Cultural Events Welcome Students

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Cultural welcome events have a long history at Cal State Fullerton, the oldest being Bienvenida, the Chicano/Latino student welcome hosted annually by Mesa Cooperativa. Over the past couple of years, cultural student welcomes have either been established or revived for the African American, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) communities. The welcomes serve as a space to connect incoming and returning students, as well as faculty and staff, with campus and community resources related to the culture. The welcomes are open to everyone, regardless of their cultural background and have served as a venue for people to build relationships and find ways to get involved.

Each cultural welcome event is formatted to meet the needs of the community. The African American Student Welcome is geared towards incoming first year and transfer students and their families. The event exposes the attendees to student organizations and university offices such as the African American Resource Center, Student Academic Services, and the Multicultural Leadership Center. Families also have an opportunity to learn about the Afro-Ethnic Studies Department as a way to academically engage students with the African American community.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community Welcome is geared towards incoming and returning students, faculty, and staff. The welcome is an open event where attendees may stop by at any point to learn about Asian American studies, the numerous student organizations, and other programs relating to the AAPI communities offered by the Multicultural Leadership Center.

For many students, this event will be the first time they have had a chance to explore ways to get involved not only on campus but with community groups such as the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance.

Lavender Welcome is an event that shares university resources relating to the LGBT community such as the Queer Straight Alliance, Lavender Working Group, Multicultural Leadership Center, and SafeSpace Program. The welcome brings together students, faculty, and staff who are already involved with those looking to get plugged into the LGBT community.

President Milton A. Gordon speaks at the African American Student Welcome event.

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A Few Words
Message from Robert L. Palmer, Vice President for Student Affairs

Articles in this edition of the newsletter provide information about several of the recent programs and activities provided by the Division of Student Affairs which contribute to the comprehensive educational experience of students at Cal State Fullerton.

This special edition of Spotlight, features highlights of activities celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Cal State Fullerton. The fall semester featured the Opening Kick Off week of events including Convocation, the campus-wide Open House and the annual Concert Under the Stars complete with a 50th Anniversary theme. The opening weekend in September brought visitors to campus for a variety of events including college-based open house activities, creative “elephant” races in the quad and children’s activities. Additional events during the fall included the ASI, Inc. Block Party, the unveiling of a very special mural celebrating the history of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and International Education Week in November. The 50th Anniversary celebration continues throughout the 2007-2008 academic year. Homecoming was held in February and the EOP Hall of Fame Scholarship Gala is scheduled for April. The campus celebration will culminate with our 50th commencement ceremonies in May. It’s been a great year for Cal State Fullerton.

Students are at the forefront of Cal State Fullerton. Cultural welcome events coordinated by the Multicultural Leadership Center provide the opportunity for incoming students to connect with returning students, faculty and staff. The welcomes provide a space to connect and learn about the wealth of campus and community resources related to the culture. Additional features of this issue highlight the continuing success of the University Learning Center (ULC) in providing critical learning support services for students at Cal State Fullerton. Complete with a new facility in the Pollak Library, the center experienced an increase in student usage of more than 30% from fall 2006 to fall 2007. The ULC’s relocation to the second floor of Pollak Library is an integral component of the new learning commons in the library. I invite you to read about the efforts of the WoMen’s Center in contributing in a meaningful way to students’ awareness of gender norms and their impact on men and women’s growth and development. The success of their collaborative efforts with Soroptimist International and Western State University, College of Law made possible the 9th Annual Family Violence Prevention Conference this past October. In this edition, you will also read about the background of one of the division’s senior leaders, his many accomplishments in both athletics and higher education and why he enjoys his role as Athletics Director.

Finally, I would like to personally congratulate all of our past and present Titan Excellence Award recipients. It is your hard work that ensures the quality of life for all students at Cal State Fullerton.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Palmer, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

STUDENT AFFAIRS Mission Statement

Student Affairs enhances and supports the academic mission of the University. The Student Affairs mission encompasses the dual paradigms of student development and student services and includes building alliances between the classroom and other aspects of campus life. As a partner in the educational enterprise, Student Affairs contributes to the comprehensive educational experience of students. Through myriad services, programs and activities, the intellectual, vocational, personal, social and cultural development of all students is encouraged. Through these programs and services, students are assisted in acquiring the knowledge, skills and insights that facilitate life-long learning, a sense of personal and interpersonal competence and human understanding.

