

### Celebrating 15 Years

In celebration of the College of Education's 15 year anniversary, the College will host a number of events during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The first celebration was Education Week 2019. On November 12-14, the College featured a research symposium, speakers, future teacher expo, educator panel discussion and a donation drive to benefit local schools. It was an opportunity for students and the community to learn more about the impact of earning a teaching credential or graduate degree in education, while spotlighting the achievements of our teacher candidates, graduate students and alumni.

One of our most exciting events of the week was our 15th Anniversary Celebration and Mixer, "A Reflection of the Past 15 Years and Looking Forward to the Future," where we welcomed back alumni, as well as retired faculty and staff. This event was followed by the COE Research Symposium, hosted by Educational Leadership and C-REAL. Dr. Robert Q. Berry III, President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, provided an inspirational keynote address.

The celebration did not end with Education week. We started a Support-a-School Drive during Education Week, which will last the entire academic year. Through this effort, we work with a local elementary and high school to address their current needs, collecting everything from school supplies to clothing. Donations can be dropped off in College Park, Room 500 and in the Education Classroom Building, Room 379. For a complete list of requested donations, visit <https://ed.fullerton.edu/events/ed-week.php> or call Dianna Lopez at 657-278-4871.

Also in honor of our 15th Anniversary, the College of Education Leadership Team decided to implement a common read for the College entitled One Book One College. This common read has been so successful that we have agreed that we will adopt this program as an ongoing part of the College of Education work.

Our final event, in celebration our 15th year anniversary, will be our annual Honor an Educator Luncheon, which will be held on March 7th. Honor an Educator was created in 2006 as a special event paying tribute to community educators and partners who have made a difference in the lives of their students and communities. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please find additional information at [Fullerton.edu/honoraneducator](http://Fullerton.edu/honoraneducator) or call 657-278-7078.



### Welcome Dr. Kim Case

We are pleased to announce that after an extensive search, Dr. Kim Case was appointed to the position of Associate Dean of the College of Education effective January 2, 2020.

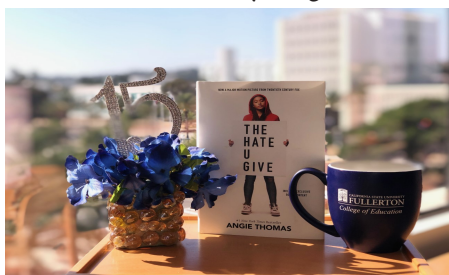
Dr. Case joined California State University, Fullerton in 1999 as a faculty member in Elementary and Bilingual Education. Prior to joining Cal State Fullerton, she was an elementary classroom teacher for the Corona Norco School District. During her tenure at CSU Fullerton, she has served as the admission coordinator, placement coordinator, block leader, co-teaching coordinator, department representative on the Titan Educator leadership team and interim associate dean. She served as the co-director of the SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Center for Creativity and Critical Thinking, and she was the creator and facilitator of the iSTEM partnership with Placentia Yorba Linda School District and Club T.E.A.C.H. Finally, in addition to her teaching, which is consistently rated as excellent, she has over 30 professional and scholarly presentations and has served as P.I. or Co-P.I. on awarded grants totaling over \$3,000,000.

Congratulations Dr. Case!

## One Book One College

In honor of the College's 15th Anniversary, COE students, faculty, and staff are reading a common book and uniting around community discussions and events. We hope to inspire conversation and share perspectives based on this book. For our college, we will use the book to give students, faculty and staff an avenue to discuss Just, Equitable, and Inclusive Education.

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas



We have discussed this book in our courses, faculty meetings, leadership team meetings and staff meetings. We have a social media campaign where faculty, staff and students have won prizes throughout the fall. In the spring, we will have two culminating events. One of our student groups will be showing the movie on campus, and second, we will have a scholarship essay contest for future teachers.

We know that many of you are reading a long with us, so thank you!

## Titan Future Teachers

Titan Future Teachers (TFT) is one of our newest and most exciting undergraduate programs. This program was started in August 2018 and has grown to over 500 students! TFT is designed to support undergraduate students interested in a career in teaching, with an intentionality on recruiting students from historically underrepresented populations.

The program was developed after undergraduates, who identified as future teachers, expressed a need for: a) direct access to pertinent information about teaching pathways and requirements and b) robust engagement with a community of future teacher peers, in order to be successful and persist through a teacher preparation program and subsequently into the teaching profession.

Workshops for this undergraduate program have included the following:

- ✓ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- ✓ Financial Aid and Scholarships
- ✓ Biliteracy
- ✓ Just Equitable and Inclusive Education



TFT runs through the Center for Careers in Teaching. Members on average have a 3.28 GPA and graduate a half year earlier than those who have not participated in Center programs! After one of year of participation, members expressed a 34% increase in their knowledge of credential-related information and a 44% increase in feeling connected to the teaching community.

To learn more about TFT, go to <http://ed.fullerton.edu/cct/titan-future-teachers/>

## Upcoming Events

- NRCAL Professional Development Conference -January 29 & 30-[Click to Register](#)
- Honor An Educator-March 7, 2020
- Education Week-November 16-20, 2020

## Donor Spotlight

In November 2019, Dr. Olivia Veloz generously gifted \$8,500 to the College of Education to support the Center for Research on Educational Access and Leadership. An alumnae of the College of Education and its Educational Leadership program, Dr. Veloz is passionate about student success and the focus of her gift is to provide scholarship support for students in the Educational Leadership program, with an emphasis on those that are pursuing a community college specialization.

The College of Education is incredibly appreciative for Dr. Veloz generous investment in the success of our students. If you are interested in making a gift to support the College of Education, please contact Katie McGill, Executive Director of Development at [kmcgill@fullerton.edu](mailto:kmcgill@fullerton.edu) or (657) 278-8231.

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