

UNIVERSITY AWARDS PROGRAM

April 29, 2020

TITAN

noun | tī-tēn

one who stands out for
greatness of achievement

Welcome from Fram Virjee, President



Dear Titan Family,

Welcome to the University Awards Program – Virtual Edition! This live but online celebration may not bring us the crispy bacon we have come to associate with this Titan Family party, but it will serve up bountiful helpings of what we are most known for: innovation and perseverance.

Indeed, in true reflection of the excellence this awards ceremony stands for, our Titan Family has come together to ensure that the old saying, “there ain’t no party like a Titan Family party,” continues to ring true in this “new normal.”

Similarly, thanks to the faculty and staff throwing and enjoying this shindig – there ain’t no graduate like a Titan graduate. If you don’t believe me, just ask the hiring managers, government leaders, and business owners around Orange County who consistently say the same thing when looking for the next generation of leaders to run their companies and lift their communities: “I will take a Titan.”

Why? What is it about Titans that make them the civically engaged, workforce ready, service oriented, and culturally agile leaders that are sought after with more vigor and interest than graduates from any other university in the state? Well, if you are virtually enjoying this awards celebration, the answer is you – our amazing faculty, staff, and administrators!

You are the reason we are No. 1 in California in graduating both women and Hispanics. Your teaching, support, and leadership are why our graduation rates are at all-time highs and our equity gaps are at all-time lows. You are behind every one of the more than 12,000 degrees we conferred last May, an achievement that made us – Cal State Fullerton – home to the largest graduating class in the 163-year history of the CSU. And most recently, you were a driving force to the almost overnight transition to virtual teaching, learning, and telecommuting for the largest (and let’s face it, best) university in the largest system of higher education in the nation.

Yes, our students are the heart of what we do; the sinew that holds us together; the grit that gives rise to impossible dreams – but it is all of you who are the catalyst that breathes life into those dreams, provides structure for that sinew to grow strong, and adds the soul that empowers those hearts to soar.

So, every time I hear “I will take a Titan” from folks around our community, state, and nation, I know what the subtext behind that statement is: “We need graduates who have been taught, mentored, and supported by your incredible faculty and staff.”

Today, I am so very grateful for the Titan innovation and perseverance that this awards program not only celebrates, but is also a testament to. After all, it doesn’t really take crispy bacon for a successful and rewarding celebration during this difficult time; it takes grit and tenacity; it takes kindness and care; it takes collaboration and collegiality.

In other words, It Takes a Titan – and all of you are the Titans it takes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fram Virjee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fram Virjee, President



Dear Titan Family,

Let me start off by first saying – thank you, to each and every one of you, who have collectively contributed to another successful year at Cal State Fullerton. This year has been filled with challenges, including the current unprecedented situation related to COVID-19. However, I've seen the campus come together virtually, despite these challenges as one Titan family, proving one thing – It Takes a Titan to persevere.

This year, we celebrate our 539 honorees who represent every college and division on campus, including auxiliaries, with years of service ranging from five to 50 years and 14 of our colleagues earned degrees while serving our university. In addition, we received an amazing amount of nominations from the campus for awards honoring employees for Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, Teamwork & Collaboration, and personifying what it means to be a Titan with the Titan Excellence award.

From all angles, our faculty and staff are the life force of our campus and define what it means to be a Titan. I am grateful to work for an institution with amazing employees, all working toward the common goal of preparing the next generation of students for the workforce.

As President Virjee mentioned, many times we hear the phrase “I will take a Titan” when our community’s leaders are faced with picking the next generation of leaders. Our students are in fact leading that charge.

I hope you join me in saying, “It takes a Titan” to lead innovation in the next generation of our community’s workforce, but it most certainly “Takes a Titan” to prepare, support and nurture the next generation of students on their inspiring journeys at CSUF and beyond.

Your impact is substantial – whether you assist students with enrollment, provide mentorship, patrol the campus to ensure our community’s safety, or keep our campus clean and beautiful – you make a difference in the lives of our students every day and contribute to the success of our university.

