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## New 10-Month Accounting Program Offers Pathway to CPA Careers

Instead of directly entering the workforce after earning his bachelor's degree last year, aspiring public accountant Dylan Ohashi decided to pursue a master's degree in accounting at Cal State Fullerton — that he's earning in 10 months.

To top it off, after he graduates in May, Ohashi already has a job lined up at a leading public accounting firm where he's interning this spring semester.

The Class of 2025 grad is enrolled in the university's new accelerated master's degree program in accountancy, launched in the College of Business and Economics' School of Accountancy.

"Many graduate programs can take two to four years to complete if you work full time, depending on your course load. But having the opportunity to finish CSUF's program in less than one year is a game changer," Ohashi said.

The Master of Science in Accountancy cohort offers a rigorous accounting curriculum in two semesters. Students also gain valuable on-the-job experience at leading public accounting firms in Orange County and the surrounding region.

"When you ask accountants how to prepare yourself for public accounting, they'll tell you there's no better preparation than working in the field. The internship is what future employers are looking for," said Ohashi.

Ohashi is interning 32 hours a week at Baker Tilly in Irvine, a Top 10 public accounting firm, where he is learning about preparing taxes and the tax process. The firm has offered him a position as a tax associate beginning in July.

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## CSUF Partners With Aviation Museum to Bring El Toro Oral Histories to Life

Cal State Fullerton donated a copy of its El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Oral History Project to the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum. The project features 525 interviews of Marines who served at the Orange County military base from World War II through the 1970s. The oral histories, conducted mostly by students working with the Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History, will be featured at the museum when it opens at the Great Park in Irvine by early 2027. The museum will showcase over 40 restored military aircraft, artifacts and immersive exhibits.

The Center for Oral and Public History maintains the largest regionally focused oral history archive in California, with more than 6,500 recorded interviews, related transcripts, photographs and other materials.

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## Experts and Industry Leaders Address Opioid Crisis

At a February town hall event, Cal State Fullerton experts and local industry leaders addressed the dangers of illicit opioids and provided solutions to reduce the amount of overdose deaths each year.

"The opioid crisis does not discriminate. It affects people from all walks of life, and it requires a collaborative response through education, prevention and support," said Celestina Barbosa-Leiker, dean of the College of Health and Human Development.

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## Alumni Pledge Gift to Support Rock Stars in Geology

Cal State Fullerton alumni Kay '77 (B.A. earth science) and Brian '79 (B.A. earth science) Pitts established a \$1 million endowment to support a rotating professorship in the Department of Geological Sciences.

"CSUF gave me the fundamentals needed for a career in geology," said Kay. "Rotating the endowed professorship gives the department more flexibility in hiring, retaining and recognizing professors. We want to see the Department of Geological Sciences continue to inspire students and have an enthusiastic, dedicated faculty."

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