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Transfer Application Season

It's transfer application season! The priority deadline to submit UC and CSU applications for Fall 2023 is November 30th! Now is the time for students to make an appointment with a counselor to ensure all requirements will be met by Spring 2023. All students should also explore their transfer options, and we are excited to bring back the in-person college fair on Wednesday, October 19th from 10-1. On this day, we'll have over 50 colleges and universities out on the quad including UCs, CSUs, private, and out of state universities. Students should stay connected with the transfer center through our Canvas cohorts to receive updates and services specific to their application cycle.

Application Rush Week!

This year, we are very pleased to offer the Fall College Fair on Wednesday, October 19 (10am-1pm) as a traditional (on the quad) event! As many of you may remember, the Transfer Center typically hosts a themed week coinciding with our fall and spring college fairs. Since we are nearing the midway point of the Cal State and UC application filing period (Oct. 1 – Nov. 30), we have chosen the theme of "Application Rush Week" and will be offering a variety of services designed to promote the application filing period, encourage students to begin their applications, and educate them about the application services offered by the FC Transfer Center.



Undocumented Student Action Week

The Grads to Be Programs at NOCCCD is excited to host the 2022 Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) from October 17 – 21, 2022. The theme this year is Persisting Together: Reconnecting, Reengaging, and Building Community. Through this district-wide week-long campaign, we aim to foster a welcoming environment for all students regardless of their immigration status. Grads to Be Programs staff at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuation Education (NOCE) have combined efforts to provide the NOCCCD community with this year's USAW. Visit the link below for more info!

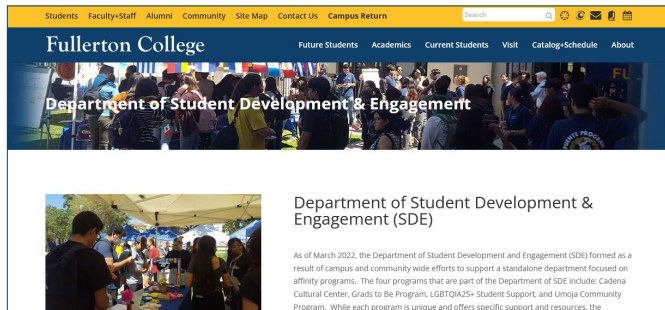
<https://www.nocccd.edu/upcoming-events/6622/2022-undocumented-student-action-week>

LGBTQIA2S+ History Month

The LGBTQIA2S+ Student Services Program hosted LGBTQIA2S+ History Month beginning Wednesday October 5. Throughout the week we hosted the following events: LGBTQIA2S+ Kick-off Resource Fair, National Coming out Day: Healing Circle, Queer Social Hours, and the Queer Book Club. Thank you all who supported the events!

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New Student Development & Engagement Website Now Live

As of March 2022, the Department of Student Development and Engagement (SDE) formed as a result of campus and community wide efforts to support a standalone department focused on affinity programs. The new SDE website page is now available and helps connect students to the four programs that are part of the Department of SDE include: Cadena Cultural Center, Grads to Be Program, LGBTQIA2S+ Student Support, and Umoja Community Program. Visit the site at: <http://sde.fullcoll.edu>

Umoja Transfer Drop-in Sessions

The Umoja Community Program is hosting Transfer Drop-in sessions Tuesday, October 18 from 1-3pm and on Wednesday, October 26 from 1-3pm in Building 1900, Room 1904. Also, we will be hosting a UCSC Transfer Presentation Thursday, October 27 from 11am-12pm in Building 1900, Room 1904.

ISC Collaborates with Disney

In collaboration with Disney, international students now can participate and be considered in the job opportunities available at Disneyland Resort. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to have the chance to work with a major US company and gain invaluable experience after they complete their degree or certificate programs. Gaining US work experience provides many benefits to international students and helps them become even more competitive in their home country's job market – even more so if it's with a world-renowned brand like Disney!



Save the Date: Dia de los Muertos

Fullerton College Cadena Cultural Center will host Dia de los Muertos on Wednesday, November 2 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Quad. Join us for a free evening of music, food, activities, ofrendas, and performances as we celebrate our ancestors. Bring a photo or memento of a loved one to put on our community altar

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Anaheim Collaborative Parent Summit

On September 23, 2022 Fullerton College hosted the Anaheim Collaborative Parent Summit. Over 250 participants from the city of Anaheim took part in presentations and workshops focusing on Dual Enrollment, financial aid, career preparedness, academic support strategies, and much more.



