Cal State Fullerton gives students the tools, opportunities and support to discover their passions and convictions. As Titans, they develop into leaders, thrive and positively impact the world around them.

Cover: Titan Softball infielder Daisy Muñoz is the first in her family to earn a scholarship to play a sport at a Division I university. Empowered by her experience as a student-athlete, she is determined to pursue a career in softball, become a coach and continue to grow the sport.

Right: Class of 2023 graduates Jericho Cezar and Jacquelyn George were part of the Titan Capital Management (TCM) student investment team that ranked among the world’s top six teams in the global Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge.

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A Year of Achievements

For Cal State Fullerton, success is reflected in a wide range of awards, anniversaries, rankings and recognitions. It’s also seen in the launch of new student programs, the realization of campus construction projects, and the continued investment and support from philanthropic partners. This year, the university also celebrated the completion of its 2018-23 strategic plan.

**July 2022**
Received $154.8M in state funding for student housing, Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub, Center for Healthy Neighborhoods

**August 2022**
Moved 600 students into new residence hall

**September 2022**
- Inaugural Celebración de CSUF: Somos Titans! featured Grammy Award-winning musician Poncho Sanchez and his Latin jazz band, and raised $300K for Latinx student programs
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- Grand opening of Aquatics Center, featuring an Olympic-sized swimming pool
- Hosted first Energy and Sustainability Summit, sponsored by Edison International
- Celebrated 10 years of LGBT Queer Resource Center

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- Celebrated 10 years of Nicholas and Lee Begovich Center for Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy
- Celebrated 10 years of Sussex Sports and Cultural Life Center
- Alumnus Brian Rennie and wife, Lori, pledged $4M planned gift to support desert science studies

**December 2022**
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Launch the campus climate survey to evaluate and advance diversity, equity, inclusion efforts

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A Top-Ranked University

#3 in the state, #9 in the U.S. for enrolling transfer students
U.S. News & World Report (2023)

Top 1% of Best Colleges in America
Money (2022-23)

#2 highest enrollment of master’s-level public institutions
Almanac of Higher Education (2023)

A First-Gen Forward Institution
Center for First-generation Student Success (2022-23)

Seal of Excelencia
Excelencia in Education (2021-24)

#7 in the U.S. top performer on social mobility
U.S. News & World Report (2023)
Meet Ramadhan

CLASS OF 2023
biological science major

ACCEPTED TO
17 elite medical schools

FIRST IN HIS FAMILY
to graduate from college

PARTICIPATED IN
Bridges to Stem Cell Research

CURRENTLY
a medical student at Johns Hopkins University

Ramadhan Ahmed’s first introduction to Cal State Fullerton was in seventh grade, when he participated in the university’s GEAR UP program. The program introduces junior high and high school students from underserved communities to higher education.

When he was ready to apply for college, Ramadhan turned to CSUF mentors to guide him through the process. “Cal State Fullerton has been an instrumental part of my life,” he says. “When it was time to choose a college, the choice was clear.”

At CSUF, Ramadhan worked side-by-side with outstanding faculty mentors and took advantage of such opportunities as the Bridges to Stem Cell Research program. Ramadhan scored in the 97th percentile on the MCAT and is currently a first-year medical student at Johns Hopkins University.

“I believed that the people at Cal State Fullerton would provide a nurturing environment that would help me succeed academically and professionally.”

— Ramadhan Ahmed ’23 (B.S. biological science)
Meet Kelly

CLASS OF 2023
musical theatre major

VOICE TYPE
soprano

PERFORMED IN
four student productions

SECURED AN AGENT
through CSUF’s New York showcase

CURRENTLY
a lead singer for Disney Cruise Line

When Kelly Kudlik stepped foot in New York City for Cal State Fullerton’s musical theatre showcase, her post-graduation plans were unclear. Within a week, she networked with an agent and got a callback for a role with Disney.

Kelly is one of 14 students who performed in the annual showcase for an audience of talent agents, managers, casting directors and producers. Students also participated in workshops with Broadway professionals and connected with CSUF alumni. For the first time in the program’s history, every student received a call after the show.

Following graduation, Kelly landed a yearlong contract as a lead singer for Disney Cruise Line.

“This experience didn’t just open doors for me in my career. It also helped me figure out what I want and where I want to be when I graduate.”

