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Orange County resident and businessman John Gregg and his Gregg Family Foundation generously donated the woolly mammoth fossil to CSUF for all to enjoy.

## Prehistoric Woolly Mammoth Skeleton Arrives on Campus

Tuffy's ice-age ancestor, a rare Siberian woolly mammoth fossil, arrived at Cal State Fullerton this fall and is on permanent display in the Titan Student Union. Orange County resident John Gregg and the Gregg Family Foundation donated the extinct giant mammoth skeleton to the University.

Most of the world's woolly mammoth population vanished about 10,000 years ago, with Asian elephants the closest living relative of the extinct beast. The prehistoric fossil is a perfect fit for CSUF because of the University's modern-day pachyderm mascot named Tuffy Titan, Gregg noted.

The fossil, which is almost fully intact, is estimated to be about 20,000 years old and was found about 15 years ago in a remote area of western Siberia, Russia. The skeleton, which is 11 feet tall at the shoulders and 24 feet in length from tusks to tail, is in a museum-type display in the Titan Student Union's Chapman Atrium, outside the Portola Pavilion.



## CSUF NAMED AMONG NATION'S MOST INNOVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

In its new rankings released this fall, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Cal State Fullerton among the nation's "most innovative" institutions.

The University is named 25th on the innovative listing based on a peer assessment survey in which college presidents, provosts and admissions deans were asked to nominate universities "that are making the most innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology or facilities."

Also in the new ranking, CSUF retains its position on the list of top "national universities" at 202 overall and moved up one to 109th among top public schools.

CSUF moved into the national universities category last year based on its elevation to an "R-3" institution (research status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education). The R-3 status is recognition of the University's evolution from a master's level comprehensive institution to one that awards doctorates.



## LOCAL CITY MANAGERS TO MENTOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS

Four graduate students have been named city management fellows. Lake Forest City Manager Debra Rose, Placentia City Manager Damien Arrula, Tustin City Manager Jeffrey Parker and San Juan Capistrano City Manager Ben Siegel are serving as mentors for the 2017-18 City Management Fellowship Program.

In addition to receiving mentorship from local government officials, this year's graduate fellows — Stephen Coffey, Ivan Flores, Jazmine Hooks and Ryan Ramos — each will benefit from a \$1,000 scholarship and one-year membership to the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, and have the opportunity to attend city management workshops and public administration conferences.

Now in its sixth year, the City Management Fellowship Program is a collaboration with the Orange County City Manager's Association, and is funded by corporate and individual donors.

## CAMPUS REACHES RECORD ENROLLMENT

Student enrollment reached a record high this year according to this fall's census, which shows that 40,439 individual students are enrolled at Cal State Fullerton compared with last year's figure of 40,235.

In addition, the campus received an all-time high number of applications for the fall semester, garnering 79,209 applications for admission from prospective students. Among first-time freshmen, the admit rate is now 42.5 percent.

Enrollment is up 7.8 percent at the Cal State Fullerton – Irvine Campus, demonstrating the University's commitment to reaching out to students who live or work in south Orange County. Total enrollment in Irvine is 4,038 and, of these students, 966 are new to Cal State Fullerton. Additionally, 404 CSUF students are only enrolled at that campus.

## GIFTS TO CSUF SURPASS \$21 MILLION

For the first time, Cal State Fullerton recorded back-to-back years of more than \$21 million in fundraising commitments, with over \$21.5 million for the fiscal year ending 2016-17.

The University also had the highest number of individual and alumni donors — yet another measure of CSUF's fundraising success.

"Cal State Fullerton's culture of supporting student progress extends to its philanthropic efforts, as students, alumni, faculty and staff are the everyday catalysts of our continued success," said Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement. "Our learning outcomes, improved graduation rates and stellar record of commitment to our students lay the foundation for our donors' belief in our investment-worthiness."

In addition, the CSUF endowment has grown by more than \$27 million over the last six years to \$61,233,989. This is primarily due to new donated funds to the pool, as well as market returns.



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### TRIBUTE TO THEATRE FOUNDER

In 1960, a young professor named James Young was hired to teach speech and drama, and organize what was to become the nationally acclaimed Department of Theatre and Dance. In those early years, there was no budget and the first University production was staged in parking lots with props that Young pilfered from front yards on trash day. Over the next 40 years, Young and his wife, Dottie, along with many others, transformed the fledgling program. Today, the 250-seat James D. Young Theatre is named in honor of his contributions and commitment to the College of the Arts.