



## An Economy on Fire Predicted to Keep Recession at Bay

Cal State Fullerton economist Mira Farka, associate professor of economics, characterized the economy's recovery as many tiny, agonizing and sputtering starts over the past nine years. The nation's anticipation of a strengthened expansion grew with each year.

"This is what I would call the economy's Spartacus moment," she told an audience of 700 business leaders at the fall 24th annual Economic Forecast. "Like Spartacus, the economy is finally on fire." Farka and Anil Puri, provost emeritus and past dean of the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, lead the Woods Center for Economic Analysis and Forecasting and wrote the 50-page report.



## A NEW CAMPUS GATEWAY: CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Construction is underway on the first phase of a 15-month beautification and fire-safety project extending from Nutwood Avenue to the northeast entrance of the Pollak Library. The project will create a new welcoming entrance to the campus with a gateway into a promenade between Langsdorf and Dan Black halls through to the east entrance of the library.

"Cal State Fullerton is an active, vibrant and proud university of significance," said

President Fram Virjee. "I am very excited that we'll soon have a fitting gateway to the heart of our campus, with our Titan pride on full display for all to see."

The work, in part, is driven to provide easier access for emergency vehicles having to reach the Pollak Library and adjacent campus buildings, said Danny Kim, vice president for administration and finance.



## EXTINCT TUSKLESS WALRUS FOSSIL DISCOVERED IN ORANGE COUNTY

Cal State Fullerton paleontologists have described a new genus and species of walrus and named it after CSUF Titans and Orange County, where the extinct, tuskless fossil was discovered.

The hefty-sized walrus fossil — more than 10-feet long, about 1,200 pounds and 6 to 7 million years in age — is named *Titanotaria orangensis* and represents one of the most complete known fossil walrus skeletons in the world, said Cal State Fullerton geology alumnus Isaac Magallanes.

As an undergraduate, Magallanes identified and studied the prehistoric adult male walrus under the mentorship of paleontologist James Parham, associate professor of geological sciences.

Their research is described in the paper, "A New Tuskless Walrus from the Miocene of Orange County, California, With Comments on the Diversity and Taxonomy of *Odobenids*," published Oct. 12 in *PeerJ-The Journal of Life and Environmental Science*, a peer-reviewed open-access scientific journal.



## ANCIENT SEA LIFE SEEN THROUGH DIGITIZATION OF MARINE FOSSILS

Now more people will be able to explore ancient sea life, thanks to a collaborative digitization project that allows people to see aquatic mollusks, clams and sand dollars that lived over the last 66 million years.

CSUF researchers were part of EPICC — Eastern Pacific Invertebrate Communities of the Cenozoic — a collaboration of 10 natural history museums and academic institutions. Charles Marshall of the University of California Museum of Paleontology is the paper's lead author who directed the National Science Foundation-funded project. A \$500,000 NSF award to CSUF in 2014 for a project directed by James Parham, associate professor of geological science, to preserve and protect Orange County fossils also supported the university's contributions to EPICC.



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