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UNCOVERING HISTORY

Applied research provides clues and artifacts
of historical significance

Promoting Lifelong Learning and Growth

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In education circles, we often refer to the importance of “high-impact practices,” which contribute to student engagement, retention and graduation success. While listening to Provost Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval speak at a campus event recently, I was pleasantly surprised when he said he was a beneficiary of such practices. As I listened to his story, I realized that, through storytelling, we can better illustrate high-impact practices and, ultimately, how their value promotes lifelong learning and growth.

As an undergraduate student at UC Irvine, Provost Jiménez-Sandoval was required to take a calculus course. He attributes his success in the challenging course to a peer-tutoring program, which provided him access to a junior-level student who had mastered the curriculum. The existence of a high-impact peer-tutoring program enabled him to succeed in a subject that is often shrouded with anxiety and tends to overwhelm students. He proceeded to earn a double bachelor of arts (cum laude) in Spanish and history in four years, and continued to earn a Ph.D. in Spanish and Portuguese literatures. Faced with many professional options after completing his degrees, Dr. Jimenez-Sandoval — raised in nearby Fowler — chose to serve at home in the Central Valley.

At Fresno State, faculty and academic administrators continually focus on developing, implementing and assessing high-impact programs, with strong emphasis on critical inquiry, writing, information literacy, collaborative learning and other skills that develop students’ intellectual and practical competencies.

The cover story of this issue of Fresno State Magazine illustrates several high-impact practices within a unique archaeology program.

Students benefit from a two-week field trip that incorporates both undergraduate research and project-based learning. They learn the fascinating history and importance of native cultures while participating in digs, discovering artifacts and interacting with and learning from local Native American communities. As with many other programs throughout campus, the students learn that working with community partners is good preparation for citizenship, work and life.

Providing students with engaging experiential learning opportunities elicits a sense of excitement that comes from working to answer important questions. Consequently, our students are actively engaged, which leads to increased retention and graduation rates.

Both Dr. Jiménez-Sandoval and I were the first in our families to obtain university degrees, like 63% of Fresno State’s graduating class last year. Experiential learning opportunities brought our classroom lectures to life and helped us thrive as students and later as professionals.

The potential for Fresno State research and partnerships to benefit our communities and region is vast and promising. Thanks to these types of programs, that potential is increasingly realized every day.



Dr. Joseph I. Castro
President, Fresno State



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Cover: Fresno State chemistry major John Harbour sifts through materials uncovered at an archaeology field school this past summer near Oakhurst.

Left: Lena Marie Neuner of the Karuk Tribe and Fresno State professor Dr. John Pryor (right) observe material discovered during an archaeological dig that connects students and alumni with Natives in Central California.

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A life recovered

Photo by Cary Edmondson

In 2012, William Schmahl woke up in a hospital bed with no recollection of who he was.

He lost an arm, damaged his organs, suffered from amnesia and experienced depression due to a motorcycle accident. But his family, therapy with a qualified psychologist and hiking in beautiful Central California helped him recover.

Now, Schmahl is a student in the master's program in marriage, child and family counseling. His goal is to work with individuals with disabilities who have endured trauma like himself — letting them know that recovery is on the horizon.

Did you know?

Graduate students like Schmahl provide nearly 10,000 low-cost therapy sessions each year to local residents at Fresno Family Counseling Center through a Fresno State program designed to train future therapists.



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FRESNO STATE **NEWS** BRIEFS

Graduation-rate Performance Ranks No. 3 Nationally

**BEST
COLLEGES**
U.S. News & World Report
RANKINGS

For the third straight year, Fresno State placed among the top three best public universities for graduation-rate performance in U.S. News and World Report's 2020 Best College rankings. Fresno State scored third-highest among public national universities and was No. 4 overall in the national universities category, improving from the No. 5 spot last year.

The graduation-rate performance category uses the University's actual six-year graduation rate compared to predicted performance based on admissions data, school financial resources, the proportion of federal financial-aid recipients who are first-generation, math and science orientations and the proportion of undergraduates receiving Pell grants.

"At Fresno State, we believe that talent exists in every household," says Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro. "These rankings show that, through educating and empowering our students to obtain an academic degree, we are unleashing this talent to prepare a new generation of bold leaders for the Central Valley, the state and beyond."

Fresno State moved up to No. 101 in overall rankings for public universities compared to No. 112 last year. San Diego State University is the only other California State University campus ranked on the national universities list at No. 68.

U.S. News and World Report evaluates campuses on multiple factors for its overall national ranking. The magazine gives the most weight to graduation and retention rates followed by faculty resources, academic reputation, financial resources, student excellence and alumni giving.

Washington MONTHLY 2019 COLLEGE RANKINGS What Can College^s Do For You? the Country

In other rankings

The U.S. News and World Report rankings follow the announcement of Fresno State as No. 24 in Washington Monthly's annual nationwide college rankings. The Washington D.C.-based magazine calls attention to colleges that best serve the community, ranking institutions on social mobility, research and service.

This is the fourth straight year Fresno State has ranked in Washington Monthly's top 25. Fresno State was the only California State University campus on the list, selected alongside six Ivy League institutions, including top-ranked Stanford University; six University of California campuses; and MIT.

The University also ranked No. 35 in MONEY magazine's 50 Best Public Colleges rankings for 2019.

— BoNhia Lee

By the numbers

No. 3 U.S. News grad-rate performance

No. 24 Washington Monthly national university rankings

No. 35 MONEY magazine's Best Public Colleges



▲ Dr. Robert J. Piersol

*“He loved the University.
He loved his students.
He loved young people.”*

MARIE CROSSON

Niece

Professor Emeritus Gifts \$1.7M Estate for Scholarships

Dr. Robert J. Piersol valued education — both for himself and others — having grown up in a home where almost everyone had advanced degrees.

Piersol once wrote that he was lucky enough to have a few careers as a design and development engineer, an economics analyst and a professor of management in the Craig School of Business at Fresno State, says Marie Crosson, his niece and executor of his estate.

“Later in his life, he noted at one of his reunions that ultimately his greatest accomplishment was being a teacher,” Crosson says.

Piersol, a Fresno State professor emeritus, left his \$1.7 million estate to the Craig School to develop a scholarship program for graduate students. He died in May 2018 but knew almost two decades ago he wanted to leave whatever he had to Fresno State, Crosson says.

He could have easily left the gift to Stanford University, where he earned his Master of Business Administration, or to Harvard University, where he got a doctorate in business administration. But Piersol “wrote that he wanted to make sure his money would support students who might otherwise not be able to attend the University and gain what he thought was a great gift — a formal education,” Crosson says.

“He loved the University. He loved his students. He loved young people,” she says.

— BoNhia Lee

CLUB HOPPING



Women's Rugby D-II Champs

The Fresno State club women's rugby team won the Division II spring championship on May 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina, beating Salisbury of Maryland 25-19 a day after beating Tulane 57-17. It was the club's first such championship after finishing third in 2018.

