

## School of Nursing Celebrates 50 Years of Health Care Excellence

For 50 years, Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing has guided students into successful careers and fueled Orange County's health care workforce. At the March 11 anniversary celebration, CSUF faculty, staff and students came together to celebrate the school's growth and accomplishments.



What started in 1974 as a singular program with 51 students and four faculty members has since grown into a prolific School of Nursing that has graduated nearly 8,000 nurses who serve in Orange County and beyond.

Today, the nursing school comprises more than 600 students, offering graduate and undergraduate programs that prepare students to succeed in a range of health care settings, including inpatient, ambulatory, community and public health.

In the past 10 years, the school has garnered more than \$20 million in research and training grants, including a \$5 million grant from CalOptima Health to develop the next generation of nursing leaders.

Students also benefit from the school's close partnerships with more than 300 organizations like Kaiser Permanente, Providence Health and Services, Children's Hospital of Orange County, and L.A. General Medical Center.

"The impact that the School of Nursing has had on the community in the last 50 years is unmatched," said Celestina Barbosa-Leiker, dean of the College of Health and Human Development.

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#### **CSUF** Leaders Advocate for Budget Support in Sacramento

Cal State Fullerton President Ronald S. Rochon joined hundreds of students, faculty and staff at the state capitol in March to advocate for critical funding to support the nation's largest four-year public university system.

During CSU Advocacy Days in Sacramento, CSUF delegates met with elected officials to discuss the 2025-26 budget proposal, which includes a 7.95% cut to the California State University's state funding.

Rochon emphasized that the proposed budget reductions could have devastating consequences for Cal State Fullerton. Fewer course offerings and increased class sizes would make it harder for students to complete their degrees on time. Critical programs — such as academic advising, mental health services and financial aid — are at risk. "The CSUs produce half of the country's teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs and mental health professionals, and these cuts would be devastating for our region and nation," said Rochon.

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#### Donors' Generosity Fuels Record-Breaking Titans Give

Titans Give, Cal State Fullerton's annual day of giving, united the campus and local community on March 12 for 24 hours of generosity and impact. This year's campaign set new records, raising nearly \$1 million from more than 3,900 donors — both all-time highs for the initiative. Since the inception of Titans Give, nearly \$3.5 million has been raised to support scholarships, academic programs, student organizations, athletics and other campus causes.

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### Actor Daveed Diggs to Students: 'Make Art That You Believe In'

Tony and Grammy Award-winning actor Daveed Diggs spoke to Cal State Fullerton students about his career and how his love for rapping and acting came together to shape his performance as Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette in Lin-Manuel Miranda's hit Broadway musical "Hamilton."

The event was part of CSUF's Beyond the Conversation series. Hosted by Associated Students Inc. and the Division of Student Affairs, the speaker series invites notable guests to campus to share their stories and inspire the Titan community.