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## CONVOCATION 2017: HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE FUTURE

Before a packed audience, President Mildred García pointed to the University's many achievements, welcomed back "Founding Titans" (alumni, faculty and staff from CSUF's early years), introduced new faculty members, and concluded the Aug. 14 Convocation address by joining in a rousing, musical conclusion (a la "Hamilton").

García then focused on how the University is doing as it enters the final year of a five-year strategic plan, and how the campus is preparing for the next five-year plan that will be unveiled at next year's convocation.

CSUF's eight different colleges were hailed for their accomplishments as were the various divisions of the University.

Among the highlights was the promise that the University would develop CSUF's first academic master plan. Today, this collaborative undertaking has been completed.

"This plan will guide what we teach, who we teach, how we teach, who will do the teaching and how many will be taught. It will also be instrumental in the development of the new five-year strategic plan and the University's self-study and institutional report for the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Senior College and University Commission reaccreditation visit in fall 2019," García said.

## STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS

The 2017-18 Academic Year began mid-August when thousands of students arrived on campus. An enrollment of more than 40,000 is anticipated.



## A REMARKABLE JOURNEY: CSUF'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Convocation was also the official start of Cal State Fullerton's yearlong 60th anniversary celebration. In announcing the launch of the 60th anniversary, CSUF President Mildred García noted how "founding Titans" exhibited a "spirit of confidence" despite numerous challenges.

"It's a spirit that began when William Langsdorf, the first president, took one of the five founding faculty members, Miles McCarthy, atop a nearby hill, pointed out in the direction of the campus and exclaimed, 'There it is!' Of course, he was pointing at what was, quote, 'nothing but orange groves in every direction.' But given what I know about the Titan spirit, I don't believe that's what those two founding Titans truly saw that day. What they envisioned was the campus that stands here today."

During the year of celebration, various events and activities are being planned, including a special 60th Anniversary Concert Under the Stars. For more details, visit: [60.fullerton.edu](http://60.fullerton.edu).



## EDUCATORS SHARE STRATEGIES, LESSONS AT TEACHERS SUMMIT

Close to 1,000 teachers attended the July 28 Teachers Summit, held at Cal State Fullerton, where educators gathered to listen and learn from one another, including from education veterans like keynote speaker Jill Biden, wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, who shared valuable insights from her 30-year teaching career. Biden's talk was livestreamed to 35 host sites across the state, including CSUF, from Saint Mary's College of California near San Francisco.

CSUF hosted TED-style discussions on teacher-selected topics — from advice for student teachers to digital citizenship and new state science standards — and afternoon workshops presented by CSUF education faculty members and teachers from partner school districts.





## CSUF AGAIN EARNS TOP SPOT AS FORBES' #MYTOPCOLLEGE

Cal State Fullerton was named the top campus in the large school division in the national Forbes' 2017 #MyTopCollege social media competition. The campus also achieved the most social posts, finishing No. 1 overall in the nation.

This is the fourth year the University has won the competition. In 2014, the competition's inaugural year, CSUF was the top university in the nation. Last year, and in 2015, CSUF won the large-school division.

## CONCERT UNDER THE STARS: 60TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cal State Fullerton's Annual Concert Under the Stars, celebrating the University's 60th Anniversary, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 on the intramural field (north of Titan Gym). Gates open at 5 p.m. For more information, visit [fullerton.edu/concert](http://fullerton.edu/concert).



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## Did You Know?

- Just two years after the California Legislature approved the founding of what was then Orange County State College, the University's first president, William Langsdorf, began his tenure with a budget of \$139,000.
- With zero buildings on campus to work in, the only option was a run-down building at Fullerton High School that was condemned by fire inspectors. While students were banned from entering the building, the state granted exceptions for faculty and staff to march right in.