Students Win National Research Awards

Micah Olivas and Alyssa Rivera want to find ways to treat cancer and other diseases. Now, the Fresno State senior and junior biochemistry majors' research got a big boost.

Olivas and Rivera were among 496 undergraduate students nationwide awarded the 2019 Goldwater Scholarship for showing exceptional promise of becoming the next generation of natural sciences, mathematics and engineering research leaders.

The winners were selected from 1,223 nominees submitted by 443 universities from a pool of more than 5,000 students. Only six students from the 23-campus California State University system received the honor. They will each receive a scholarship of up to \$7,500 a year.



◀ Micah Olivas and Alyssa Rivera were among 496 students nationwide awarded the Goldwater Scholarship.

Cary Edmondson

"It is quite remarkable that two students from the same California State University campus have been selected for this prestigious, and very competitive, award in the same year," says Dr. Saeed Attar, director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College at Fresno State and professor of chemistry. Olivas and Rivera are Smittcamp Scholars.

Olivas, a Hanford native, is working with Dr. Laurent Dejean in the Department of Chemistry to research how small particulate matter in Valley air causes cell stress in the lungs. Rivera, from Fresno, is studying how natural products can serve as potential anti-cancer treatments with Fresno State organic chemistry professor Dr. Qiao-Hong Chen.

— BoNhia Lee



AROUND THE FOUNTAIN

How Many Degrees Was It?

Fresno State graduated its largest class in history in May with more than 5,800 students meeting requirements. About 63% of the 2019 graduates were first-generation students whose parents hadn't received bachelor's degrees.

Largest Graduating Class
5,872 Students

63%
2019 Grads were First-Generation



No. 1 Producer of Teachers

Fresno State prepares more K-12 schoolteachers than any other public university in the state, awarding over 700 teaching credentials in the 2017-18 academic year, according to the Teacher Supply in California report issued in April.



Samuel Marshall

Major League Arm

Mountain West Pitcher of the Year Ryan Jensen was drafted in the first round (27th overall) by the Chicago Cubs. The junior is the sixth first-round draft choice under Bulldogs coach Mike Batesole.

Alumni Participation, Philanthropy on the Rise

A total of 11,577 people contributed about \$27.6 million to Fresno State during the 2018-19 academic year — \$20.7 million for academics and \$6.9 million for athletics. That's a 23% increase in overall giving from the year before, and the second largest fundraising year in University history.

Alumni participation was also up about 17%, a testament to the importance alumni see in supporting students and the programs that helped them succeed.

"Alumni who support Fresno State demonstrate the strength of our University within the CSU," says Paula Castadio, vice president for University Advancement. "Gifts small and large make a collective impact on the educational experiences of our students."



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Here is a look at a few of the noteworthy gifts this past year:

- \$300,000 from Ritchie Clendenin for the Clendenin Brass Endowed Scholarship in the College of Arts and Humanities. Clendenin's mother, June, created an annual scholarship for music majors playing in the brass quintet in honor of her son, who was a brass music professor at Fresno State. After her death, Ritchie Clendenin grew the scholarship into an endowment in honor of his late mother.
- A philanthropic grant of \$200,000 to support operations of Fresno State's Office of Community and Economic Development funded from The James Irvine Foundation.
- \$31,000 from Macy's to support the Clothing Closet and the Student Cupboard's annual March Match Up. The Clothing Closet provides students with professional clothing for interviews, career fairs and first jobs. The Student Cupboard is a free food and hygiene pantry for current students.

— BoNhia Lee



Chris Cruz

New Forensic Degree

Forensic behavioral sciences, a program that prepares students interested in traditional criminal justice careers with the application of behavioral sciences, is now offered as a major at Fresno State. It is believed to be the only undergraduate degree program in forensic behavioral sciences in the country.



1.4 Million Volunteer Hours

For the 10th straight year, thousands of students, faculty and staff cumulatively provided over 1 million hours of service to the community during the 2018-19 academic year. The estimated economic impact of these hours is more than \$42 million.



National Teacher Award

Chamroeun Yann, master teacher at Fresno State's Programs for Children, was one of 50 nationwide to be awarded the Terri Lynne/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher award.

'Giddy Up'

To the cheers of a near-sellout crowd of 6,500 fans at the Casper Events Center in Wyoming, Fresno State senior Colton Campbell won the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association men's all-around championship, the highest honor possible at the College National Finals Rodeo.

Campbell's 240 points earned him the championship on June 15, when he represented the Fresno State Bulldogs club rodeo team. Campbell claimed Fresno State's first men's individual title since Dudley Little won the same event in 1974.

Thanks to his scores in three preliminary rounds and the short go final round, Campbell's all-around total was based on his second-place finish in tie down roping and 19th-place finish in the team roping header standings.



Dan Hubbell, Hubbell Rodeo Photos

▲ Representing the Bulldogs club rodeo team, Colton Campbell won the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association men's all-around championship.

"Ever since I started roping when I was young, winning nationals has been a dream," says Campbell, who came to Fresno State from Klamath Falls, Oregon to follow in the footsteps of his mother, aunt and uncle who are all alumni. "I would like to thank my family, Coach Uhuru Adem, teammates and everyone else who has helped. I'm also very lucky to have the two horses that I competed on that I've had for so long. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them."

Overall, Fresno State finished 17th in the men's team standings.

Campbell's road will lead him to an even busier summer as he tries to establish himself as a rookie on the pro circuit. He expects to compete at a host of rodeos around the West before he returns to his Cal-Ore family ranch near Klamath Falls — the place where he started competing when he was 4 years old.

"I've been lucky to compete for Fresno State, and also to be able to take classes in livestock management, which has really helped me understand animals in a new way," Campbell says.

— Geoff Thurner



Courtesy of the Mountain West



Cary Edmondson



Keith Kountz

'DOG BYTES Mountain Best

Fresno State earned its most athletics championships in a single season since joining the Mountain West in 2012. When combining Mountain West regular season and tournament titles, the Bulldogs won four championships — baseball (regular/tournament), football (regular) and men's tennis (tournament).



Health on Wheels

Rosa Barajas has been a volunteer with Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women for 13 years. During a recent visit to the Fresno State Community Health Mobile Unit, parked just outside the gates of the center, Barajas received some alarming news the day before her 56th birthday. Her blood pressure was abnormally high.

Barajas, of Fresno, is one of many who discover they have high blood pressure or other health ailments that may otherwise go unnoticed or unchecked if not for the free screening services provided throughout Fresno County by the mobile health unit. As a mother of four, Barajas says receiving the news was scary, but it gave her a sense of relief to know she can get help regardless of her ability to afford medication.

Barajas received a referral from Melisa Rotondi, a Fresno State student pursuing her master's in nursing. She has volunteered in the mobile unit for the past two years and says cases like this are common.

"It's important for these individuals to understand that even if they don't have access to medical care, we can still refer them to surrounding clinics that will help them obtain medications even if they don't have insurance," Rotondi says.