I hope you know that your efforts and work do not go unnoticed. This virtual program is dedicated to celebrating you – the amazing Titans who have continued to push the boundaries of what it means to serve students pursuing higher education.

I am honored to serve alongside you.

Sincerely,

David Forgues, Vice President, Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion

WELCOME

Fram Virjee, President

David Forgues, Vice President, Human Resources, Diversity & Inclusion
Pamella Oliver, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

EMPLOYEE GRADUATION

SERVICE AWARDS

Recognition for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 & 50 Years

40 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Susan Maddox

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Teamwork and Collaboration Award

Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Award

Titan Excellence Awards

Titan of the Year

YEARS OF SERVICE

5 YEARS

Dustin Abnet
Nicole Marie Bailey
Emily Barnes
Crystal M. Barnett
Marques Barosso
Sara Barrios
S Bayhan
Jill Berg
Adriana Bernal
Brad Biggs
Joshua R. Bilbrew
Lizzeth C. Broadway
Arielle Chieko Brown
Teresa Bryars
Aissa Bugarin
Amy Bulone
Roy D. Burk
Shelley Burke
Kyle A. Burnett
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Ana L. Camacho Villalva
Rebecca Campbell
Jason M. Canal
Christina L. Cardenas
Joseph Carlin
Gregorie L. Carpenter
Gary Cavicchio
Dhusdee Chandswang
Joanne Chapman
Calvin C. Chen
Julianna Marie Chenot
Dennis Hyuntae Cho
Wonik Choi
Yoonsuk Choi
Ashley D. Chrisakis
Khanh N. Chu
Suzanne Cichuniec
Randall T. Clark
Alaidrian Clark
Aleena E. Clavel
Zenaida Co
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Elliot Cross
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Aimee Guichard
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Maria D. Gutierrez
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Georgia Halkia

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Christopher Harrington
David Hart
Alfreda Hart
Lin He
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David Heckathorn
Kathleen Herbst
Tiffany N. Hernandez
Julianna Hernandez
Corey Hirsch
Michael D. Hoang
Laura Hoffman
Mitra Hunter
Joanna Hynes
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Nathan C. Jeffers
Brian Johnson
Daphne L. Jones
Atousa Karimi
Keith Kesler
Brian A. Killeen
Juim A. Kim
Kenneth Kim
Kenneth H. Knopp
Kristijan Kolozvari
Phillip Kopp
Sudarshan Kurwadkar
Brittany L. Lane
Ryan Langley
Corey L. Le
Shannon Ledoux
Elisa Lee
Kristia Lengyel-Leahu
Linda Leonard
Audree Lett
Warren Lewis
Yansong Li
Jong Lim
Mark Lindsey
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Marianna Lopez
Kenneth Lopez Jr.
Rachel Lui
Laurel Martinez

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Silvia Zamudio
Dachun Zhao
Damon Zick

10 YEARS

Justine Messina Baldacci
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Mohammad Bhuiyan
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Bruce Bordner
Freddi Brusckhe
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30 YEARS

Pamela Bellomy
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35 YEARS

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40 YEARS

Jesse Battan
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50 YEARS

David Pagni

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE GRADUATION

Graduates

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California State University, Dominguez Hills

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Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology,
California State University, Fullerton

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Doctor of Nursing Practice, California State University, Fullerton

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Master of Science in College Counseling and Student Development,
Azusa Pacific University

Raven L. Mansen
Master of Science in Software Engineering,
California State University, Fullerton

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Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership,
California State University, Long Beach

Alexander Ortega
Bachelor of Science in Human Services, California State University, Fullerton

Joelle Otteson
Doctor of Nursing Practice, California State University, Fullerton,
Long Beach, and Los Angeles

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Teamwork and Collaboration Award

Titan Communications

Nathan Jeffers

Eraj Shadaram

Jeffrey Whitten

Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Award

The Male Youth Empowerment Conference

Adriana Badillo

Vincent Harris

George Parker

Genesis Perez

TITAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Alisha Brown

Shelly Arsneault

Laura Arce

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