



Fall 2024

Scholarship Newsletter



Letter from the Dean



Greetings, College of Communications Supporters!

It is with great Titan Pride that we introduce you to the 2024-2025 outstanding scholarship recipients within our College's four departments: Cinema and Television Arts; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Communications; and Human Communication Studies.

Thanks to your commitment and generosity, scholarship funding supports College of Communications students in their academic and co-curricular endeavors, culminating in the attainment of a college degree. The mission of the College of Communications has been to prepare communicators to advance a democratic society. Never has it been more important that our society has well-trained ethical communications professionals.

The university experience is transformational, opening minds to new ways of thinking and opening doors to professional opportunities. I know it was for me, as a first-generation college student attending a public university. Cal State Fullerton is one of those premiere higher education institutions that provides access, affordability and high-quality programs – transforming lives in the process. Because of you, Titan students today will join your alumni ranks tomorrow, not only as successful professionals in their chosen fields, but also as community leaders in our society.

If you have questions about any of the scholarships or wish to learn more about current initiatives in the College, please contact Courtney Lutkus, Director of Development, at 657-278-4173 or clutkus@fullerton.edu.

Sincerely,
Jason M. Shepard, Ph.D.
Dean

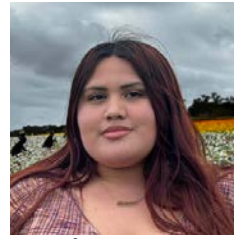
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Bergstrom Family
Scholarship



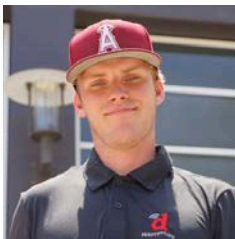
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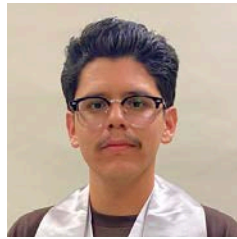
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Bergstrom Family
Scholarship



Vanessa Amber Siguenza
Denise Harrison
Integrity Award



Nicholas Wire
Guadalupe Austin
Memorial Scholarship



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Scholarship



Emily Castro Luis
Lucio Villa Scholarship



Jeffery Morris
Mona A. Baset
Scholarship



May Pham
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Study Abroad Scholarship



Noah Segovia
Tien Family Scholarship



Cassidy Apolo
Viet Dzong Human Rights
Scholarship



Vanessa Vuong
Viet Dzong Human Rights
Scholarship



(L to R) Lucio Villa, Lucio Villa Scholarship
recipient Emily Castro Luis, and Dr.
Ricardo Valencia, Latino Communications
Institute Director



(L to R) Jay Tien and Tien Family
Scholarship recipient
Noah Segovia

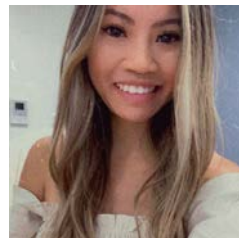
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**Bryanna Quynh Nhu
Nguyen**



Cecilia Wang



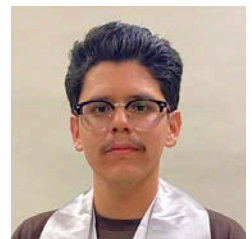
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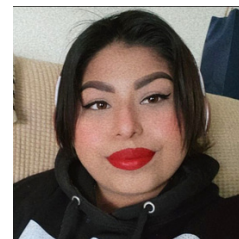
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Destinee Yopez



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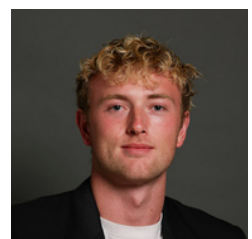
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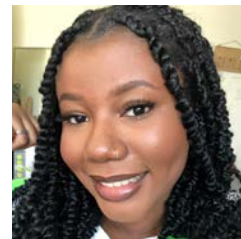
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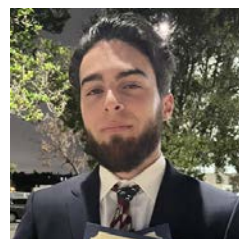
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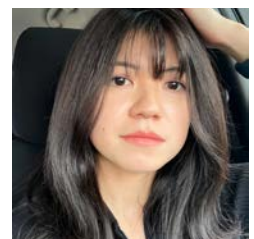
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Kori Griffin