Now, even more clients will be able to benefit from services like this, and more Fresno State students will gain valuable clinical skills, thanks to a \$250,000 gift from Saint Agnes Medical Center. The gift will allow the mobile unit to continue serving residents in areas across the Central Valley. This recent gift brings Saint Agnes' total contribution to the mobile unit to \$375,000 within the last two-plus years.

Since its fall 2015 launch, the cost-free services from the mobile unit have benefited more than 5,000 individuals throughout the region. Nearly 600 students from Fresno State have volunteered at the mobile unit, gaining important service-learning and clinical learning opportunities along the way.

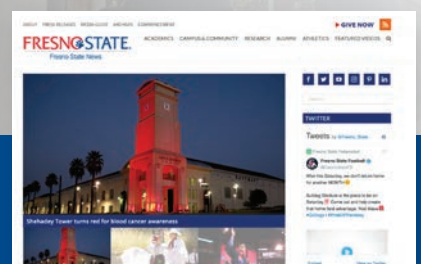
— *Melissa Tav*

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— **MELISA ROTONDI**
Nursing Graduate Student



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SHAPING STUDENT LIFE

Lynda and Stewart Resnick give \$10 million to Fresno State, University's largest student-life investment

By Lisa Maria Boyles

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fter a historic vote last year by Fresno State students to build a new student union, philanthropists and entrepreneurs Lynda and Stewart Resnick, owners of The Wonderful Company, made a \$10 million investment to make this new facility a reality.

The generous commitment, the largest ever made to a student-life initiative at Fresno State, will transform the University by supporting a central hub for students on campus, one that will accommodate the growing student body for years to come.

On Sept. 24, the California State University Board of Trustees approved naming Fresno State's new student union the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Student Union. The Resnicks' gift will support the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new building, which will embrace the tenets of sustainability and achieve LEED Gold-equivalent certification, incorporating energy efficiencies including solar panels.

"Stewart and I have long supported Fresno State's mission of shaping the

Central Valley's best and brightest young minds, while serving as a significant pipeline of talent for businesses throughout the region," says Lynda Resnick, vice chair and co-owner of The Wonderful Company. "Our hope is that this beautiful new facility will empower student success well into the future."

The Wonderful Company is a privately held \$4.6 billion global company dedicated to harvesting health and happiness around the world through its consumer brands, which include Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Halos, POM Wonderful, FIJI Water, JUSTIN Wine and Teleflora. The Resnicks have a long-standing commitment to sustainability and giving back.

In 1994, the Resnicks established Wonderful Education with the clear mission to significantly increase the number of college degree-earning students in the Central Valley. With a cradle-to-career focus, Wonderful Education operates three preschools, two public charter schools, an agriculture-focused early college pathway and has awarded classroom grants across 165 schools and 2,350 college scholarships.



► This rendering shows the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Student Union, expected to be completed in fall 2021.

A portion of the Resnicks' investment will be used to create The Wonderful Scholar Center within the new student union, a dedicated space where the over 200 Wonderful Scholars scholarship recipients attending Fresno State will receive tutoring and counseling from their college-success specialists.

"We are deeply grateful for Lynda and Stewart's bold and impactful investment in Fresno State's talented and diverse students," says President Joseph I. Castro. "Their generous support for public higher education underscores the importance of private philanthropy and universities joining together to elevate our region and beyond."



Studies have shown that student unions improve retention rates and student success by providing students with a central hub for activities and engagement between classes, said Dr. Frank Lamas, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Connecting with peers, joining a student club or organization, participating in study groups, catching a lecture, or grabbing a meal all enrich the student life experience and foster a sense of belonging in students.

Research has found that improving a sense of community for students heightens their University experience while working toward finishing their college education. Students who find campus to be an enjoyable, engaging environment will thrive.

"The generosity of the Resnick family will inspire others to make transformational gifts to advance student success at Fresno State," says Paula Castadio, vice president for University Advancement. "Aligning donor passions with proven high-impact practices elevates our University and its ability to prepare our next generation of leaders."

The 84,000-square-foot Lynda and Stewart Resnick Student Union will include dynamic and interchangeable meeting spaces, dedicated spaces for student organizations and a relaxing outdoor terrace that can be used year-round. The \$60 million project is expected to be completed in fall 2021. The existing University Student Union will continue to provide key programs and services that will complement the new facility.

Naming Gifts

Several other naming gifts have been secured to support various spaces in the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Student Union:

- The **Leon S. Peters Foundation** is giving \$1 million in support of the Leon S. Peters Outdoor Event Plaza.
- The **Honorable Marvin and Jane Baxter** are giving \$250,000 in support of the Justice Marvin and Jane Baxter ASI Executive Suite.
- **Ryan and Ashley Jacobsen** are giving \$25,000 in support of the Ryan and Ashley Jacobsen Associated Students, Inc. President's Office.

Additional gifts large and small are still needed.

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A PRYOR COMMITMENT

An archaeology professor dedicates his life's work to honoring Native history

By Eddie Hughes
Photos by Cary Edmondson

As a few dozen anthropology students and members of several local Native American tribes circled around a camp site at a remote location in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, John Pryor broke into song. But don't be fooled by the professor's courage — he's not a singer, he's just an archaeologist with a meaningful way of doing things.

The song he shared was his way of showing respect for the culture he's devoted the past 21 years of his career to discovering more about. Pryor, himself, is not Native American. But as he has embarked on a "new archaeology" — one that blends Western science and Native American heart — he has built relationships within several Central Valley tribes and demonstrated a passion for preserving their history.

For two weeks each summer, Pryor and a select group of alumni supervise a diverse class of more than 20 Fresno State students at an archaeology field school in the village site of Pal-lah-tci. The site, a short drive from the mountain town of Oakhurst, is known as "Grandad." The plot of land is owned by Ed Appling Jr. of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation and Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians. And each summer, the students are visited by members of many different local tribes.

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► *Dr. John Pryor, a Fresno State anthropology professor, has devoted the past 21 years of his career to a "new archaeology" that blends Western science with Native American history and culture.*





"The site itself is something special. It was a village site, a place with people," says Erin Renn, a 2010 Fresno State archaeology graduate who has returned to Grandd numerous times to help supervise students. "Once a year, Dr. Pryor brings people back to it, and, for those willing to feel it, the site comes alive and thanks you for being there."

On this particular day, as the two-week field school is wrapping up, several Natives share songs and stories of their own before it's Pryor's turn. Pryor sings one of many traveling songs — intended to send loved ones home safe and make sure the spirits don't follow them. It's a song Pryor sings toward the end of field school each year, and one he learned from his friend Razzel Dazzel, who is also part of the circle this day.

"Just because I have these Native American perspectives doesn't make me Indian," Pryor says. "But I honor their traditions by honoring their beliefs."