As a resource for students, administration, faculty, staff, alumni and the broader community, Student Affairs provides a wide variety of university services. These services meet the needs of students as they progress through their college experience and also include problem solving, research assistance and consultation. With a diverse and comprehensive set of responsibilities, Student Affairs contributes to the campus community a special perspective about students, their experience, and the campus environment.
University Learning Center Secures New Location

Fran Zareh-Smith
Director, University Learning Center

Cultural Welcome Events

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Bienvenida is a completely student run welcome, spearheaded by Mesa Cooperativa, a funded council of Associated Students, Inc. The welcome draws incoming and returning students to get connected with the Chicano/a and Latino/a community by highlighting student organizations, the Chicano Resource Center, and Chicano/a Studies. The event has also served as a great opportunity for students to meet faculty and staff from the Chicano/a and Latino/a community.

With the exception of Bienvenida, the Multicultural Leadership Center (MLC) has provided promotional and logistical support for the welcomes over the past couple of years. Having the MLC serve as the university department, along with offices such as the African American Resource Center and Asian American Studies, provides a formal university sponsored program that students feel welcomed to attend.

The MLC provides support for all students through exploration of culture and issues related to diversity and social justice. The cultural welcomes is only one of the many ways the MLC accomplishes its purpose.

As the campus grows in numbers and in diversity, the cultural welcomes serve as a touchstone for many who are looking to connect and feel a part of a smaller community. If you have not attended a cultural welcome, we invite you to participate and learn about the wealth of diversity here at Cal State Fullerton.

After seven years of residing in the basement of McCarthy Hall, the University Learning Center (ULC) moved to the second floor of Pollak Library North two weeks before the beginning of the fall 2007 semester. With the help of many people, particularly library staff and a terrific team of student tutors, the ULC was up and running the first day of the new semester.

As the semester progressed, many exciting events occurred. Cubicles to house the ULC staff were constructed, 15 new tables for tutoring and studying arrived, a second phone line was installed to handle appointments and inquiries, study groups were organized for two new learning communities, and eight pronunciation workshops were presented to help students improve their English speaking skills.

The CSUF student body responded to the move by arriving for academic help in record numbers. A comparison of student usage for fall 2006 (6,295) versus fall 2007 (8,190) shows an increase of just over thirty percent. In addition, library staff have indicated that overall library use is up since the ULC moved to the second floor.

As the spring semester unfolds, students are again seeking help in record numbers. The tutoring staff is busy every day. Moreover, groups of students and individuals are choosing to congregate and study on their own at the ULC, where help is readily available should the need arise.

Top to Bottom: University Learning Center (ULC) tutors meet in the ULC's new location, PLN-200.
ike so many young boys growing up in Southern California, Brian Quinn’s goal was to become a major league baseball player.

"I didn’t quite make it," he says with a smile. "However, his passion for athletics was off the charts. He would eventually give up a more lucrative career as an industrial engineer to enter coaching and only the financial realities of raising a family turned him to administration, which has kept him away from the dugout but still in day-to-day contact with coaches and athletes.

"I just grew up around sports," he recalls. "My dad (George) played minor league baseball in the St. Louis Browns’ organization and he coached a semi-pro team in Compton. His cousin was an assistant football coach at Compton College and we would always go to the Compton Invitational Track Meet. Sports was all I ever wanted to do."

"I didn't play Little League but I was in the Golden State Baseball League, which had teams that represented cities and played with metal spikes kind of like today's travel teams."

I played baseball and basketball in high school (Serra HS in Gardena) and earned a scholarship to Loyola Marymount, where my brother was already a sophomore."

Quinn was a legitimate star in both sports. At Serra he was the league’s most valuable player in basketball and he earned first-team All-CIF honors as an outfielder.

"I vividly remember playing in the CIF Southern Section vs. L.A. City All-Star Game in old Wrigley Field," he said. "We were all wearing L.A. Dodgers’ uniforms and the Dodgers’ p.a. announcer did the game. My dad was sitting in the stands with professional scouts."

This was in 1959, before the free agent draft was instituted.

Surprisingly, Brian opted for education over a professional opportunity with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"My dad wanted me to sign. My mother wanted me to go to college. She was more into education."

The Pirates' loss was the Lions' gain. Quinn excelled in both sports at the collegiate level as well -- captain of the West Coast Athletic Conference champion basketball team and a three-year starter in the outfield -- and has been inducted into LMU's Athletics Hall of Fame, just as he has at Serra.

In what little "off" season there was he picked up volleyball, where he would eventually give up a more lucrative career as an industrial engineer to enter coaching and only the financial realities of raising a family turned him to administration, which has kept him away from the sidelines or the dugout but still in day-to-day contact with coaches and athletes.

"The best part of my job is the people I work with and the students. It's what keeps you going."

