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Titan Alumni Named OC Teachers of the Year

Two Cal State Fullerton alumni were recognized with 2026 Teacher of the Year Awards for their dedication to student success and innovative leadership.



The Orange County Board of Education honored Megan Lee, a transitional kindergarten teacher at Loara Elementary School, and Jeannette Aguilera, a third-grade teacher at Centralia Elementary School. Both educators credit Cal State Fullerton for preparing them to succeed in the field.

"I had amazing professors who really motivated and challenged me to be thoughtful in my instruction, and also the way that they valued me as a student at Fullerton was impactful in how I taught and continue to teach my students," said Lee '12, '14 (B.A. liberal studies, M.S. education).

Lee is currently enrolled in the College of Education's administrative credential program to expand her future career options, and she serves as a mentor for Titans who want to pursue teaching careers.

When Aguilera enrolled at Cal State Fullerton, she was met with attentive professors and a close-knit cohort of fellow aspiring teachers that fueled her passion for education. She carried what she learned into her own career and used it to help her students see the best in themselves.

More than 1,200 students have completed College of Education credential programs since 2020 to become teachers, many of whom have gone on to jobs in Orange County school districts.

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Cal State DC Scholars Program Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Over the past two decades, more than 650 Cal State Fullerton students have studied and interned in the nation's capital through the Cal State DC Scholars program.

Equipped with professional experience and network connections, scholar alumni have gone on to work in the White House, leadership offices in the U.S. Congress and federal agencies, including the Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Commerce.

"When a program reaches 20 years old, you get to see the long-term impact it has had. Every alum of the program I meet says, unequivocally, 'I would not have the career success I have if not for this program,'" said Jessica Stern, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Money Names CSUF Among Best Colleges in the US for 2025

Cal State Fullerton has earned Money's highest rating of 5 stars on its 2025 list of the Best Colleges in America. The university was recognized for its quality of education, affordability and student outcomes, such as graduates' earnings and economic mobility.

Money ranked the schools on 25 factors, including graduation rates, net price of a degree and median earnings. Earlier this year, Money also named CSUF's graduate nursing programs among its Best Graduate Schools in America for Your Money.

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Alumni Association Welcomes New President, Five Board Members

Two-time Cal State Fullerton alum Antonia Castro-Graham was named president of the Alumni Association board of directors. She is joined by fellow alumni Joe Ahn, Charity Capili Ellis, Luis Estevez, Gleanne Kienzler and Linda Lara, who also represent the Titan community as the newest members of the board.

The Alumni Association represents Titan alumni through programs, initiatives and service on advisory committees.

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