STUDENTS DIG RESEARCH

It's early June, and the students are awake and dressed in time to start working by 7 a.m. Each student is assigned a specific role.

Some are carefully brushing and digging inside a shallow rectangular plot, looking for small clues to help piece together the past of the Native peoples who once lived on this land. Others are collecting findings and using a shaker screen to sift through the debris in search of any meaningful artifacts. Down the hill, another group of students collects the material, classifies it and stores it for further research back at the lab.

In a mountainous region where cell phone reception is limited and distractions are few, the students get an outdoor educational experience beyond what a standard classroom can supply. They learn about the history of the land they are exploring and the people who once lived there.

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Each summer, about 20 Fresno State students spend two weeks at an archaeological field school near Oakhurst. Over the past 21 years, the students have partnered with members of the Native community to excavate 72 units at the site, each measuring 2 meters by 2 meters.

They meet some of those people's ancestors face to face. And they gain a cultural understanding that is as unique as their own.

"The people they are researching aren't gone, they are still here within their communities," says Felix Christman, tribal archaeological monitor for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California. "My tribe has sent people to the field school to get hands-on training, but to also learn the language used by archaeologists, and share our language also."

MORE THAN A FEAST

About 10 a.m., after a few hours of work on this day, the Fresno State students return to their tents at camp to cool off, clean up and change into fresh clothes. It's a special afternoon.

For one day each summer, Natives from various tribes around the Valley are invited to the site to learn, observe or even work alongside the students if they'd like to. Then, like any good party when special guests are in attendance, they feast (potluck style).

While students and alumni are preparing the food, Pryor is under a shade tree, carefully observing a package of artifacts brought to camp by a Native American family representing the Chukchansi cultural resources department.

As if it's a scene from the "Antiques Roadshow," Pryor examines a utensil from the collection and explains to the family it was likely used by Natives for cutting. By eyeballing it, he can estimate its age and roughly identify what region it came from. He points out another utensil that was likely used to mix acorn



▲ Members of various local Native communities gather around Dr. John Pryor to share artifacts they brought for him to observe and discuss the historical significance.

mush. He finds arrowheads and daub, and then he sets aside a couple insignificant specimens.

"I'll say, 'think about who made that, think about the last person who touched that 1,000 years ago, 5,000 years ago,'" Pryor says. "Things are just things, but it's that human connection that deepens archaeology."

With an artifact in the palm of his left hand, he looks up from above the rim of his eyeglasses and finds an audience now circled around him and sitting in folding chairs — Natives and students alike. He passes the artifacts around for all to see and feel, and warns the group to be careful with one particularly sharp tool.

From tribe to tribe to tribe to student, each person gains understanding and appreciation for the lifestyle of those who once lived on the nearby land.

"I can look at the style of the arrowhead, or the spear point, and it's like a car," Pryor says. "You can look at a car and say, 'Oh, that is a 1967 Chevy.' Style goes in and out of fashion. So I can look at the artifacts here and say, 'OK, that arrowhead is of a type that was made 500 years ago, or that is of a type that was made 5,000 years ago.'"

To be more exact, Pryor and his team can also use what's called absolute dating, or C-14 (carbon-14) dating. That process, which is a more mechanical process, was used for the field school's largest discovery in recent years — what is believed to be part of a chief's house from 1,200 years ago. At that time, the Miwuk chief lived in a relatively large, earthen-covered house, while commoners lived in brush houses.

For the better part of the past decade, he and his students have investigated the structure, excavating to the top of it — about half of which remains intact. To test a theory that it may have been damaged in a fire all those years ago,

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► By examining items shared by the Native communities, Dr. John Pryor can estimate the time period it was used.

they worked with Natives to rebuild a similar structure and burn it to compare conditions.

Altogether, field school participants have excavated 72 units at the site, each 2 meters by 2 meters. In partnership with the tribal community, Pryor stresses that everything excavated belongs to the family who owns the land. "We get to analyze it, but the good stuff goes back to the families each year," Pryor says.

Much of California's pre-contact history is lost or misinterpreted, says Shana Powers, a 2012 Fresno State archaeology graduate who is now cultural department director for the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe. "California has some of the highest concentration of Native people in all of America, and the cultures here were so different than anywhere else. California was all about sharing and seeing that interconnectivity between tribes so they could all do better together."

SPEAKING 'ARCHY'

One of the first things Pryor teaches his students and the Native Americans who want to learn more about their ancestors is the basic archaeology terminology — or the language of "archy," as he calls it.



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"Often a student will come up to me and say, 'Oh, you're an archaeologist? I took a class in that, and I thought about it becoming my major but my mom said you can't get a job in that,'" Pryor says. "Well, I'm here to tell you, all your mothers lied."

Many of Pryor's students are going on to work as archaeologists for federal and state agencies, and several in recent years have been hired as cultural monitors or in similar roles for various tribes in the region, such as Powers and Christman.

Other students are applying archaeological principles to become forensic anthropologists, zoologists or explore other scientific fields.

Then there are students like Renn, the site supervisor, who is now pursuing her Ph.D. and serving as a teaching assistant at the University of California, Merced. She first visited the site in 2008 as an undergraduate, and as a Native herself, says the experience is invaluable.

"As I continued my education in archaeology at the graduate level, having a field school associated with my undergrad degree gave me experience that allowed me to work in supervisory positions in other research projects," Renn says. "It also seemed uncommon to have the experience as well as the degree, as many of my fellow students didn't have access to a field school as an undergrad student."

That type of project-based learning is a major advantage for many Fresno State students who take advantage of research opportunities throughout their college years. Oftentimes, those research projects directly benefit the region and its people.

"Fresno State's hands-on research benefits the community by helping to tell our story, keeping our culture alive within the community," Christman says. "The school working alongside tribal members also benefits community relations."



Fresno State chemistry student John Harbour sifts through materials uncovered at the field school, working with Dr. John Pryor to identify significant artifacts to take back to the laboratory for further examination.



Did you know?

The Native American Initiative at Fresno State partners with tribes and tribal organizations to provide students access to higher education through advocacy, outreach, assistance and advising? Each year the campus hosts Native American cultural events, such as the Native American Youth Conference, the Native Women in Leadership Summit (March 5) and Fresno State Annual Pow Wow (May 1-3).

'VIRTUAL GRANDAD'

In recent years, technology and accessibility have added a new dimension to the project. Freddie Martinez, who graduated from Fresno State in 2008, returned to the site with an RV, large television monitor and a virtual reality headset.

Martinez and Pryor are pursuing a grant that would allow them to create a "virtual Grandad" tour using technology to teach children about archaeology.

As it is difficult and costly for young children to physically be on site to experience archaeology, virtual reality offers a way to introduce youth to the field. "You can put these goggles on and you're in a unit, you're looking all around, we have 360-degree cameras," Pryor says.

Pryor has already tested the goggles with Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro. "He thought that was cool," says Pryor, smiling.

That technology wasn't there when Pryor was introduced to archaeology, but he knows how powerful an experience like that can be.