— Kelly Kudlik ’23 (B.A. musical theatre)
Meet Pepe

CLASS OF 2023
computer science major

TRANSFER STUDENT
from Palomar College

JOINED ABREGO FUTURE SCHOLARS
for first-generation students

RECEIVED AN AMAZON SCHOLARSHIP
for artificial intelligence and machine learning

CURRENTLY
an independent data science, AI and ML engineer

Cal State Fullerton empowered José “Pepe” Tapia, a first-generation student, on his path toward becoming an artificial intelligence professional. Through the Abrego Future Scholars program, he received academic and personal support to achieve his goals. “As I grew older, it was easier to understand and appreciate the value of a college degree,” he shares.

Pepe participated in ASSURE-US, a $1.5 million National Science Foundation-funded grant program to boost the number of Hispanic students in STEM careers. He was selected for the California State University Edison STEM-NET Student Research Fellowship and was awarded an Amazon Web Services Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Scholarship.

Some of Pepe’s research projects included developing an AI coach for video games and developing a low-cost recording software device to stream live sports.

“My passion is to use AI and machine learning to help others improve their quality of life and create stronger bonds between people.”

— José “Pepe” Tapia ’23 (B.S. computer science)
Meet Jacquelyn

CLASS OF 2023
business administration-finance major
TRANSFER STUDENT
from Long Beach City College
MANAGED $3M IN ASSETS
through Titan Capital Management
QUALIFIED FOR
Chartered Financial Analyst Institute
global competition
CURRENTLY
an investment analyst at Canterbury Consulting

When Jacquelyn George transferred to Cal State Fullerton, she was searching for opportunities to get involved. She found a perfect fit in Titan Capital Management, a student-run investment program that provides hands-on experience in security analysis and portfolio management. Working with approximately $3 million in assets, students decide when and where to invest, and the profits they earn support university scholarships and programs.

Jacquelyn became a member of the 2023 Titan Capital Management team that advanced to the global Chartered Financial Analyst Institute Research Challenge. The team is ranked one of the top six in the world among 1,000 teams.

She currently works as an investment analyst at Canterbury Consulting, where she interned during her senior year. Jacquelyn’s long-term goal is to become an investment consultant.

“This is an experience that not many students, let alone recent grads, get to have. I generated stock/bond ideas for the portfolios and analyzed performance, which gave me a huge leg up in my current position post-graduation.”

— Jacquelyn George ’23
(B.A. business administration-finance)
Raising $270 Million

OUR CAMPAIGN SUCCESS STORY

To elevate the potential of its students, Cal State Fullerton publicly launched its first-ever comprehensive philanthropic campaign in March 2020. With declining state funding, a significant student population and aging campus infrastructure, "It Takes a Titan: The Campaign for Cal State Fullerton" was an opportunity for the Titan community to ensure that students have the tools they need to succeed in a diverse workforce and rapidly changing global economy. The campaign invested in projects that enhance academic innovation, empower students, transform campus structures and enrich the greater community.

By the campaign’s close in December 2022, Cal State Fullerton raised more than $270 million — surpassing its initial $175 million goal and making it the third largest completed campaign in the history of the California State University system.

“When I think about the success of this campaign, the first thing that comes to mind is that the culture of philanthropy is alive and well at Cal State Fullerton,” said Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement. “The generosity of our donors knows no bounds.”

$270 million raised in gifts and gift commitments

$87 million raised in planned gifts

$34 million invested by corporations

$20.7 million awarded in scholarships

71,396 individual donors

$78.3 million endowment increase over campaign

Major Campaign Donors

Thousands of donors, alumni, faculty, staff, students, community members, foundations and corporations came together to help Cal State Fullerton raise more than $270 million during the "It Takes a Titan" campaign. The following donors contributed generous gifts of over $1 million to support the university and its students.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Beth G. ’71 and Steven Bangerter
Lee C. and Dr. Nicholas A. Begovich*
Dr. Russell V. Benson
Mark E. Bevan ’59
Kathy C. and Dan O. Black ’67, The Black Family Trust
Dr. Giles T. Brown
Jerry Conrey and Dr. Victoria Shook Conrey
Dr. Lawrence B. de Graaf
Edison International
El Dorado Foundation
Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum
Diane G. and Dr. Robert M. Gill ’75
Dr. Margaret Faulwell Gordon
Henry T. Nicholas Education Foundation Inc.
Michael T. Losquadro ’86 and Dr. Brian Keller
Roger Kotch ’81 and Yvette Kotch
Loretta C. ’74 and John S. Loftus
Orange County Community Foundation Patrons of the Library
Dr. P. June Pollak*
Paula K. ’77, ’83 and William J. Purpura ’76, ’79, ’83
Lori and Brian H. Rennie ’70
Liz ’79 and Douglas J. Riede
S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
Alison N. Sawyer and John D. Sawyer ’76, ’78
SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union
Donna Spradlin and Kirt Spradlin*
Douglas G. Stewart ’87
Andrea ’73, ’75, ’77 and Jeffrey Sward ’75, ’76, ’78
Richard J. Taylor ’72
Dr. Melissa L. Smith and Jeffrey S. Van Harte ’80