Brian Quinn
Feature: 50th Anniversary Events

The Division of Student Affairs has been very involved in the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Cal State Fullerton! The fall semester found a great group of staff willing to work on the 50th Anniversary Opening Kick Off week events. Staff members served as standard bearers at the Convocation, planned the activities and served as hosts for the 50th Anniversary Open House on September 15th, and hosted students at the annual Concert Under the Stars. A special thanks to all of the Student Affairs staff who have helped to make the 50th Anniversary Celebration such a huge success!

ASI Block Party
September 12, 2007

Concert Under the Stars
September 14, 2007
Feature: 50th Anniversary Events

Open House
September 15, 2007
and now the Athletic Director at UC Riverside.

"That was a great team. My role was to pass the ball to the other guys."

We moved back to Southern California because I wanted to teach and coach.

My first job was at St. Anthony's HS in Long Beach and my second year was at St. Bernard's HS in Playa del Rey. That qualified as my student teaching, I got my credential and ended up at University HS in Irvine."

He worked several second jobs to support a growing family – currently four children and 10 grandchildren. He also taught and coached at Saddleback JC.

Through it all he also has been an avid surfer.

"Our dad always rented a summer house in Newport Beach. In fact, I learned to ride a bicycle on Orange Avenue, down by the railroad tracks. I started surfing at Sunset Beach and then surfed all the time in high school and college.

"I hurt my knee and haven't surfed for about two years. Collette (wife) wants me to try again."

The Quinns will celebrate their 45th anniversary in June. They have lived in Manhattan Beach since 1985, when he became athletics director at his alma mater.

"I love to hear the ocean at night. I don't love the commute."

And of his tenure at Fullerton, hired on Christmas Eve of 2001?

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"Sports was all I ever wanted to do."

Brian Quinn

Men’s Basketball Season Highlights

Mel Franks
Associate Athletics Director, Media Relations

Photo Credit: Matt Brown

Seeing the Cal State Fullerton uniform in NCAA post-season competition in Omaha, Nebraska, was nothing unusual until the calendar was checked. It was March in the Qwest Center, not June and the College World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium. This was truly March Madness, with the Titans' men's basketball team making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 30 years. They led No. 3-seeded Wisconsin’s brawny Badgers early in the second half before absorbing a 71-56 defeat that did little to tarnish a memorable season.

The 2008 Titans earned their spot in the national spotlight to cap an effort second only to the Cinderella 1978 CSF squad that came within an eyelash of advancing to the Final Four. The current Titans shared the regular-season conference championship for the first time since 1976 and won the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center. They set school Div. I records for victories and had the best overall record of 24-9 while tying for the best conference mark at 12-4. It was the first time Fullerton posted back-to-back 20-win seasons at the Div. I level and the team set school records for points, 3-point baskets and steals in a season.

Individual honors followed the team accomplishments. Senior forward Scott Cutley was the Big West co-player of the year and became only the third Titan to earn All-American mention from Associated Press. Junior guard Josh Akognon was MVP of the Big West Tournament and made the NABC All-District 15 second squad and Bob Burton was its coach of the year. Senior guard Frank Robinson was voted the Big West defensive player of the year.
Dr. Jeremiah to Be Inducted into Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame

Cal State Fullerton head women’s basketball coach Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah is one of 22 inductees making up the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum’s Class of 2008. Ceremonies will be held on May 17.

"It is an extra special honor to be selected for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame of the state of Ohio where I was born and raised," Dr. Jeremiah said. "To be included in such a famous group of athletes and coaches simply for doing what I have loved all my life is as exciting as it gets for me. Words cannot express the pride and gratitude that I feel being a part of Ohio’s great basketball tradition in this way."

A 1965 graduate of Cedarville University, Dr. Jeremiah, a Toledo, OH, native who ranks among the top 50 winningest active coaches in the nation, played three seasons for her alma mater from 1962-65 and coached the Yellow Jackets for nine seasons from 1969-78, accumulating a 104-75 overall record while leading Cedarville to the AIAW National Tournament in 1970 and a state championship in 1973.

Cedarville was state runner-up in 1972 and advanced to the MAIAW Regional Tournament in both 1972 and 1973. Dr. Jeremiah was inducted as one of four charter members into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

From there, she moved on to coach at the University of Dayton, posting two stellar seasons as head coach of the Flyers, leading them to a 69-5 overall combined and the AIAW Division II National Championship in 1980, earning her AIAW National Coach of the Year honors in the process.

Dr. Jeremiah also led Dayton to a national runner-up finish in 1979, two MAIAW regional crowns, and an OAISW State Championship.