As a high school student growing up in Marin County, Pryor took a social studies class in which students created and buried a culture for another class to dig up. He was selected as a class crew chief and got to go to a real archaeological dig. He became enamored with the field and pursued it from that day forward, earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology from UC Santa Cruz in 1979 and a Ph.D. from Binghamton University in 1988.

He came to teach at Fresno State in 1990, and jumped at the chance to teach the field school while collaborating with professor emeritus Roger LaJeunesse. While that blending of western science with Native culture and perspectives was groundbreaking at the time, Pryor says it's becoming more common.

"I'm teaching the students archaeology, how one goes about learning about the past," Pryor says. "But also, and maybe just as important, they're learning about Native Americans, they're learning about plants, they're learning a little language. And so I can teach archaeology in the classroom, but it is really by daily interaction, learning by doing. That's how you learn archaeology."

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– FELIX CHRISTMAN

Tribal Archaeological Monitor,
Tule River Indian Tribe
of California

"The whole field is going in this direction. You could have a Hmong archaeology, you can have a Mayan archaeology — we need to be less western European in our colonial approach to archaeology."

Running an archaeological field school such as this isn't free. The necessary supplies, equipment and electricity typically cost about \$5,000 per summer, and Pryor has relied on both University and private support to continue this work for more than two decades.


With the blessing of the landowner, he wants to continue exploring the Grandad site. "The place will tell me how long," Pryor tells Natives when asked how much is left to research at the site.

He plans to retire from teaching within the next eight years, but the bonds he's formed will last a lifetime. And Pryor is determined to see that work — his life's work — make a difference.

"When we eventually write this up," Pryor says, "we will rewrite the prehistory of this area. I don't like using the term prehistory, because everybody has a history, but it's before historic records, so this will contribute amazingly to our understanding."



– Eddie Hughes is senior editor for Fresno State Magazine.

A person wearing a black hoodie is seen from the side, looking out at a lush green forest. The background is filled with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a bokeh effect. The person's head is in the lower right foreground, and the forest extends to the top and left of the frame.

The Upside to Learning Outside

How outdoor educational experiences provide new perspective for migrant students

By Samantha Ray | Photos by Cary Edmondson

As Jose Lomeli steps off the Greyhound bus, he feels the chill of the Lake Tahoe air hitting his face. It's the winter of 1978 and Lomeli, a 20-year-old migrant student from Modesto Junior College, is surrounded by a group of soon-to-be teachers preparing for a five-day outdoor wilderness adventure with California Mini Corps.

He is immediately in survival mode. Along with a group of people he just met, he must survive in the mountains with only the equipment on his back. Lomeli quickly learns trust is key. He must rely on the strengths of the people around him to make it through this intimidating experience. As trust goes both ways, his peers had to rely on him to cook for the group.

Cooking was something his mother had always done. When Lomeli was a boy, she would wake up at 3 a.m. to prepare homemade tortillas and sopes for her husband and four sons along with packing each of them a day's worth of food so they were ready by 5 a.m. to work in the fields.

Though Lomeli had learned from his mother, he felt the pressure of cooking outdoors for such a large number of people. But he learned to face his fears and discovered he enjoyed trying something new.

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◀ Fresno State professor Jose Lomeli is the co-founder of Inter-Act, an organization that partners with various entities to provide outdoor educational experiences to migrant and foster youth who might not otherwise have access to such summer camps.



This was Lomeli's first outdoor educational experience — and he was hooked.

During the week, he hiked, built shelters, navigated with a compass and rappelled off a 200-foot cliff. He connected immediately with Augie Perez, at the time a program facilitator for California Mini Corps and faculty at UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Perez taught Lomeli that outdoor education is impactful for its participants and is a teaching tool that can utilize nature to help people overcome challenges.

Fast forward 30 years, Lomeli, now a Fresno State professor, and Perez, UC professor emeritus, have been running outdoor educational experiences for migrant children almost every month.

Together they created Inter-Act, an organization that partners with county offices of education, migrant education and institutions to provide outdoor educational experiences to migrant and foster youth who would not otherwise have access to such summer camps.

"Myself and colleagues found that for migratory families, sending their children away for a week to summer camp was a foreign experience. We

dealt with resistance. Migrant parents would often say, 'Why should we send our children to outdoor camps? We live and work in the outdoors all day long. We want our children to wear ties and work in offices with air conditioning.'"

Educational outdoor approaches place an emphasis on the importance of human connection, building relationships, inspiration and personal motivation, Perez explains.

Fresno's central location as the only major city in the United States within about an hour of three national parks — Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia — offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.

This past summer, the Department of Education's Migrant Education program sent 60 San Joaquin Valley migrant children in grades 7 through 9 to participate in one of Inter-Act's week-long outdoor education projects in Fish Camp. The children embraced the nature around them, eager to try zip lining, rappelling down trees and engaging in trust activities.

"I personally stepped out of my comfort zone various times, making my experience such

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Education professor Jose Lomeli and his colleagues found that, for migratory families accustomed to working long hours outdoors, sending their children to an outdoor summer camp was a foreign experience.

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Spawning Outdoor Learning Opportunities

Antonio Valdez, a Fresno State alumnus and social worker for Kings Canyon Unified School District, started volunteering with Inter-Act in 2007 while a student at Fresno State. He now works to facilitate its outdoor activities.

Valdez grew up as a migrant farmworker. He remembers relocating to the Central Valley from Michoacán, Mexico at age 4. He lived with four other families in a van parked on the farm where he and his parents worked. He would wake up early in the morning and lay out paper for grapes to dry out and become raisins.

When Valdez was 20 years old, his mother passed away. That same year, he was introduced to outdoor education. "It was neat to be able to step away from everything and just be out in the scenery where everything disappears, it is just you and nature, and it was very therapeutic."

As an undergrad and graduate student at Fresno State working with Inter-Act, Valdez, who is currently working toward his preliminary administrative services credential at Fresno State, learned tools that assisted him in his counseling career. Now working with high schoolers, Valdez says he builds similar outdoor experiences for children at Orange Cove High School.

"I love to do my individual counseling sessions outdoors. Sometimes being in a confined space can be awkward and sometimes students don't want to open up," Valdez says. "But as you are walking outside and breathing fresh air, it gives this sense of calm."

Valdez remembers how hard it was for him to keep moving forward when his mother died, but Lomeli and Perez never gave up on him. That resonated with Valdez, and today he strives to be able to give back to others, just as Lomeli and Perez did for him.

► Antonio Valdez, alumnus



a growing one, having much more confidence without letting fear control me," says Cynthia, an Inter-Act participant. "When it came to activities, we needed spotters. I had trouble trusting, yet so willingly I depended on them. In life, the spotters are like family and programs at school that lend a hand."

The children had to trust their peers in physical activities that require the help of others and push them to do something new or challenging. "The most important thing is that they make some connections," Lomeli says. "They take the experiences they have, and they make connections to their own lives."