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ISC Events Are a Hit!

Since September, all ISC events have been sold out and have had 100% attendance! For our latest event, in partnership with Associated Students, we have so much interest, that we have had to create a waiting list. We are looking forward to more events and opportunities for our students to get to know others, as well as introducing and teaching them more about US life and culture.

ISC's International Club is Back

The ISC's International Club, which has been on hiatus since Fall 2019, is back and making a splash! Revived by four of our international students, the club won "Most Spirited" table at the September club rush event and was also one of the busiest tables - over 170 students signed up! The first meeting was held on October 6 - over 50 students showed up to the inaugural meeting where they engaged in ice breakers, shared their thoughts and ideas about club activities and what they hoped to gain by joining the International Club.

Fighting Fentanyl Together Forum

The OC Sheriff's Department with supports from OCDE, OC Health Care Agency and UC Irvine will host a "Fighting Fentanyl Together" forum on Friday, November 4 from 9a.m. to 12:00p.m. Speakers at the event will provide prevention strategies and resources for those that attend. Please RSVP by November 1st as there is a limited amount of seating available. Visit the Eventbrite page for more information: ["FightingFentanylTogetherForumOC.eventbrite.com"](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fighting-fentanyl-together-forum-oc)



Make an Impact for our Student-Veterans

The 4th Annual Veterans Golf Classic will take place on November 7, 2022! Register to golf, sponsor a veteran, donate, help at the event, and/or refer friends, family, and colleagues! All proceeds will benefit student-veterans and the Fullerton College Veterans Resource Center. Sign up today at: veterans.fullcoll.edu/golfclassic/

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Fullerton College Starbucks

On September 30, 2022 the Fullerton College Starbucks held a soft opening event for faculty and staff. Amidst the event, smiling faces could be seen as the various team members awaited their orders. Student workers may have struggled to keep up with the lines, but never faltered in showing Hornet pride! After a few more days, the location officially opened and now offers more than just coffee during their new business hours!

Monday-Thursday: 7am - 9pm

Fridays: 7am - 4pm

Saturdays: 7am - 1pm

Sundays: Closed

Financial Aid Numbers

In 2021-2022, Financial Aid disbursed a total of **\$29,118,033.94** in grants, loans, and federal work-study to 10,956 students.

In 2021-2022, a total of **\$8,506,805.64** of tuition fees were waived by the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) for 28,339 students.

In 2021-2022, Financial Aid disbursed a total of **\$16,605,500** in emergency aid to 11,341 students.



Hornet Leadership Retreat: Leaderopoly

Student Life and Leadership hosted the Hornet Leadership Retreat—LEADEROPOLY on Friday, September 30. A play on Monopoly, LEADEROPOLY, covered the fundamentals of leadership for emerging student leaders and continued to build upon the core foundation of leadership principles and framework for established student leadership. Participants had a blast during the multiple events of the day, and one group managed to capture a bit of campus spirit from Dr. Monte Perez!

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Colleagues,

I am deeply troubled by the pending decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals about the future of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This has been weighing heavy on me. A decision that rules DACA unlawful will spread further fear and uncertainty in the lives of tens of thousands of undocumented college students across California and the country. This decision would also impact staff at our colleges and in our system office.

There was a time not too long ago when it was common to hear the phrase, Undocumented and Unafraid, but this is not the case today. I have been hearing stories of undocumented students and staff up and down the state, and what they are saying is troubling. Undocumented students and staff are healing from broken promises of immigration reform, and they are very much afraid. They are losing faith in DACA and they do not know who to trust. Since the pandemic, we saw a 32% enrollment drop of AB 540 students at California Community Colleges and as you know, undocumented immigrants were amongst the hardest hit by COVID-19 illness as they joined essential work and the frontlines of this pandemic. Many lost loved ones and are still grieving from their loss.

