FUNDING

$1.5 MILLION PLEDGED FOR LGBTQ CENTER AND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

By Lou Ponsi, contributing writer

A new gift from Michael Losquadro and his husband, Dr. Brian Keller, will support scholarships in the College of Business and Economics.

Losquadro did indeed graduate in 1986 with a baccalaureate degree and went on to a successful 30-year career in fundraising.

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A new policing paradigm: Holistic safety through tiered response

Upon being appointed chief of police at Cal State Fullerton, I met with the Titan community and told them my team and I have embarked on a journey to transform the model of policing within the CSU system and nationally by listening to the community and implementing tangible structural changes to enhance safety for all Titans. Together, we are deconstructing the historic safety system at the university, which relies upon the police to respond to nonviolent and noncriminal calls for service.

This academic year, we are excited to introduce two new transformational safety tiers at CSUF: including the newly developed Campus Safety Specialists (unarmed civilians) and the CAPS Crisis Mobile Response Team. Our safety professionals will begin responding to calls not involving violence or crime in an effort to reduce the number of 911 calls.

CSUF PD Campus Safety Specialists (CSS), are unarmed full-time personnel, who will respond to calls-for-service such as door unlocks, building checks, safety escorts, noise complaints, mental health crises, and much more.

Additionally, in collaboration with CSUF Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), a new CAPS Crisis Mobile Response Team is being established to respond to Titans in crises on campus. The team will be lead by a CAPS licensed professional staff member, and supported by a campus safety specialist. CAPS is recruiting two new mobile crisis response professionals to start responding in 2024.

Our officers, dispatchers, campus safety specialists, administrative support, and student community service officers are honored to serve more than 40,000 students and an additional 4,000 faculty and staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are dedicated to partnering with students, staff, and faculty to support a safe, inclusive, and welcoming university for Titans to Thrive.

For information about our programs and services, follow us @CSUFPD or visit police.fullerton.edu.
Chemistry grad student studies sustainable energy solutions

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Chemistry grad student Oliver Solares is working toward finding solutions for clean energy and applying this in the real world.

During a summer internship to help drive more sustainable energy solutions, Solares worked on a project to convert biomass waste into functional, usable fuels. The project was supported by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island in New York.

Biomass waste refers to bio- alcohols, which are naturally occurring alcohol molecules in nature. This research is part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s broader efforts to use high-performance supercomputing tools for modern applications, such as developing new materials for solar energy conversion or next-generation batteries.

Solares selected to participate in the Sustainable Horizons Pathways Summer 2023 program. Through the program, students develop a research project, under- represent students in the field of research and work with members of the program’s peer and mentor communities.

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Communications expert examines issues of Hollywood strike

"Storytelling shapes culture, and you need the beating heartbeat of a person," Dana Cloud, a Cal State Fullerton lecturer in human communication studies, said in an interview. "Departure," who shared that she recently received a residual check for two episodes in the NBC Peacock show, "Most importantly, BIPOC and queer bodies and image are at stake," said Cloud. "In the era of streaming and digital content, there are no set rules for how much an actor or writer should get paid. The pervasiveness of AI is one of the issues. "The effects of the strike will only be positive and strengthening for students who are coming out of COVID-19 in the university, including writers and filmmakers," Cloud said. "What these actors and writers are doing on the streets will be set the terms of employment for generations to come. Ultimately, the strike brings home the power of storytelling and its centrality to our culture."
to develop a mapping project to show Black businesses in the county.

But because I come from the stand-
point of really looking at placemaking, both historically and in the present, it was like, ‘Well, we can’t really under-
stand where the businesses are being and what’s the story there unless we under-
stand where they are historically and when they were there’,” said Pewu, who is a digital historian and previously worked at the Museum of Af-
rican American History in Boston.

Pewu leads many digital humanities initiatives in the CSUF history depart-
ment and is the director for the Mapping Arts project—a digital map of public art and underrepresented artists in Or-
ge County.

Pewu decided to engage her students in the research project, which they called and...
MEN'S SOCCER

George Kuntz is scrupulously aware of the nuances. He recognizes what virtually every coach recognizes: if you miss the simple and understandable shot, the win is yours and the team is not making the playoffs. Everything he says is predicated on this program being an exciting but daunting one to manage.

Kuntz knows that certain veterans, even certain veterans in the early stages of their careers, could be the best ones in his program. These are his team — the ones he's hired. He's picked up some new men, but he's relying on the ones he's already got. He's not trying to be a coach of a program that's going to win the conference; he's trying to get closer to the conference finals. He's not trying to be a coach that can win a league title; he's trying to get closer to the league title. He's not trying to be a coach that can win a playoff game; he's trying to get closer to the playoff game. He's not trying to be a coach that can win a championship; he's trying to get closer to the championship. He's not trying to be a coach that can win a national title; he's trying to get closer to the national title.

The Titans are indeed a team. They are more than a curiosity, and yes, they are more than a novelty. They are more than a curiosity. They are more than a novelty. They are more than a curiosity.

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And as the injuries piled up and the goals dried up, all Kuntz could do was sit there and watch. That 77th-minute shot was parried by CSUN goalie Onorese. Erick Serrano's 88th-minute goal gave the Titans the lead, and the game was finished. That was a sign. That was a statement. I can tell you that UCLA is a team, but to these guys and to the public, it was just a bunch of kids playing soccer. That's what they believed that day. That's what they believed was going to happen. They believed it was a pinch nerve, something about last season's fadeout. They believed it was a bad call. They believed it was a fluke. They believed it was a coincidence. They believed it was a mistake. They believed it was a bad rap. They believed it was a bad trip. They believed it was a bad meal. They believed it was a bad night. They believed it was a bad game. They believed it was a bad season. They believed it was a bad year. They believed it was a bad decade. They believed it was a bad era. They believed it was a bad time period. They believed it was a bad program. They believed it was a bad university. They believed it was a bad state. They believed it was a bad country. They believed it was a bad world. They believed it was a bad universe. They believed it was a bad existence. They believed it was a bad life. They believed it was a bad death. They believed it was a bad afterlife. They believed it was a bad existence. They believed it was a bad life. They believed it was a bad death. They believed it was a bad afterlife.