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PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO FIND THEIR PATH TO COLLEGE

Standing before hundreds of congregants at Christ Our Redeemer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Irvine Feb. 17, Cal State Fullerton President Fram Virjee shared that the university is ready to partner with youth to make sure they are prepared for and can afford college.

“On our campus, we are prepared to welcome and help you. We are proud of our record of supporting students,” said Virjee. “We continue to uphold this record with a demonstrated commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity. Why is that? It’s because CSUs and Cal State Fullerton are your campuses. They are owned and financed by your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. They are run and operated for you.

“You are not an impostor on a college campus, you are its future,” he continued. “You do not burden us with work, you lift us up with your potential. You do not lack the means to succeed. You have the tools and tenacity, the character and courage, the intelligence and the persistence.”

Each year, on what has been dubbed “Super Sunday,” the 23 campuses of the California State University send campus presidents, administrators and faculty to more than 100 predominantly African-American churches throughout the state.

World Series Champions Convene at Fundraiser

More than 400 former Titan greats and baseball fans attended the annual Dinner With the Titans, which featured alumnus José Mota, a Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim broadcaster and a member of the 1984 CSUF College World Series team.

More than 20 members from the 1979 and 1984 CSUF national championship teams were in attendance. The 1979 squad was the first Titan team to win a College World Series, edging out Arkansas in the championship game 2-1 under the late Augie Garrido.

The former major leaguer reflected on his time as a Titan, the many friendships he made as a student-athlete, the legacy of Cal State Fullerton baseball and the importance of a college education.

“Titans are ordinary people doing extraordinary things,” Mota said.

More than \$100,000 was raised at the event. Adding to the excitement of the evening, there was a formal announcement of two six-figure gifts from the Roger and Yvette Kotch and Bob and Michelle Kargenian families.



Feting City Managers, Council Leaders

Cal State Fullerton President Fram Virjee met with Orange County city managers and city council members Jan. 30 in El Dorado Ranch to emphasize the university’s commitment to the region and its role in preparing the next generation of leaders in city administration.

Virjee also encouraged city leaders to become involved in this and other community-building programs and activities on campus. Mayors, council members and/or city managers from Fullerton, Irvine, Lake Forest, Placentia and Yorba Linda attended.

Additionally, as part of the university’s ongoing outreach efforts to the community, the Cal State Fullerton Irvine Center hosted the Orange County Veterans Legislative Breakfast Briefing. The purpose of the meeting was to gather representatives of veterans’ groups and staff from offices of elected officials to meet one another and focus on areas of concern to Orange County’s more than 130,000 veterans.

Dreaming of Change: DACA Student Attends State of the Union Address

Miriam Tellez, a sociology major who plans to graduate in May, recently had an experience she won't soon forget. Brought to the United States from Mexico when she was eight years old, Tellez is a Dreamer — one of thousands of undocumented residents who arrived in America as children. Last week, this Dreamer attended the State of the Union address, as the guest of U.S. Rep. Gil Cisneros (D-39th).

When she took her seat in the U.S. House of Representatives chamber, "I was truly awestruck. To sit there, among members of the governing body of the United States, was something I never dreamed could happen," she said. "However, I saw this as an opportunity to share and continue to live my experience as an undocumented and resilient immigrant."



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