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Class of 2025 Titans Cross the Commencement Stage

Cal State Fullerton Class of 2025 grads crossed the commencement stage and celebrated the milestone of earning a college degree. They were cheered on by more than 100,000 attendees, including family members, friends, faculty and staff who joined the celebration.



Among this year's graduates were Outstanding Senior M Smith and Outstanding Graduate Student Samantha Guzman. Smith, a public health student, and Guzman, a graduate student in higher education, were recognized by the Alumni Association for their academic excellence and dedication to community service.

The university also awarded honorary doctorates to former NBC LA news bureau chief Vikki Vargas '81 (B.A. communications) and Disney Legend Martha Blanding.

"This is, without a doubt, the highest acknowledgment of my entire career. Cal State Fullerton was where I was encouraged, not coddled...where I was taught to believe that a college education could take you anywhere if you were willing to work hard to get there," said Vargas.

Vargas addressed Class of 2025 grads at the College of Communications ceremony, and Blanding spoke to the graduating class at a College of Humanities and Social Sciences ceremony.

"It's hard for me to convey how much this honor means to me, and I'm grateful for this opportunity to return to CSUF on such a special occasion for me and all the graduates," said Blanding, who was recognized with a Disney Legend Award for her talent, service and impact on Disney's legacy.

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CSUF Breaks Ground on Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub

At an event attended by students, faculty, alumni, donors, elected officials, and industry and community partners, Cal State Fullerton leaders broke ground on the 42,000-square-foot College of Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub.

The collaborative workspace aims to empower tomorrow's engineers and computer scientists to solve real-world challenges, fuel economic growth and elevate Orange County as a global technology leader.

Located next to the college's Engineering Building, the hub will feature state-of-the-art labs, immersive learning spaces and real-world, project-based experiences. The addition to the college complex is expected to open by fall 2027.

"It is a promise that we will equip our students with not only the technical skills, but also the collaborative spaces, real-world experiences and the mentorship needed to thrive in today's world and lead in tomorrow's world," said CSUF President Ronald Rochon.

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University Honors OC Political Leaders for Public Service

The Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History recognized three political and civic leaders for their service at its "Celebrating Orange County's Political Legacy" event.

The oral histories of Patricia "Pat" Bates, a former state senator and Orange County supervisor; Nick Berardino, a former executive director of the Orange County Employees Association; and Tony Rackauckas, a former Orange County district attorney, will be featured in the center's Orange County Politics Project.

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'Encanto' Actress Stephanie Beatriz to Students: 'Your Story Matters'

Actress Stephanie Beatriz, who is known for voicing Mirabel in Disney's Academy Award-winning film "Encanto" and playing Rosa Diaz in the popular sitcom "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," spoke to Cal State Fullerton students about the power of individuality and storytelling.

"The world doesn't need a copy of someone else. It needs you," said Beatriz.

Presented by Associated Students Inc. and the Division of Student Affairs, the Beyond the Conversation speaker series aims to inspire Titans through powerful stories and engaging dialogue.

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