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Ronald S. Rochon Appointed President of Cal State Fullerton

The California State University Board of Trustees appointed Ronald S. Rochon to serve as president of Cal State Fullerton, effective July 22.

With more than 30 years of experience in higher education, Rochon's academic and professional career has focused on advocating for educational excellence, access and equity. Rochon serves as president of the University of Southern Indiana, and previously served as the provost. Prior to that, he worked at Buffalo State College in New York, serving as the inaugural dean of the School of Education, associate vice president for teacher education and a professor.

He was also the director and co-founder of the Research Center for Cultural Diversity and Community Renewal at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, as well as interim director of the School of Education and associate dean of the university's health and physical education college.

A first-generation college graduate, Rochon earned a bachelor's degree at Tuskegee University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His doctoral work focused on educational policy studies with an emphasis on educational history and policy analysis.

"I look forward to collaborating on strategies that will continue to strengthen Cal State Fullerton's position as an intellectual and cultural catalyst in Southern California and advance its key role in workforce and economic development for the region," said Rochon.

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College of Business and Economics Breaks Ground on Landmark Hall

Cal State Fullerton's College of Business and Economics broke ground on Landmark Hall, a 20,000-square-foot, three-story building that will serve as a leadership education hub in Orange County and house the initiatives of the Giles-O'Malley Center for Leadership.

With philanthropic support from alumnus Terry Giles '70 (B.A. speech communication) and other esteemed college partners, Landmark Hall will provide students with cutting-edge curriculum and opportunities for leadership development. The William H. Millard Archive in the Erhard Institute for Leadership Studies will feature leadership literature written by such experts as Werner Erhard and Ken Blanchard.

"For decades, we've been at the forefront of preparing leaders with the tools and resources they need to develop leadership skills throughout their lives. Landmark Hall will solidify these efforts and provide a foundation of growth for generations to come," said Sri Sundaram, dean of the College of Business and Economics.

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Jessica Stern Appointed Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

After a national search, history professor and author Jessica Yirush Stern was appointed dean of Cal State Fullerton's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She has served as the interim dean since January.

Stern joined CSUF in 2007 and most recently served as associate dean for student relations and chair of the Department of History. Her goals for the college include bolstering opportunities to enhance student success and developing community partnerships.

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Music Grad Lands Roles With LA and San Francisco Operas

Thalia Moore knew she wanted to use her voice to inspire a crowd. In Cal State Fullerton's College of the Arts, the aspiring singer and music student learned from award-winning faculty and stacked her portfolio with performances.

As a student, Moore landed roles with the Los Angeles and San Francisco operas. After earning her bachelor's degree in May, she signed a contract with the San Francisco Opera for its upcoming performance of "Beethoven's Ninth Symphony," which will debut in October.

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