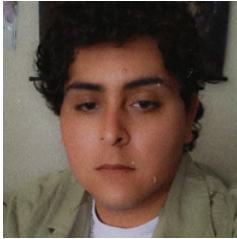
Kyle McCaghren



Mai Kobayashi

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Manuel J. Sanchez



Maritza M. Barrientos



May Pham



Mia Mendoza



Mia Rose Perez



Nathan Villasenor



Peyton Nicole Cronin



Robert Paul Apodaca

**Anais Sanchez Luis
Destiny Morris
Edie F. Galan
Hope Pharris
Isabella Brianna Lozano
Jessica D. Cardoza**

**Joseph R. Jauregui
Madison Rose Fraley
Marcela E. Rodriguez
Miguel Angel Castaneda
Sabrina Steele
Samuel A. Enriquez
Taylor M. Smith**

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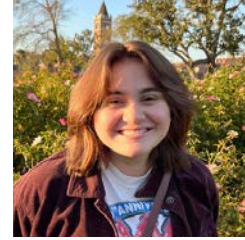
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Scholarship



Malia Medina
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Scholarship



Bryce Walker
Cinema & Television Arts
Scholarship



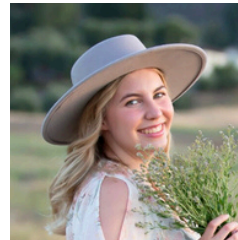
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Daniel and Heather Smith
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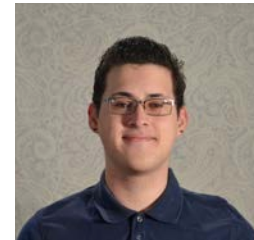
Destinee Yopez
Kathleen Taylor
Scholarship



Edie Galan
Kathleen Taylor
Scholarship



Peyton Nicole Cronin
Linda Giffin Citron
Scholarship



David Corns
Lorenzo Soria
Golden Globe Scholarship

Madison Rose Fraley
Cinema & Television Arts
Scholarship

Taylor Smith
Linda Giffin Citron
Scholarship

CTVA Short Films Premiere at Local Film Festivals

Directed by Hayley Garcia, the short film TAKE CARE, centers around family and the pressures of making the right decision which draws memories of when times stopped being so simple. This film was selected for the Amor Film Festival in Los Angeles, and CTVA alumna Crystal Bernardo won Best Actress for her role. TAKE CARE was also selected for the Mometu College Shorts Film Festival (Online) and Silicon Beach Film Festival (Hollywood) in 2024.

Directed by Marion Reyes, OFF THE MENU is a short film about a shy and complacent teenager who learns to let go of the girl he thinks is the love of his life with the help of his best friend and a cougar who is hungry for him. This film was selected by for the Los Angeles Film & Script Festival (Los Angeles) and will be screened in November 2024.

Thank you to the Reames Family and the Golden Globe Foundation for supporting the production of these films.



(L to R) Daniel Smith '84
and Daniel and Heather
Smith Scholarship
recipient Sabrina Steele



CTVA alumna
Crystal Bernardo

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Scholarships



Kara Kemp
California Scottish Rite
Scholarship



Laren Lee Salosagcol
California Scottish Rite
Scholarship



Rachel Isteeppo
Glyndon D. Riley
Scholarship



Jacqueline Dunlap
Holly Anne Irvine and
Terry Irvine Saenz
Scholarship



Bethany Jung
Michael R. Farinacci
Family Scholarship



Jenny Vu
Pay-It-Forward
Scholarship

Communication Sciences and Disorders Students Win Top Honors at Annual College Bowl Competition



On March 15, a team of second-year graduate students from Cal State Fullerton's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders won the 2024 California Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual College Bowl competition for the first time since 2018.

This event tests students' academic and clinical knowledge in a simulated experience, where they take the Praxis Exam that is required for certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for state licensure and credential. The members of the winning team are Natasha Bui, Valerie Hen, Rebeca De La Cruz, Bushra Kanawati and Kristie Law.

Donor support for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders helps makes student research and conference travel possible.