*deceased
A Year of Giving

Following the success of its “It Takes a Titan” campaign, Cal State Fullerton finished the 2022-23 fiscal year with $35,044,716 in gifts and gift commitments. This achievement marks the fourth consecutive year the university has raised more than $31 million.

“Donors and community partners continue to generously invest in the success of Cal State Fullerton. It’s a testament to the transformative work the university does to help students achieve their goals, support our best-in-class faculty and develop impactful community partnerships,” said Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement.

- **$35,044,716 raised** during 2022-23 fiscal year
- **$527,969 raised** on March 8, 2023 Day of Giving
- **$46,113,000 awarded** in grants and contracts during 2022-23 fiscal year
- **$135,851,640 endowment value**, June 2023
- **$200,038,520 total foundation assets**, June 2023
¡Somos Titans!

INAUGURAL CONCERT
generating vital support for the university

CELEBRATES
the tapestry of Latinx cultures

HEADLINED BY
Grammy Award-winning musician Poncho Sanchez and his Latin jazz band

RAISED $300,000
for scholarships, programs

BENEFITS
Latinx students at Cal State Fullerton

Cal State Fullerton is committed to supporting Latinx students. This dedication has resulted in the university being named a Fulbright Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of State and a recipient of the Seal of Excelencia from Excelencia in Education, the nation’s premier authority in advancing Latinx student success.

The Celebración de CSUF: ¡Somos Titans! (We Are Titans!) event generates vital funding for life-changing Latinx student scholarships and support programs. The inaugural event in 2022, which raised $300,000, was headlined by Grammy Award-winning musician Poncho Sanchez and his Latin jazz band. Following the concert, the jazz artist conducted a master class for CSUF students, teaching them the secret to finding "the spirit of the drum."
The Ontiveros Legacy Society

The Ontiveros Legacy Society consists of university supporters who have included Cal State Fullerton in their estate plans for any form of planned gift. The name of the Ontiveros honors the land grant ownership of Fullerton and other north Orange County cities. Martina and Juan Pacifico Ontiveros were the original owners of thousands of acres in Fullerton, Brea and Placentia, including land that is now home to CSUF. The name celebrates the legacy of Cal State Fullerton’s past as it advances toward the future.

Anonymous
Roger Albers*
Dr. Sandra Sulphen and Roger Albers*
Dr. James P. Alexander*
John A. Alexander
Dr. Linda R. Andersen*
Leanne L. Andreas
Lois and Don Austin*
Steven N. Austin ’84
Rush H. Austin Nation ’09, ’11
Paul ’77 and Kristina Nash
Lynn and Robert J. Myers ’74
Margaret L. ’66 and Return F. Moore*
Ms. Kay Montana*
James L. Monroe ’84
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Dr. Sallie Mitchell
Denise and Tim Miller
Mr. Jeffrey R. Sayre
Alison N. and John D. Sawyer ’76, ’78
Mr. Elbert Sawyer*
Andrew and Kerri Schiller ’82
Mr. Marc M. Schneier
Donna L. ’71 and
Paul J. Levesque
Carlos C. Leija ’91
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Marsha and James K. Leeg ’70
Lonnie and Pamela K. Laster ’68
Dr. Irene L. Lange
Lorraine and Pamela K. Laster ’68
Lynee and Jordan A. Law ’74
Marsha and James K. Leeg ’70
Gwendolyn A. ’96 and
Carlos C. Leija ’91
Paul J. Levesque
Rose ’75 and Jim Lloyd*
Mr. Michael R. Maher ’74
Patricia A. Nyborg and
Alan A. Mannons*
Margaret Anne Cooper Living Trust
Kathryn T. McCarty*
William J. Marcevay*
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Dr. Arlene J. Obrenski ’73
and Dr. Robert J. Obrenski*
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Ms. Eileen and Dr. John Olmsted, III
Dr. John W. and Mrs. Flora L. Olsen
Barbara N. Paige*
Sherry ’75 and Dr. Gordon Paine ’75
Michelle P. Patrick ’84
Barbara and George K. Peasley ’71
Nanci and Rick Perkins
Jane and David J. Peterson ’04
Rose F. Pi
Dr. P. June Poliak* and George Poliak*
Joan and Jack Pontney*
Paula K. ’77, ’83 and
William J. Purpura ’76, ’79, ’83
Genevieve M. Ray ’63
Michael A. Reagan ’67*
Lori A. Redfearn ’86
Ms. Jeanette M. Reese
Lori Rennie and Brian H. Renn ’70
Liz ’79 and Douglas J. Riede
Dr. Robert J. Noble Trust
Dr. Stephen M. Rochford
Dr. Paul K. Miller and
Ms. Patricia A. Rogers
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Joining the Ontiveros Legacy Society is one of the most powerful actions you can take to support Cal State Fullerton. A legacy gift ensures that future Titans continue to be supported on their educational journeys. For more information, contact Hart Roussel, senior director of planned giving, at CSUFplannedgift@fullerton.edu or 657-278-5429.
Meet Brian and Lori

