



TITANREPORT

Titans Head Back to School for 2025-26 Academic Year

As the 2025-26 academic year begins, Cal State Fullerton anticipates welcoming more than 44,000 students in the fall, including approximately 7,000 first-time, first-year students, and over 4,500 new transfer students.

President Ronald Rochon celebrated his first year at Cal State Fullerton in July, expressing gratitude for the Titan community and its continued commitment to the university's mission and the Fullerton Forward 2024-29 strategic plan.

New campus leaders include Khalilah Doss, vice president for student affairs and strategic enrollment management; Chris Manriquez, vice president for information technology/chief information officer; and Sang June Oh, interim dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

The campus community also welcomed 41 tenure-track faculty members who bring with them a wealth of expertise in such areas as cinematography, AI-powered marketing, sports psychology and literacy education.

CSUF launched several new academic programs, including new minors in data science, aging studies and urban studies; and new teaching credentials in theatre and social work.



Titans will also notice significant progress on several campus projects. Construction of the Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub is underway and set for completion in fall 2027. The College of Business and Economics is set to break ground this fall on Landmark Hall, which will serve as a leadership hub for CSUF and Orange County.

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Conrey Center for Entrepreneurship Named in Honor of \$4.5 Million Gift



A \$4.5 million bequest from Jerry Conrey and his wife, Dr. Victoria Shook Conrey, represents one of the largest single contributions in support of entrepreneurship education at Cal State Fullerton.

In recognition of the couple's commitment to the university and support of students, the College of Business and Economics named its startup hub the Conrey Center for Entrepreneurship.

"Over the years, both Vicki and I have seen firsthand — through scholarships, mentorship and engagement — the extraordinary promise of Titan students," said Jerry. "Our hope is that this gift will help future generations of entrepreneurs pursue bold ideas and create ventures that uplift our communities."

In addition to their financial support, the Conreys have invested their time and leadership through speaking engagements, classroom support and mentorship, opening doors for students and fostering connections between CSUF and the business community.

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Check out the spring/summer 2025 issue of Titan magazine. Major League Baseball All-Star Ricky Romero shares the value of earning a Cal State Fullerton degree.

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Titans' Public Service Passion Leads to Government Careers

Cal State Fullerton alumni make up a significant portion of Downey's city management team. Two-time alum and Assistant City Manager Vaniah De Rojas has brought several Titans on board during her time working for the city.

"I go for whoever's the best of the best — they all just happened to be from Cal State Fullerton," said De Rojas.

At CSUF, De Rojas and her fellow Titans gained real-world knowledge in accounting, communications and public administration before launching careers in public service.

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Engineering Grad's Microbot Research Helped Him Land NASA Internship

As an undergraduate researcher, Jose Lopez-Ceja worked on turning science fiction microbots into reality like the Disney animated film "Big Hero 6" he watched as a child.

His research introduces an affordable way to create microbots, which can help doctors, scientists and engineers do work that requires precise and automated control in medicine or other advanced fields.

Lopez-Ceja graduated in May 2025 and completed an internship this summer at NASA's Glenn Research Center.

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