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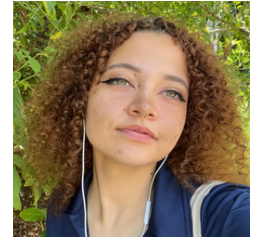
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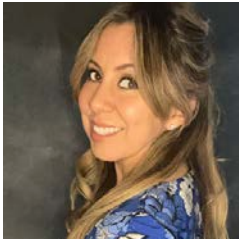
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and Ingrid and Jordan Smart
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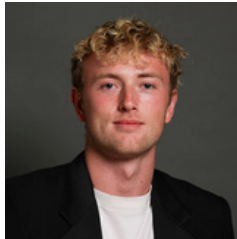
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Edgar P. Trotter Scholarship



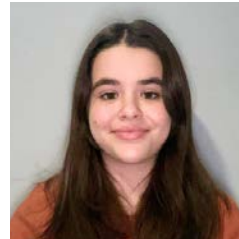
Delila R. Grubaugh
Gary Granville Memorial
Scholarship and Jay Berman
Daily Titan Scholarship



Jessica Cardoza
IAAPA Foundation/Themed
Advisors LLC Scholarship
and Ingrid and Jordan Smart
Scholarship



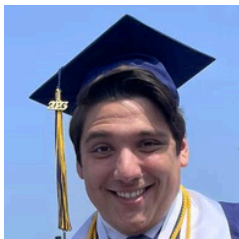
Jeffery Morris
John Stewart Memorial
Scholarship and
Titan Shops Award



Emily Wilson
JP Morgan Chase Student
Journalism Award



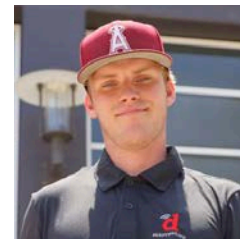
Mia Rose Perez
Miven Venture Partners
Scholarship



Zachariah Juarez
Terry Hynes Scholarship



Kyle McCaghren
Tom Pasqua Memorial
Scholarship



Nicholas Wire
VJ Lovero Photojournalism
Scholarship

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Justin Rosette

Alfred and Louise Hewitt
Journalism Scholarship

Sergio Gonzalez

Barbara K. Rickard-Riegle
Broadcast Journalism
Scholarship, Jay Berman
Daily Titan Scholarship, and
Vikki Vargas/NBC4
Broadcast Journalism
Scholarship

Enrique Medina Garcia

Chris Dufresne Sports
Journalism Scholarship,
Edgar P. Trotter Scholarship,
and Terry Hynes Scholarship

Jonathan Andrew Bindi

Edgar P. Trotter Scholarship, John
Stewart Memorial Scholarship, and
The Society of Professional
Journalists Scholarship

Devin Zamora

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Advisors LLC Scholarship

Aracely Gutierrez

Jay Berman Daily Titan
Scholarship

Miguel Castaneda

John Stewart Memorial
Scholarship

Alyssa Heinlein

Rayfield Memorial
Scholarship

Juliana White

Terry Hynes Scholarship



(L to R) Gay Arakawa '82, Chris Dufresne Sports Journalist Scholarship recipient Enrique Medina Garcia, and Sheila Dufresne



(L to R) JP Morgan Chase Representatives Frank Montes, Desiree Ulloa, JP Morgan Chase Student Journalist Award recipient Emily Wilson, Rubi Barragan, Peter Kelley, and Lionel Parrales

Daily Titan Wins National Honors in News and Advertising



(L to R) Delila Grubaugh, Dominic Samaniego, Emily Wilson, Raniel Santos (front), Alexcia Negrete, Isaiah Mallari and Gottie Chavez at the Associated Collegiate Press Spring National College Media Conference

In March, the *Daily Titan* won six Best of Show awards at the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Spring National Media Conference held in San Diego, including the following staff awards:

- First place for advertising media kit
- Fifth place for website
- Fifth place for digital newsletter

In addition, three students won individual awards:

- Second place: Ruka Yuga, Advertisement: Print, Online, Video or Audio, for “Teaching is a chance to change the world, CSUF Department of Secondary Education”
- Third place: Paige Strickland, Reporting: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, for “CSUF Drag Show winner forges their own runway”
- Eighth place: Jordan Rivera, Photojournalism: Sports Photo, for “Men’s soccer clinches No. 1 seed in Big West playoffs”

Separate from the ACP Best of Show awards, students earned honors at the California College Media Association awards competition, held in conjunction with the ACP conference:

- Second place: Ruka Yuga, Best Print Advertisement, for “Teaching is a chance to change the world, CSUF Department of Secondary Education”
- Second place: Emily Melgar, Gottie Chavez, Mahealani Wu, Gigi Gradillas and Paige Strickland, Best Social Justice Coverage, for “Cal State Fullerton still struggles to hire diverse faculty (Melgar)”; “Palestinian roots motivate CSUF student body president (Chavez)”; “CSUF to take repatriation more seriously under CSU guidance (Wu and Gradillas)”; “ASI panel boosts queer visibility at CSUF (Wu)”; “CSUF Drag Show winner forges their own runway (Strickland)”

Congratulations to the journalism and advertising winners, and special thanks to *Daily Titan* editorial adviser Frank Russell and advertising adviser Michelle Kurland.

