

TITAN REPORT



Ánimo Counseling Program Earns National Recognition

Excelencia in Education, a national nonprofit organization that champions Latinx success in higher education, recognized Cal State Fullerton's Ánimo: Latinx Counseling Emphasis as one of 19 Examples of Excelencia Finalists in the nation for 2023. The award highlights programs across the country that have demonstrated a commitment to accelerating Latinx student success.

Working to solve critical health equity gaps, CSUF launched the Ánimo emphasis in 2018 to provide counseling graduate students high-quality bilingual and bicultural clinical training that prepares them to work with Latinx and Spanish-speaking clients.

Excelencia in Education also recognized CSUF's Transfer, Adult Re-entry, Parenting and Pregnant Student Center as one of eight 2023 "Programs to Watch" for its dedication to supporting nontraditional students in accessing university resources and building a community.

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Titans Take on New Year

Cal State Fullerton welcomed more than 41,000 students during the fall semester, including 9,500 new Titans who completed in-person or virtual orientation this summer. During CSUF's annual move-in days, about 2,200 new and returning students moved into the residence halls.

First-year student, Liana Garcia, got settled in with the help of her family. Her father, Joe, shared, "It's amazing that we're here. We love this college. We love this campus. This is where she wanted to be, so we're really happy."

Among the new faces joining Cal State Fullerton this fall is Sylvia Alva, the university's new president. She is joined by 30 tenure-track faculty members whose research interests span such topics as sustainable art making, volcanology and the educational history of Deaf students.

Walking through campus this semester, Titans will notice significant renovations underway at the College of the Arts visual arts complex. Originally built in 1969, the complex is being redesigned and reimagined with new classrooms, offices, creative and gallery spaces, computer labs, and illustration and animation studios.

Parking and Transportation Services transitioned to license plate recognition for parking permit verification, and is no longer issuing physical permits for students. Faculty and staff permits will transition to paperless parking starting January 2024.

Finally, Titan Athletics invites the campus community to celebrate the long-awaited return of the Titan men's water polo team, which kicks off its inaugural season this fall.

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CSUF Records \$46.1 Million in Grants and Contracts

Cal State Fullerton secured \$46.1 million in grants and contracts during the 2022-23 fiscal year, the largest amount it has garnered in a single year to date and a 32% increase from the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Binod Tiwari, associate vice president for research and sponsored projects, shared that the largest increases in awarded projects this year were through State of California and local government sponsored projects.

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

University Philanthropic Board Names New Members

Business leaders and entrepreneurs are among the incoming members of Cal State Fullerton's Philanthropic Foundation Board of Governors, the nonprofit auxiliary organization established to build and strengthen relations with the community and encourage advocacy, investment in and support of the university.

Tam Nguyen '05, president of Advance Beauty College, serves as board chair and Jon C. Smith '02, partner-assurance services at Ernst & Young LLP, serves as board chair-elect.

New members include:

- LAURA ARCHULETA '86, '91, Jamboree Housing
- PAUL CARTER '92, Bergkvist, Bergkvist and Carter LLP
- TRICIA ESSER '91, KTG Architecture + Planning
- KATHIE HODGE '71, retired, Fullerton College
- DARREN JONES '91, The Walt Disney Co.
- JONATHAN MORALES '06, JP Morgan Chase
- PAYMAN ROSHAN, Kaiser Permanente Orange County
- PAMELA SCHWEITZER '82, retired, U.S. Public Health Service
- CHRIS VENHOFF, U.S. Bank

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