This makes the pending decision about DACA even more troubling. We should not wait until a decision is announced to tell students that they can trust us and that we are here for them. I will be sending communication system wide next week in partnership with our other segments to reassure our students and staff that they are welcomed. Once a ruling is issued, guidance to districts will be sent to your general counsel. In the meantime, please urge all students with DACA status to make a free appointment to renew their DACA application with a legal services provider as soon as possible at FindYourAlly.com. Free legal services are available for students attending every community college campus, there is no cost to do this and there may be financial assistance to help them pay the renewal fee.

I also want to invite you to join the Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office for Undocumented Student Week of Action starting October 17-21, 2022. Our campuses will be hosting events during the third week of October for our sixth annual Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) and sharing their support for undocumented student success. Your leadership is instrumental to building collaborative partnerships among administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Indeed, that is why this year's theme is "Juntos Podemos: Collaborative Ecosystems that Support Undocumented Students." Throughout the week, we will lead state and federal efforts to continue advocating for immigration reform.

Lastly, we know that this court ruling may cause additional stress during an already tense time in our nation. Our students cannot be successful, let alone stay enrolled, if their mental health suffers. Please share with your campus and community resources for health assessments and treatments, psychological counseling and crisis intervention, first aid and other health resources. If you have any questions about USAW, please contact Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations David O'Brien.

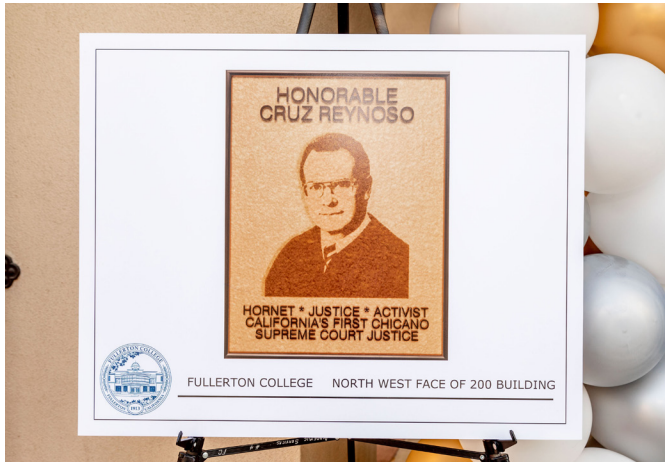
As always, thank you for your leadership and please extend our gratitude to your teams.

Dr. Gonzales

Daisy Gonzales, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor
Executive Office

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Cruz Reynoso Dedication

On October 13, 2022, Fullerton College hosted a celebration event honoring the legacy of alumnus and Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso. Many community members participated in the event as campus dedicates the 200 Building as “Cruz Reynoso Hall.” As a part of the dedication, Fullerton College also launched it’s year-long Cruz Reynoso Scholarship fundraiser.

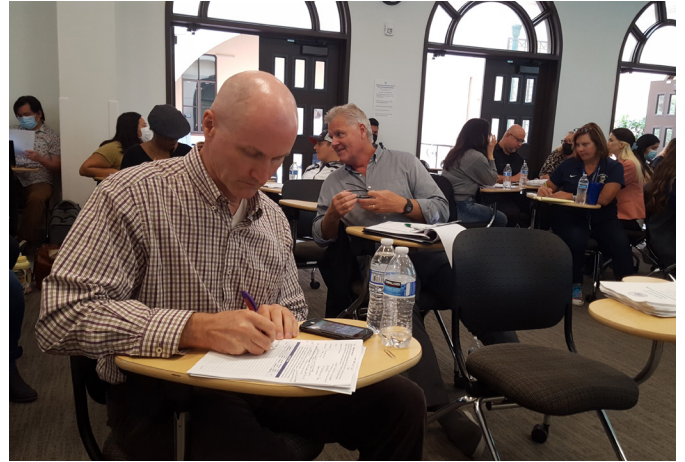


The final dedication of the building will take place at the start to Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Help us raise funds throughout the year for a new Cruz Reynoso Scholarship that will accompany the final dedication of the building!



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Student Services Program Review

On Friday October 14, 2022, the Fullerton College Student Services team took part in the Program Review Technical Assistance Training. The goals for this training were outlined in the document image on the right. The Student Services Leadership Team (SSLT) will receive additional assistance on Wednesday, October 19. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) will develop an area of resources that will be made available to all.