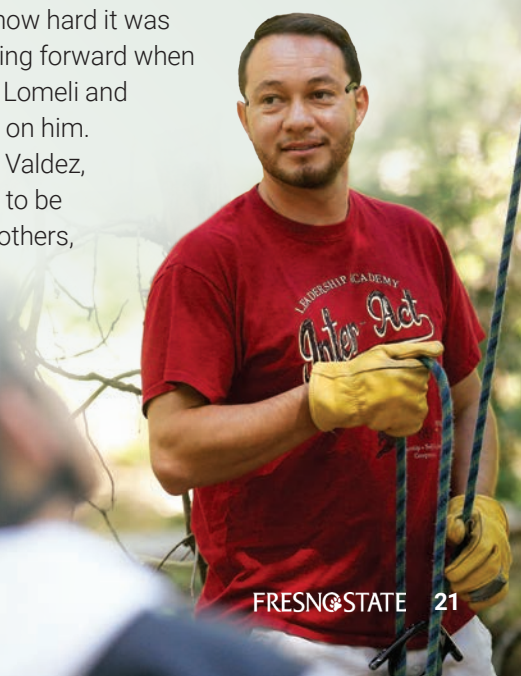
Lomeli's and Perez's work in outdoor education has benefitted over 135,000 youth and adults in California — 55,000 through Inter-Act and about 80,000 with California Mini Corps — a majority of which are migrant children.

Together, they wrote a book titled "Outstanding Beyond the Fields," a collection of short stories of migrant farmworkers who have benefitted from outdoor education. Lomeli uses the book to teach Fresno State students how storytelling increases retention. Because, as he says, reading a great story is hard to forget.


So, too, are transformative educational experiences.



— Samantha Ray is a communications specialist for the Kremen School of Education and Human Development at Fresno State



An Honorable Discharge



Helen James' fight for tolerance leads to new beginnings for the 92-year-old veteran

By Melissa Tav

A proud smile forms on the face of Helen Grace James as she reads a letter from a Florida teen. The letter, carefully laminated as to not tatter the meaningful words on paper, begins, "Dear Ms. James, You are an inspiration..."

At 92, James has lived a full and colorful life, combined with a successful career as a physical therapist, a profession she still practices to this day. However, it is her life before physical therapy that recently garnered her the admiration of individuals of all ages and backgrounds from all over the world.

In January 2018, James gained national acclaim when she filed and ultimately won a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Air Force, seeking to upgrade her once "undesirable" discharge (based on her being gay) to "honorable" — a fight that was 60 years in the making.

A Calling to Serve

Coming from a long lineage of veterans, James knew early on the Air Force was where she aspired to be. It was more than a passion — it was her life's calling. Her family's history in the Air Force dates back many generations with her father, grandfather, uncles and many other family members having served.

"I had a yearning to serve and be part of the military, so I enlisted in 1952," James says.

◀ After 60 years, professor emerita Helen James gained national acclaim when she filed and ultimately won a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Air Force seeking to upgrade her once "undesireable" discharge (based on her being gay) to "honorable."

She went on to serve as a radio operator during the Cold War, helping to protect the East Coast from any overseas invasions. She was later promoted to crew chief and eventually earned the rank of airman second class.

As a 25-year-old female, James was an anomaly at that rank in the Air Force. As such, she says she already had eyes on her, so when she was targeted by the Office of Special Investigations as part of the "Lavender Scare" operation, it was not a surprise to her. Conducted in the 1950s, the operation sought to remove all lesbian and gay individuals from military and government employment.

One night, while stationed at Roslyn Air Force Base in New York, James was arrested and interrogated. She says she was forced to sign a severance document, and the military career she held with high esteem was over

A New Career

James needed a fresh start and decided to pursue physical therapy. After receiving her advanced degrees in physical therapy at Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania, she ended up at Fresno State in 1972 teaching anatomy for what was then a new, two-year physical therapy program. Considered one of the pioneers of the program, James has seen it grow into one of only three doctoral programs at Fresno State.

She dedicated 15 years to the University before retiring. After teaching, she got involved in the world of professional figure skating and the physical-therapy technique known as Rolfing — a form of therapy that mobilizes connective tissue, also known as fascia, to reorganize itself in relation to gravity.

The walls of James' private physical-therapy practice, located in Old Town Clovis, are lined with autographed photos of the Olympic figure skaters she's worked with throughout the years.

While many photos line the walls, none shows the part of her life that recently came to light and brought new opportunities her way.

Advocating for Others

These days, there is no slowing down for James, who now speaks and advocates on behalf of those in the shadows, including the LGBTQ+ community.

James's story of courage and resilience is forever cemented in time at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. With her newfound notoriety, James knows she is in an important position to advocate for the social justice rights of those around the world, including future generations.

"That's worth it all to me," James says. "Everything that I've done has been worth it if I can help people. The more my story gets out there, the more support and understanding there will be for the LGBTQ+ community. We have to work hard to make change."



— Melissa Tav is a communications specialist for the College of Health and Human Services at Fresno State

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— HELEN JAMES
Professor emerita

in a matter of minutes. Due to her "undesirable" status, James was left with no severance pay or military benefits.

Riddled with shame and fear, James could not bring herself to tell anyone of the ordeal for decades.

"I had to get away from all my friends and family at home because I couldn't talk about it," James says. "I was running away and had to establish a new career. I couldn't face my family after that."

► U.S. Air Force veteran Helen James, 92, maintains a private physical therapy practice in Old Town Clovis.



Cary Edmondson



▲ Student Michelle Nguyen plays Monopoly with modified rules developed for educational purposes by professors Dr. Kevin Capehart and Dr. Va Nee Van Vleck to demonstrate examples of real-world income and wealth disparities.

Cary Edmondson

MONOPOLY *in the Classroom*

Economics' professors
modify Monopoly rules to
demonstrate real-life disparities

By BoNhia Lee

Take a ride on the Reading Railroad. Advance to Boardwalk. If you pass “Go,” collect \$610 — or \$70 — depending on what player type you’ve drawn.

In this version of Monopoly, each person is assigned a type of player, subject to specific rules based on wealth. The cash distributed at the start of the game ranges from \$2,625 to \$900, depending on type. It’s no longer an equal amount per player.

Ready? Let’s play!

In the University Student Union, Dr. Nancy Van Leuven’s media stereotypes class sets up Monopoly game boards with the familiar top hat, dog, thimble and racecar tokens along with the colorful paper money.

Van Leuven, assistant professor of public relations in the Department of Media, Communications and Journalism at Fresno State, uses the modified Monopoly game to teach about power and class instead of lecturing for almost an hour. But the credit for adapting the classic American board game into more than just entertainment goes to two economics professors in the Craig School of Business at Fresno State.