Her 1979-80 squad still holds the school record for wins in a single season at 36-2 with her 1978-79 campaign standing second at 33-3 overall. As a result of their accomplishments, Dr. Jeremiah and the entire 1980 National Championship team were inducted into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Five years as head coach at Indiana University followed before becoming the head coach at Cal State Fullerton prior to the 1985-86 season. Now in her 12th year at the helm of the Titans, Dr. Jeremiah is the winningest coach in the history of the program, beginning this season with 157 victories and she had amassed 420 wins overall during her 28-year coaching career. Among the many honors she has won in her career is the Carol Eckman Award in 1990, presented annually by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association to the coach who best represents sportsmanship and ethics in the coaching profession.

Continuing the Ohio connection, Dr. Jeremiah graduated from Cedarville High School, earned undergraduate degrees from both Cedarville University and Central State University in Wilberforce, OH, in 1965, and earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University in 1967 and 1973, respectively.

Other notables among the 2008 class are current Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Jim Cleamons, who played nine seasons in the NBA and won six NBA titles as an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls and the Lakers; Frank Howard, an All-American in both baseball and basketball at Ohio State who made his name in the Major Leagues, earning National League Rookie of the Year honors with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1960; Bob Huggins, current head coach at West Virginia who led the University of Cincinnati to a 399-127 record and into the NCAA "Final Four" in 1992; Neil Johnston, six-time NBA All-Star and three-time scoring champion with the Philadelphia Warriors in the 1950s; Semeka Randall, a three-time All-American at Tennessee who helped the Lady Vols to the 1998 NCAA National Championship and a 39-0 overall record; and Larry Siegfried, a member of Ohio State’s 1960 national championship team who went on to win five NBA titles in seven years with the Boston Celtics.
The WoMen’s Center’s 9th Annual Family Violence Prevention Conference

Barbara McDowell
Director, WoMen’s Center/Adult ReEntry
Photos Credit: Jerri Freeman

The WoMen’s Center continues to create strong collaborations and to establish stronger links with the community in order to contribute in a more meaningful way to students’ awareness of gender norms and their impact on men and women’s growth and development. This past year the Center collaborated with Soroptimist International and Western State University, College of Law to offer the Center’s ninth annual Family Violence Prevention Conference.

The domestic violence prevention conference took place on Saturday, October 20, 2007. With over 300 attendees, this was the most successful conference to date. The success of collaborative efforts with Soroptimist International and Western State University, College of Law continues to benefit students and community in relevant ways. Thanks to the generous funding from the California Lottery, the agenda was expanded to include three outstanding keynote speakers: Jeanne Kilbourne, an internationally recognized scholar and expert on women, violence, and advertising and the author of Can’t Buy My Love; and Jackson Katz, nationally recognized for his work in gender violence prevention education with men and boys. The third keynote Alyce LaViolette, MFT, author of It Can’t Happen to Me: Why Battered Women Stay, spoke on the topic of gender and violence. This all-day event included a resource fair, book signing and raffle. Evaluations from the conference indicated that the collaboration and effort to educate our students and community members on the dynamics of intimate partner violence was a great success.

It is our goal to educate women and men on preventing violence within their relationships. It is the WoMen’s Center belief that improving communication and respect between women and men is every bit as important as our students seeking a solid education. The overall goal is to help women and men improve their relationships with one another.

Top Left to Right: Jeanne Kilbourne and Alyce LaViolette; Jackson Katz.
Bottom Left to Right: Conference attendees have lunch in the Titan Student Union; Conference registration staff.
Titan Excellence Awards
Past & Present

California State University, Fullerton, through its Titan Excellence Award program provides monthly recognition to employees who have made significant contributions to the university and have provided outstanding service to students, faculty, staff and campus visitors and callers. Recognition is awarded (during a ten-month period each year – July through April), on a divisional basis. The program was started in 1999-2000.

Criteria for the recognition are as follows:
A. Creativity
B. Initiative
C. Leadership and/or Teamwork
D. Promotion of the university's image in the community
E. Special contribution to work area or university as a whole

Nominations are reviewed by the Awards Advisory Committee which consists of a diverse group of full-time staff employees from across the university who have been employed at the university for a minimum of two years. The group meets monthly. Current representatives from the Division of Student Affairs include: Rosalina Camacho, WoMen’s Center, Patricia Godinez, University Learning Center, Pam Hernandez, Student Retention Services, and David Palmquist, Career Center.

A special Congratulations to all of the Student Affairs staff members who have received the Titan Excellence Award!

Past Student Affairs Recipients

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Titan Excellence Award (TEA) Recipients

December 2007
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Jeff Senge
Coordinator, Information and Computer Access
Disabled Student Services

January 2008 Recipient from the Division of Academic Affairs
David McKenzie
Assistant Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Consider nominating your colleague today! Student Affairs TEA months are July and December. Nominations are accepted year round.

If you would like more information about Titan Excellence Awards please visit the TEA website at etd.fullerton.edu.