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CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

About 4,000 friends and supporters of Cal State Fullerton gathered on the evening of Sept. 23 for the University's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee at Concert Under the Stars, raising over \$1.2 million for student scholarships and programs.

Guests enjoyed an evening of spirited music and dance presented by CSUF students and talented alums, including Tim Alexander '15, '17, Chris Chatman '09, Erin McNally '02, Ryan Nearhoff '07, Lauren Stevens '07, and Melanie Taylor '87.

The concert's diverse lineup included such tunes as "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," "With a Little Help From my Friends," "American Pie," "Good Vibrations," "You Should be Dancing" and "Y.M.C.A." The evening ended with a fireworks extravaganza.

"I want to thank all of you who have helped contribute to the success of Cal State Fullerton over its 60-year history," said President Mildred García. "We always say 'Titans Reach Higher' and all of you help us reach higher."



\$1.4 MILLION GRANT SUPPORTS RURAL NURSE TRAINING

A new partnership between Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing and Mountains Community Hospital and Rural Health Clinics will place nurse-midwife and women's health nurse practitioner trainees at a critical access point for communities near the San Bernardino Mountains.

The "Rural-Women of the Mountains Accessing New Services (Rural-WOMANS)" Project is being launched through a two-year federal grant expected to total \$1.4 million. Year-one funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is \$698,801.

The project is designed to expand women's health services and create a pipeline for nursing professionals to serve in rural communities.

"The rationale is that if a student has a positive clinical experience training in an underserved site, that student may be more likely to consider working in that site or a similar site after graduation," said Ruth Mielke, associate professor of nursing and women's health care concentration coordinator.



FIRST IN STATE, SECOND IN NATION

In recently released rankings, Cal State Fullerton has retained the distinction of being first in California and second in the nation for the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanic students, according to an analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education by *Hispanic Outlook in Education*.

In awarding degrees to Hispanic students by specific areas of study, the University is ranked:

- Sixth in business management/marketing
- Seventh in psychology
- Eighth in visual and performing arts
- Ninth in education
- Tenth in gender and group studies

The institution has also climbed to fifth in the nation and second in California for the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to underrepresented students overall in a similar analysis conducted by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.



KNEE-DEEP IN RESEARCH: KINESIOLOGY RESEARCHERS STUDY KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS AFTER INJURY

In Cal State Fullerton's biomechanics lab, kinesiology students are working to understand the development of and possible treatments for knee osteoarthritis — a degenerative condition in which the knee joint gradually wears away and makes it painful to perform everyday activities — following traumatic knee injuries.

One of the most common forms of knee trauma is an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury, with nearly 250,000 occurrences in the United States each year. Thirty to 50 percent of those who experience an ACL injury develop osteoarthritis in their knee joint within five to 10 years following reconstruction.

Mentored by assistant professor of kinesiology, Derek Pamukoff, students have collected data on 90 individuals with the aid of nine state-of-the-art cameras that allow the researchers to create and analyze three-dimensional representations of body movement and patterns.

According to Pamukoff, the students have helped propel the research forward, serving as co-investigators and presenting data as lead authors at national conferences. One such student, recent graduate Mike Vakula '15, '17 (*B.S., M.S. kinesiology*), will continue research on osteoarthritis prevention at Utah State University this fall.



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Did You Know?

60th Anniversary Flashback:

HERITAGE HOUSE HISTORY

In the early 1900s, the residence of Dr. George C. Clark and his wife, Edith, was the center of social activity in the growing community of Fullerton. Built in 1894, the Eastlake-style Victorian house was located at the corner of Amerige and Harvard (later named Lemon Street). It served not only as the Clark's home, but as doctor's office, pharmacy and hospital.

The Heritage House was moved to the Fullerton Arboretum in 1972. The historic landmark has been restored to its early splendor and is now a museum. It continues to serve as a center for a number of activities, including teas and Victorian holiday tours.