landscaping, Facilities Operations developed a drought plan that included allowing 11 acres of lawn — lawn that wasn't used for athletics or classroom use — to die and in November, the grass was removed.

Not watering those 11 acres — totaling more than 471,000 square feet — in addition to other efforts, helped the campus exceed the 28 percent water usage reduction goal mandated by the governor, said Megan Moscol, sustainability programs manager in Facilities Operations and Management.



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Did You Know?

- The Titan Dance Team Captured its 15th National Title at the 2016 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship in Florida.
 - Cal State Fullerton's CalStateTEACH program, which offers prospective teachers the opportunity to study and earn credential credits online, has won the coveted national Apple Distinguished Program Award for the third consecutive time.
 - Two graduate students have received fellowship awards from the Council on Social Work Education's Minority Fellowship Program.
 - Moot Court Teams Took Home National Tournament Prizes in January. Student teams placed in top 10 of mock Supreme Court competitions.
 - Cal State Fullerton has been elevated to "R-3" (research) status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, in recognition of the University's evolution from a master's-level comprehensive institution to one that awards doctorates.
- The R-3 designation is largely in response to the University's recent increase in the number of doctoral degrees awarded by our institution and driven by the work of the College of Education and the faculty of our Ed.D. programs. "Cal State Fullerton currently offers two doctoral programs: Ed.D. (education) and D.N.P. (doctor of nursing practice). Last year, 75 doctorates overall were awarded.