Drs. Kevin Capehart and Va Nee Van Vleck modified the rules of Monopoly to teach inequality in their classes. In 2018, the professors wrote a paper published in the *International Journal of Pluralism and Economic Education* about their version of the game and whether it affects students’ perceptions or attitudes toward inequality.

“Misconceptions about disparities in income and wealth are pervasive, so one important and seemingly easy task would be to teach students about the extent of those disparities, which are reaching heights not seen since the beginning of the 20th century,” they wrote.

The game is modified to make opportunities between players less equal. Gone is the endowment of \$1,500 per player at the start of the game and the \$200 reward for passing “Go.” Those amounts are now distributed by player type, which is linked to income

inequalities and wealth in the United States. The player with the least amount of money is the banker.

Unlike the original version, players can go into debt, and they can borrow cash from each other but at an interest rate of 10% for the wealthiest player to 40% for the poorest. The player who starts the game with the most money is always the first to take a turn, to select tokens and to be repaid.

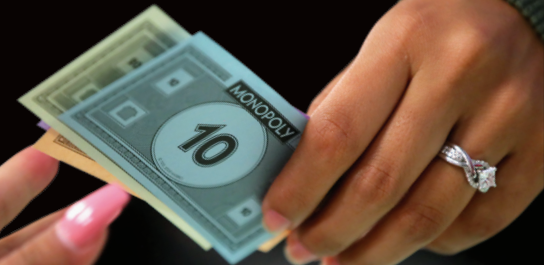
Transfer student Johnny Lopez, a child development major from Fresno, played catch up the entire game as a “Type 4” player — the poorest — but he still made over \$1,000 by the end.

“I had to negotiate,” Lopez says with a smile, “or maybe it was a little bit of luck.”

The economics professors found that while the attitudes of students who played modified Monopoly were

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— **DR. KEVIN CAPEHART AND
DR. VA NEE VAN VLECK**
Fresno State faculty



The goal remains the same: to become the wealthiest player.

“If you go first, you have more money, more power than anyone else and people in the lower end will never catch up,” Van Leuven says. “So, no matter how the person on the lower end plays, they will never catch up and the students playing are super upset about it ... they’re super upset that (wealth) is a determined factor because they think if you work hard enough then you will succeed, and that’s not necessarily true.”

Senior Ef Rain, a viticulture major from Santa Maria, is a competitive Monopoly player assigned player “Type 2” in class. He received \$2,025 at the start of the game. His reward for passing “Go” is \$180 while his classmate, assigned player “Type 1,” collects \$610 for passing “Go.” Players three and four only collect \$110 and \$70, respectively.

“We have to accept it,” Rain says. “It makes us feel like we are playing the way it is in real life.”

not dramatically affected, many “saw larger improvements in their objective perceptions of the actual extent of income and wealth inequality and, also, bigger changes in their subjective attitudes about the importance of inheritance, luck and hard work to real-world success,” their paper says.

Van Leuven can’t imagine a better way to teach about societal issues, which she broadens to include poverty, privilege, race, gender and ethnicity. Many students enter the class with strong preconceived stereotypes about themselves or others, she says. “Monopoly becomes one of the top activities of class because it puts it all out there.”

Whether students end the game bankrupt or owning properties, houses and hotels all over the board, they walk away with new perspectives on what it takes to be successful.



— *BoNhia Lee is a writer in University Communications at Fresno State*

PRIDE OF THE VALLEY OVERFLOWS

A refreshed campaign slogan honors tradition and resonates in the Central Valley and beyond

By Eddie Hughes

Juju Hughes takes as much pride in representing the Central Valley as he does in maintaining his pearly-white smile.

Hughes' commercial-ready grin is so bright it once prompted KMPH Fox 26 to do a story on his brushing regimen and point out that he keeps numerous toothbrushes and tubes of paste at his locker to brush throughout the day.

And that's not the only oral hygiene trait he's known for by fans and teammates — he also keeps a toothpick resting in his mouth much of his waking hours, even in class or at practice during non-contact drills.

While quirks like that are a fun part of Hughes' personality, his ability on the football field is what he's most known for by the Red Wave.

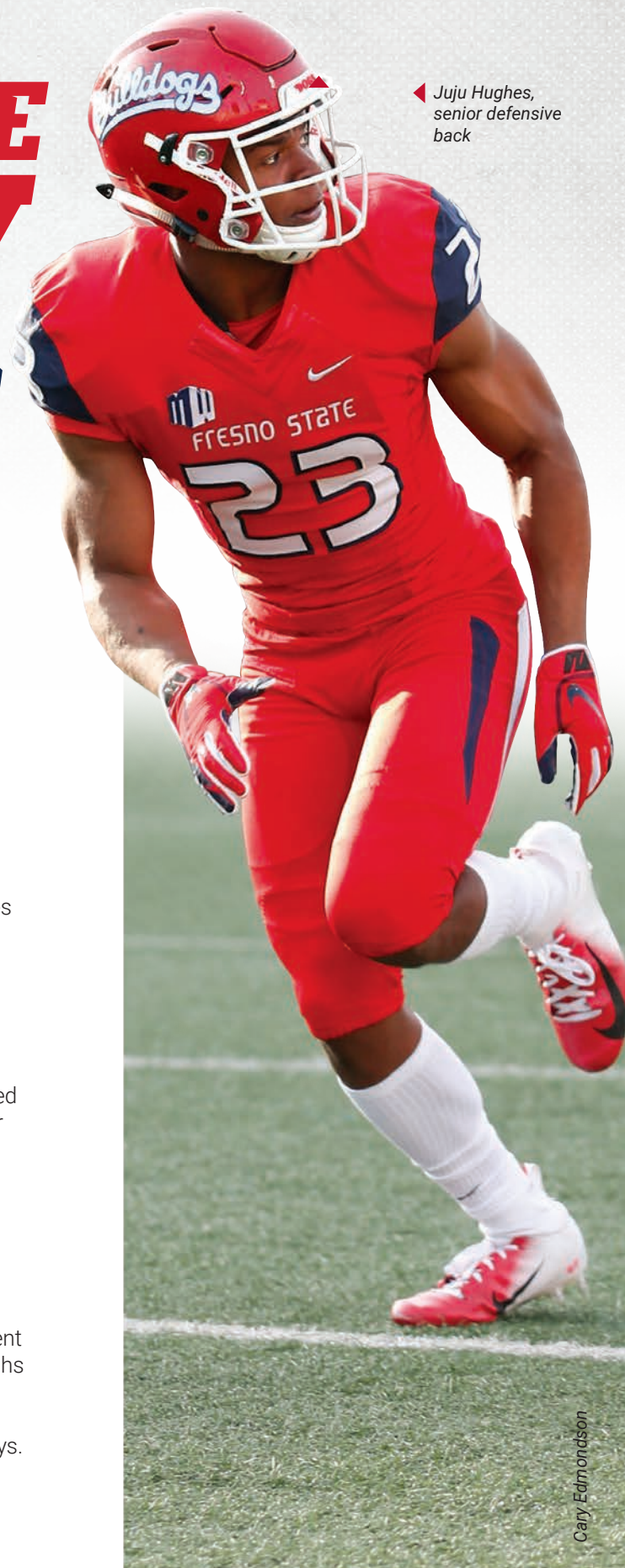
As a senior defensive back, he's become one of the nation's top safeties, earned All-Mountain West honors and serves as a team captain. Last season, his four interceptions were tied for the team and conference lead.

