The Office of Financial Aid continued to assist students in navigating the financial aid process to ensure they had access to financial aid programs to assist with the meeting the cost of attendance. Students are highly engaged with accessing financial aid as demonstrated by the following highlights:

**Assisting Our Students**

- Financial aid has assisted 25,772 Cal State Fullerton students who received some form of financial assistance to help with educational costs. This represents 67% of all enrolled students receiving financial assistance. The total amount of financial aid provided from all sources reached $274,446,098 during 2013-14.
- Pell Grant recipients now represent 47% of all enrolled Undergraduate students. 15,224 students are Pell Grant eligible and have received in excess of $64M in Pell Grant funds.
- The Financial Aid staff was very engaged in the full implementation of AB 131 – the California Dream Act. The 2013-14 academic year was the first full academic year in which AB 540 Dream students were eligible for Cal Grant funds in addition to the State University Grant program. During the current 2013-14 academic year, we assisted 576 CA Dream Act students with some form of state grant assistance. Based on the enrolled AB 540 population of approximately 770 students, 74% of all AB 540 students currently receive financial aid through state aid resources. The total amount of SUG and Cal Grant assistance provided totals $2,623,783. This is a significant increase when compared to last year when we awarded 126 CA Dream students a total of $294,243 in state funds.
- The first year of the implementation of the on-line Scholarship application process for University Scholarships and Awards was launched during 2013-14. The CSUF Scholarship Manager was launched in spring 2014 to provide students and departments with a web-based scholarship management system that facilitates the application process for students and a consolidated framework for review of applicants by scholarship committees.
Outreach

- In addition to participation in all NSO programs, the Financial Aid staff was engaged in a number of new endeavors and initiatives to increase knowledge of the financial aid opportunities available and the application process. A few of the highlighted events include:
  - African American Resource Center - Financial Aid Resource Fair
  - Graduate Studies Orientation
  - Higher Ed Doctoral Program Orientation
  - Calswec Scholarship Presentation
  - Presentation at GEAR UP: “Male Movement Day”
  - Destino Universidad - FA presentations – English and Spanish
  - PUENTE program - Financial Aid presentations to high school students from various high schools that participate in the PUENTE program
  - Participated in “Buena Park Goes to College” event cohosted by Senator Ed Royce’s office and the City of Buena Park
  - Presented at University 100 - Financial Aid Workshop “Catching the Financial Aid Fire” provided information to freshmen about college costs, resources to lower and pay for educational costs, and financial aid.
  - Presentation at Mesa Cooperativa – Dia De Los Padres
  - STEM2 - co-presentation with Janette Hyder about resources and challenges of AB 540 and undocumented students and financial aid options available; presented to peer mentors.

Collaboration and Partnerships

- Training and Workshops
  - Conducted training for GEAR UP tutors - training for peer mentors of GEAR UP who work with high school students
  - University Outreach - training for UO advisors (Titan Delegate and Titan Choices)
  - University Outreach - Transfer students peer advisors Financial Aid training
  - Graduate Studies - Conducted three Financial Aid workshops for graduate advisers (faculty and staff).
  - Continued our services and liaison with Veterans Services by providing monthly financial aid workshops and attending Veteran’s Welcome Day.

- Building Community Partnerships

During 2013-14, the Office of Financial Aid through the administration of the Federal Work-Study program was focused on expanding the opportunities for students to engage in Service Learning through Federal Work-Study employment. These efforts resulted in streamlining the FWS process for the students and employers, promoting the program to our on-campus departments, as well as expanding our off campus partners to provide more Service Learning job opportunities to students. During the academic year 2013-14, 57 CSUF
students were employed through the Federal Work-Study program with organizations such as Jumpstart, America Reads and Counts, THINK Together, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brea and Placentia. Additionally, we established an off campus partner relationship with community organizations such as Rosie’s Garage, the AVID Program through Corona-Norco Unified School District, and the City of Fullerton. The past year was an exciting time for CSUF’s FWS program and we plan to build on these community partnerships for our students during the upcoming 2014-15 year.