Student Services Program Review Technical Assistance Training

October 14, 2022 | 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Building 2400, Room 107

Accreditation Goals & Outcomes

1. Understand the purposes and processes of Program Review and Accreditation, and their interrelationship
2. Understand the types and sources of data, especially disaggregated data
3. Understand the Program Review template
4. Draft sections of Program Review(s)
5. Identify next steps in the process including resources for help and guidance

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CARE/CalWORKs/FYSI Little Monster Mash Halloween Event Success

On Friday October 14, 2022, the Fullerton College Care, CalWORKs, and FYSI teams hosted the Little Monster Mash Halloween Event and invited children and their parents from across Orange County. Smiles could be seen on all the children's faces as the event brought the magic of Halloween a few weeks early! Thank you all who helped put this event together!

Enrollment and Reengagement

Planning for the Fullerton College Enrollment and Reengagement efforts continues on Wednesday, October 19 at the Planning and Budget Steering Committee (PBSC). PBSC will discuss an early draft proposal that lays out a five year plan for approximately 6.4 million dollars. Following the PBSC meeting, the draft proposal will go on a road show in shared governance. The timeline and routing will be discussed at PBSC and appears in the draft proposal as well. All voices are welcome!

Safety Committee

Fullerton College is reestablishing a Safety Committee. A draft proposal will be shared at the upcoming President's Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on October 26. The Safety Committee will be an ongoing committee comprised of members of all constituent groups that report to PAC. The Committee will review prevention, intervention, suppression policies, practices, and programming, as well as facilitate input from campus constituencies about safety.

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Student Spotlights



The Admissions and Records Office would like to highlight our student worker **McKenna Pomeroy** for her excellent customer service!

McKenna has been attending Fullerton College since Fall 2021 and started working in A&R September of 2021. Her major is administration of justice and she plans on transferring to a 4-year university, either Cal State Fullerton or Cal State Long Beach. Her dream job is to be a crime scene investigator or forensic scientist. In her free time she enjoys cooking and drawing.

McKenna has shined as a student worker in A&R. She genuinely cares about students and is always willing to go the extra mile. When asked about her experience working in the Admissions and Records office she said “I love working at A&R because it’s a very welcoming environment where I not only get to help and assist students but also learn something new every day.”



The International Student Center would like to highlight our student assistant **Thai (Robin) Quach** for his instrumental role!

Thai (Robin) Quach not only works at the ISC as one our Student Assistants, but he has also been instrumental in restarting the International Club, which was on hiatus for the past three years. Currently, Thai serves as the Interim President of the International Club and is working hard to get the word out and get the campus community excited about the club and its future activities. Thai says he’s looking forward to sharing more about his culture (Vietnam) and hopes that all students (American and international) will enjoy learning about each other’s’ cultures, too, through the various games and events the club is planning this year.

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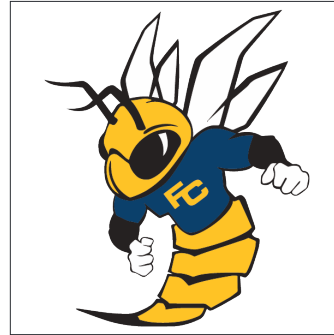
The Student Development & Engagement Office would like to highlight our student leader **Alexis Nava!**

Alexis Nava (he/him) is an active student leader in FC United who has a passion and commitment to our immigration impacted students. He has a willingness to take action like no other student we have met. Alexis is majoring in Business and is a true advocate for undocumented students.



The Student Development & Engagement Office would also like to highlight our student leader **Yahir Gutierrez Fiscal!**

Yahir Gutierrez Fiscal (he/him) is an active student leader that has so much courage and dedication towards our immigration impacted students. He inspires so many to continue taking action and helping others. Yahir is currently the Vice President of FC United and majoring in Math. This semester alone Yahir has presented to students in our program for our Grads to Be Orientation and Grads to Be Reception to share the many ways students can get involved with FC United.



