

# TITAN REPORT



## New ECS Hub to Empower the Next Generation of Innovators

Cal State Fullerton's new ECS Innovation Hub, which aims to expand and elevate engineering and computer science programs, has been approved by the California State University Board of Trustees.

CSUF President Ronald S. Rochon said that the project is an investment in the future of the university's graduates and the engineering and technologically-driven industries they will lead. The university received a \$67.5 million investment from the state for the project's first phase, with philanthropic efforts underway to expand, enhance and support programming.

"It's imperative to provide students with the resources, intellectual environment and opportunities that will enable them to thrive," said Rochon. "The Innovation Hub will do just that; it will be a state-of-the-art facility to foster collaboration, creativity and cutting-edge research. Market trends show a growing demand for engineering and computer science professionals, not just in California but across the globe."

The ECS Innovation Hub will feature learning labs for hands-on student research and projects, focusing on cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, bioengineering and navigation. With 82% of the college's graduates working in the region after graduation, the ECS Innovation Hub has the potential to address the region's need for software developers, cybersecurity, computer hardware and tech professionals, and specialized engineers.

"Through engaged learning and holistic student experience, the space will drive opportunity through adaptive, community-based and inclusive innovation," said Susan Barua, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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Check out the fall/winter 2024 issue of Titan magazine at [titanmag.fullerton.edu](https://titanmag.fullerton.edu). A theatre arts alum shares how Cal State Fullerton helped her land a role in the hit show Criminal Minds.



## ¡Somos Titans! Supports Latinx Student Success

Cal State Fullerton's third annual Celebración de CSUF: ¡Somos Titans! celebrated the university's commitment to Latinx student success and raised more than \$215,000 to support programs and scholarships. Of the university's 43,000 students, 52.3% identify as Hispanic/Latino.

The Oct. 13 event at the university's Arboretum and Botanical Garden featured an exclusive concert by Andy Vargas, lead vocalist for Grammy award-winning Santana, and his All-Star Band. More than 175 students, alumni and Latino community leaders turned out for the festivities, which included student performances by Mariachi Titans and Ballet Folklórico de CSUF.

¡Somos Titans!, which means "We Are Titans," encourages investment in and awareness about Latinx-serving scholarships, programs and services to elevate and empower the next generation of leaders. Presenting sponsors included Casanova//McCANN, JPMorgan Chase and Honda.

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## 'Wicked' Actress Cynthia Erivo Visits Campus

Tony, Emmy and Grammy Award winning actress Cynthia Erivo spoke to the Cal State Fullerton community about playing Elphaba in the new film *Wicked* and encouraged students to take pride in their individuality.

She shared her story as part of CSUF's Beyond the Conversation series. Hosted by Associated Students Inc. and the Division of Student Affairs, the speaker series seeks to engage students in dialogue about diversity, equity and inclusion.

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## Aspiring Historians Benefit From Jeffrey Griffith Scholarship

After a near monthlong coma erased most of his memories, history alum William Trevilla relied on photos, letters, journals and social media to piece together his past. This experience fueled his passion for history and inspired him to pursue a career as an educator.

For his dedication to the field and academic excellence, Trevilla was recognized with the Dr. Jeffrey Griffith '13 Award in U.S. History and a \$1,000 scholarship. History alum Jeffrey Griffith created the endowment to help students conduct historical research and launch successful careers.

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