

# TITAN REPORT



## Two Programs Supporting Latinx Students Earn National Honors

Excelencia in Education, a national nonprofit focused on boosting Latinx student success, recognized two Cal State Fullerton programs that have positively impacted and accelerated Latinx student success in higher education.

Project upGRADS, which supports the academic achievement of Latinx and other underrepresented graduate students, was selected as one of 20 Examples of Excelencia finalists in the nation for 2022. According to Excelencia in Education, these programs go beyond merely enrolling students by providing personalized, timely and holistic support for students' educational journeys.

Excelencia in Education also named CSUF's *Ánimo: Latinx Counseling Emphasis* as one of 10 Programs to Watch in 2022. Launched in 2018, the program consists of five master's-level counseling courses that prepare graduates to provide bilingual and bicultural counseling for Latinx clients and families. The emphasis is one of two public master's programs in the U.S. accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Fewer than 10 master's, doctoral, public and private programs in the country provide bilingual or bicultural counselor training.

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## New 'Suite-Style' Housing Complex Opens for Fall Semester

Six hundred students moved into Cal State Fullerton's newest housing community this fall, bringing the total on-campus housing capacity to 2,200 students. The development is the first "suite-style" community and will complement some of the university's traditional residence halls and apartments.

In the new housing complex, students will live in a suite with seven other students. There are four double-occupancy rooms, two bathrooms and a small kitchenette. Each floor has five suites with active and study spaces. The building has three wings, and students will have access to the Gastronome and other services as well as residence hall parking.

"We broke ground for construction of this housing community in 2020," said Tonantzin Oseguera, vice president for student affairs. "We were in a pandemic and some wondered, 'Is this the right time to be doing this?' and as true Titans, we said, 'Yes, it is'...and we did it in style. We wanted to create a true community for all our students."

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Read the latest issue of Titan magazine at [titanmag.fullerton.edu](https://titanmag.fullerton.edu). The fall/winter 2022 issue features inspiring stories of three alumni who work behind the scenes of the world-famous Cirque du Soleil.



## Celebrating a Decade of Gravitational-Wave Discoveries

CSUF's Nicholas and Lee Begovich Center for Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy prepares students for advanced studies and careers in the field of gravitational-wave astronomy. In celebration of the center's 10th anniversary, a Sept. 30 scientific meeting focused on future gravitational-wave detection technology.

To boost the number of underrepresented students in the field, the university received a nearly \$1.2 million National Science Foundation grant to create a pathway for physics students to enter a doctoral program at one of three universities: Syracuse, Northwestern and Washington State.

CSUF researchers also are contributing to the development of Cosmic Explorer, a new ground-based observatory that will push gravitational-wave astronomy toward the edge of the observable universe.

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one who stands out for **greatness of achievement**



## New Species of Giant Fossil Turtle Discovered

Cal State Fullerton paleontologist James F. Parham and a team of collaborators have discovered a new giant species of freshwater turtle that lived among dinosaurs 83 million years ago.

Found in Alabama and just over 3 feet long with a thick shell, this fossil turtle is one of the largest freshwater turtles to ever live in North America.

"This new species may be related to snapping turtles or the freshwater relatives of larger sea turtles. But this turtle is big. In fact, it is the largest freshwater turtle from the Mesozoic era," said Parham, professor of geological sciences.

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