Congratulations to Former Fullerton College student, **Jessica Susanto!**

Jessica Susanto transferred to Stanford University this fall after being selected for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The foundation awards up to \$55,000 per year to use toward tuition, books and other fees and expenses and is currently accepting applications for Fall 2023 transfer students. The deadline to submit the application is January 12th, however we encourage students to start on the application early and to allow ample time to request letters of recommendation in advance of the winter break. For more info, visit:

<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship/>

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Welcoming New Team Members to the Hive!



Welcome to Jennifer Merchant as our newest Guided Pathways (GP) team member. Jennifer has accepted the position of Director of Educational Partnerships and Programs, Guided pathways. Jennifer is a

proud Fullerton College transfer alum and Puentis-ta. Her aim for the last 7 plus years here at FC has been to provide students with the tools and services they need to thrive and achieve their academic and professional goals. Her professional journey at Fullerton College began in the Career Center where she had the privilege of helping students explore careers and majors as well as become job-ready. From there, she transitioned to the position of Director, Career Technical Education where she has overseen the internship program, outreach, and career readiness initiatives.

For over 4 years, Jennifer has worked with the Guided Pathways Initiative in multiple capacities including as a Co-chair for Workgroup #4, a Data Coach, and a Pathways Steering Committee member. She has also been instrumental in bringing PSLO and ISLO redesign, ePortfolios, and badging to our campus. She is dedicated to collaboration with her colleagues and students, and she works from a foundation based in kindness, mindfulness, and compassion. Jennifer is excited to work in the Guided Pathways office where she will employ her background in social work and career exploration/readiness as well as her dedication to DEIA in order to develop clear pathways for students to achieve their academic and professional goals. We couldn't be more thrilled to welcome her to this position.

Jennifer is joined by Matt Taylor (GP Faculty Coordinator) and Bianca Gladen (GP Administrative Assistant II), and her office will be located inside the Guided Pathways/Staff Development/Teaching Effective Center (TEC) in room 800C. Please stop by and visit our new Guided Pathways office, and meet our new team members when you have a chance.

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Welcome to **Lanicesha Dodson** who recently started her new role as a substitute Financial Aid Technician. Lanicesha graduated from El Camino College with an AA in Sign Language/Interpreter Training. She has over

20 years of experience working at El Camino College and Compton College assisting students in different capacities, with an added focus on customer service. Lanicesha is a great addition to our team and is excited to utilize her prior experience to help our Hornets community.



Welcome to **Marvin Perez** who joined the Financial Aid team as a Technician. Marvin started his higher education at Cerritos College and later transferred to CSU Dominguez Hills where he earned a degree in Liberal Studies:

Natural Science. Marvin has over 10 years of experience working in higher education, with an added focus in financial aid outreach. His mission has always been to work in education and assist students reach their goals. He is excited to be a part of the Hornets community.



Welcome to **Joshua Sanchez** who joined the Financial Aid team as a Technician. Joshua started his higher education at Fullerton College and later transferred to CSU Fullerton where he earned a Sociology

degree. He has over 12 years of financial aid experience, with an added focus on State grants such as the Cal Grant. As a first-generation student, Joshua understands the importance of financial aid and looks forward to assisting our students and rejoining the Hornets community.

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Welcome to our
8 new part-time
team members who
joined the Student
Development and
Engagement team in
late September!

Mayra Perez (she/her) – Student Development and Engagement Department Assistant

Itzel Marin (she/they) – Cadena Cultural Center Program Assistant

Anet Filatoff (she/her) – Grads to be Program Outreach and Student Support Advocate

Areli Patino Rodriguez (she/her) – Grads to be Program Marketing and Events Advocate

Yanel Bueno (they/them) – LGBTQIA2S+ Community Therapist

Lisa Macafee (they/she) – LGBTQIA2S+ Academic Counselor

Jackson Henry (he/him) – Umoja Program Assistant

Ryan Hunt (he/him) – Umoja Program Assistant

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Stay Tuned for These Events!

OCT 26 Fullerton College High School Counselors
Breakfast

NOV 2 Dia de los Muertos, Campus Quad

NOV 4 Fullerton College Hosts the Anaheim
Collaborative Meeting

NOV 7 Fullerton College Veterans Golf Classic

JAN 11 Males Achieving Success (MAS)
Conference @ Chapman University

...and many others to soon join this list!



Once a Hornet,
Always a Hornet!