Department of Human Communication Studies Scholarships



Max Wiessner
Doug and Rori Ridley
Scholarship and
Dr. John C. Reinard
Forensics Scholarship



Ashley Youngs
Flocken Family Legacy for Graduate
Students and HCOM Memorial Scholarship
in Memory of Herbert W. Booth, Seth
Fessenden & Wayne Brockriede



Cindy Do
Dr. John C. Reinard
Forensics Scholarship



Zachary Bucci
Philip J. Schreiner Memorial
Scholarship



Erik Sandoval
Positive Change Scholarship

Andrea Norma Delgado

Jeanine Congalton
Scholarship and
Dr. Lucy M. Keele
Debate Scholarship

Krizel Guansing

Lee Granell Memorial
Scholarship

Anirv Ayyala

Dr. Lucy M. Keele
Debate Scholarship and
Robert Gass Debate
Scholarship

Forensics team with Jacquie Plitt and Arine Romo from Southwest Airlines, the Official Airline of CSUF Forensics



Dr. John C. Reinard scholarship
recipients, Cindy Do (Left) and Max Wiessner,
with Betty Jean Reinard

Titan Speech Team Brings Home Honors From Ireland



Cal State Fullerton students on the individual events team participated in the International Forensics Association tournament in Dublin, Ireland, on March 10-12. More than 400 competitors from 41 schools participated in 17 different events, including a unique Irish Oral Interpretation event. Congratulations to the following students and faculty on their award-winning placements:

- Autumn Stauffer, 2nd place in After Dinner Speaking
- Autumn Stauffer, 2nd place in Audio Narration
- Autumn Stauffer, 4th place in Visual Communication
- Erika Thomas, Gold in Irish Oral Interpretation
- Aaron Weinstein, Silver in Irish Oral Interpretation
- Collette Blumer, Silver in Irish Oral Interpretation

The individual events team also competed at the National Online Forensics Championship tournament March 22-24. Isabela Coronel earned honors in impromptu speaking, an event with 33 competitors. Six students on the individual events team qualified for the National Forensic Association national tournament, which will be held at Central Michigan University in April.

Congratulations to our Nationally Qualified Individual Events Team

Our nationally qualified Individual Events team traveled to Central Michigan University for the **2024 National Forensics Association National Championship!** In order to compete at nationals, each student had to qualify their pieces by making it to a final elimination round at a qualifying tournament.

Congrats to all our national qualifiers!

Isabela Coronel: After Dinner Speaking & Impromptu

Cindy Do: Poetry & Impromptu

Autumn Stauffer: After Dinner Speaking

Aicha Mangué: Informative

Max Wiessner: After Dinner Speaking, Extemp, & Poetry

Max made it to OCTOFINALS in poetry in a pool of 94 entries and Isabela made it ALL THE WAY TO QUARTERFINALS in impromptu in a pool of 142 entries!

We are so proud of our IEs squad and all their success this season. Between topics, advocacy, accomplishments, and awards, CSUF continues to shake up forensics conversations in every round, tournament, and season we appear at.



Student Scholar Appreciation

"I chose CSUF to complete my graduate studies because of the opportunities for multicultural experiences and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. This scholarship was created with the intention of providing financial support for someone who would use their education to benefit multicultural populations with speech, language, or communication needs. I am determined to fulfill that purpose during my future career. "

- Jacqueline Dunlap

This award is very meaningful not only financially, but emotionally as well, as it has strengthened my belief in myself. Knowing that others believe in me, I am encouraged and motivated to do my best academically as well as inspired to give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students just as you have helped me.

- Malia Medina



Thank you again for your generosity and advocating for the youth; this scholarship has not only eased the financial burden placed upon me and my family, but has provided much encouragement for me to continue to strive for the best in all my pursuits. I hope to take what I have learned at this institution to greater heights, by achieving my ambitions and dreams, and giving back to my parents, their sacrifices, and the greater community.

-Vanessa Vuong

Thanks to your generosity, I will be able to pursue my dream of studying abroad in Okayama, Japan, this upcoming academic year. This experience will be invaluable to my growth as a journalist, providing me with a global perspective and the opportunity to immerse myself in a new culture and environment.

- Kyle McCaghren

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