PASSIONATE about the great outdoors

OWNERS of a commercial photography business

$4 MILLION PLANNED GIFT to support desert science studies

THEIR BEQUEST INCLUDES 20 acres of land and residence

SUPPORTERS of CSUF’s $270 million philanthropic campaign

Biological science alumnus Brian Rennie is an expert-level rock and mountain climber with a passion for the natural world. He has reached the summit of the Matterhorn in the Alps, Mont Blanc in Europe, Aconcagua in Argentina and El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.

Together with his wife, Lori, the couple has pledged a planned gift valued at $4 million to Cal State Fullerton, which includes their property in Joshua Tree, Southern California. Their gift will support desert science studies, conservation and climate change research, faculty and student travel, and fellowships.

“Having climbed some of the world’s most significant mountains and being in these remote places, makes you understand how insignificant we are as individuals but how great our impact is as a society,” says Brian.

“We were seeking the right organization to respect the land and the desert as much as we do, and to continue to utilize it in a way that supports our intentions. We feel confident that this will happen through our gift to the university.”

— Brian ’70 (B.A. biological science) and Lori Rennie
At Cal State Fullerton, I pushed my boundaries in multiple ways, made lifelong friends and started a career path that enabled me to achieve things I’d never even dreamed were possible.”

— Michael T. Losquadro ’86
(B.A. business administration-management)
Thank You

Empowered. It’s the hallmark of a Cal State Fullerton education. It’s the word students and alumni use to describe their experience as Titans. It’s what drives faculty, staff, donors and community partners to give their time and resources. And it’s the theme of this year’s Annual Report.

From the successful completion of our 2018-23 strategic plan to the completion of our first-ever comprehensive philanthropic campaign, Cal State Fullerton made significant strides to provide a transformative educational experience for all students, strengthen opportunities for student completion and graduation, recruit and retain high-quality and diverse faculty and staff, and expand our financial and physical capacity. This work is amplified thanks to the generous support of donors like you.

Of all the remarkable achievements highlighted in this Annual Report — national rankings, new and completed campus projects, gifts and grants awarded to the university, student testimonials, and stories of our generous donors — one number stands out: 10,686.

During the 2022-23 year, Cal State Fullerton awarded 10,686 degrees to students. That’s 10,686 dreams achieved. 10,686 students prepared to work and lead. 10,686 families filled with pride and hope. 10,686 Titans with the potential to make positive social and economic impact in the world.

All of these graduates join our alumni network that is 323,000 Titans strong. Many of you are part of that Titan network and we thank you for generously supporting the university. You know firsthand the value of a Cal State Fullerton degree, have become leaders in your respective fields and are committed to helping future generations of Titans achieve their dreams.

With you, we are excited to begin work on a new strategic plan, double down on our efforts to elevate inclusive excellence and student success, and continue to move Cal State Fullerton forward. You are the Titans it has taken to make our work possible.

Thank you for empowering our students.

Sylvia A. Alva
President

Gregory J. Saks
Vice President for University Advancement
It Takes a Titan to Leave a Legacy

You have the power to support the university, and generations of Titans to come, through a planned gift. Ontiveros Legacy Society members enjoy the financial advantages of a planned gift and feel the sense of pride and gratification that comes with giving in perpetuity. Helpful planning tools are available online.

Contact Hart Roussel, senior director of planned giving, at 657-278-5429 or CSUFplannedgift@fullerton.edu for more information.

fullerton.edu/CSUFPlannedGift