Oh, and the former high-school state champion is a homegrown talent from nearby Hanford.

When Fresno State launched its pride of the Valley campaign this summer, Hughes organically became one of the faces of the movement because of his local roots. He joined Athletics Department personnel at a farmers market event in Hanford before the season and took dozens of photos and signed autographs with fans while "Pride of the Valley" yard signs were handed out.

"People are seeing the love and support I get from my hometown," Hughes says. "It shows people how much love the Valley really has to offer."

◀ Juju Hughes, senior defensive back



Cary Edmondson

University's Front Porch

Fresno State athletics is often called the "front porch" of the University, providing family entertainment at the highest level of college athletics and introducing hundreds of thousands of people, from generation to generation, to the University over the years.

University President Joseph I. Castro, himself a Hanford native, recalls watching the Fresno State men's basketball team win the 1983 NIT championship on his mother's black-and-white television. "I didn't know anything about the academics at Fresno State at that time, but I knew about these basketball players who were college students, and I thought, 'How great is that?'" Castro recalls in a 2014 issue of the magazine.

Fresno State football is the only Football Bowl Subdivision program in the Central Valley, a region spanning from Bakersfield to Sacramento that is roughly the size of the state of Tennessee. And each fall, through festive tailgate parties and football games, the University welcomes as many as 41,000 people to campus per game day while uniting people from cities throughout the Valley behind one, common cause — supporting their home team.

"It's the Valley, we're all one," Hughes says. "Everything just connects here in the Valley, all the way up and down, so it's a pride thing. Not too many people know about the Valley, so we take pride in that. We're always the underdogs with a chip on our shoulder so it makes you feel all that pride and want to go a little bit harder."

Defining the Brand

The Pride of the Valley campaign is intended to capture and enhance what makes the Valley special and the role Fresno State plays in representing the region, alumni and fans. The campaign encompasses all 21 sports and includes a variety of marketing elements, community-engagement initiatives and



partnerships. Thousands of yard signs have been displayed at homes and businesses for the past several months.

"We had to modernize our brand and recapture the magic of the Green V in ways that connect with today's consumers, which is largely digital content utilizing creative storytelling and giving fans new ways to engage with our brand," says Frank Pucher, senior associate athletics director for external relations. "At the end of the day, it's all about people and the people of the Valley are who make our brand so special and help our programs be successful."

Valley pride isn't just felt by locals. Representing the Green V logo, which pays homage to the Valley's agricultural roots, resonates both with Valley natives and those who have adopted the Valley as home.

"We've got a lot of guys who have felt that love and know what it is to be Bulldog born, Bulldog bred," Hughes says, pointing out teammates Jaron Bryant (of Fort Worth, Texas), Netane Muti (Wahiawa, Hawaii) and Matt Smith (Long Beach).

Fresno State defensive backs coach J.D. Williams, a Huron native and the Bulldogs' first-ever first-round NFL draft pick in 1990, sees it in the guys he recruits all the time.

"You get someone who moves here, and they don't realize how nice it is until they get here," Williams says. "They fall in love with the place, and their pride continues to grow. It's a special place."



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— JUJU HUGHES
Defensive Back



What Does 'PRIDE OF THE VALLEY' Mean to You?

Since Fresno State's Pride of the Valley campaign launched this summer, the University's social media channels have been chock-full of videos, photos and posts capturing the essence of what it means to be part of Fresno State.

From the loyal fans and alumni who make up the Red Wave, to the future leaders who make up the student body, to the talented student-athletes representing the University, that Bulldog spirit unites us all. And from the root of that spirit stems the pride that Fresno State athletics generates for an entire region, the agriculturally-rich Central Valley — the Green V.

More than 450 student-athletes participate in 21 sports at Fresno State — from the Valley, from throughout California and from various states and nations alike. And whether the Valley has always been home, or has become an adopted home, the student-athletes feel proud to represent the people of the Valley who provide so much support.

Fresno State Magazine asked several of these student-athletes what the Pride of the Valley means to them:

Madelyn Halteman

Year: **Senior**

Sport: **Volleyball**

Hometown: **Turlock**

High School: **Pitman**

"It means so much to me to be able to represent the Valley. The Valley can be a very underappreciated place, but it's a place that I love to call home. I am beyond grateful to play a part at Fresno State and wear that Green V on my jersey. I can't imagine playing anywhere else or representing any other team."



Keith Kountz



McKenzie Wilson

Year: **Sophomore**
Sport: **Softball**
Hometown: **Long Beach**
High School: **St. Joseph**

"To me Pride of the Valley means community — a place where you always feel at home, a place that is welcoming and people who genuinely care about community and celebrate its members. As someone who has come from outside the Valley, and has been a part of several communities, I believe the Valley community is special and unlike any other."



Zach Presno

Year: **Junior**
Sport: **Baseball**
Position: **Catcher/first base**
Hometown: **Clovis**
High School: **Buchanan**

"I would say Pride of the Valley stands for being committed to excellence. Everyone here in the Valley takes pride in everything they do no matter the task. The Valley has become what it is today because of all the hardworking families that take pride in their community."



Jacob Wright

Year: **Sophomore**
Sport: **Wrestling**
Weight class: **157 lbs.**
Hometown: **Dinuba**
High School: **Dinuba**

"Pride of the Valley means being part of a team the Valley can be proud of. It means not just wanting to succeed for yourself, but for everyone in the Valley, and to show what people who are from here are capable of."



What does the **PRIDE OF THE VALLEY** mean to you?

Use **#PrideOfTheValley** today on Twitter or Instagram, and let us know!



Tour de Fresno

Imagine TimeOut leading the Bulldogs onto the field riding one of these. This Fresno State-themed bicycle was designed and built by Tim Garcia, the creator of Timmy Fresh Brand bikes. Garcia assembled this beauty for the Bulldog Foundation to auction off in support of student-athletes. The winning bid was \$7,500 at the Football Kickoff Dinner at the Fresno Convention Center in August.

The lucky winner? None other than Fresno State alumnus Brian Panish, a Los Angeles-based attorney and former Bulldogs football player who was recently honored with the Top Dog Distinguished Alumnus Award.

"Being from the Valley my whole life, born a Bulldogs fan and supporting Bulldog athletics is what inspired me," Garcia says. "The dedication to grow my Timmy Fresh Brand bike business, just like growing the Bulldog spirit in the Valley, is what it's all about."

For more information about joining the Bulldog Foundation to help create championship experiences, visit bulldogfoundation.org.

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▶ Left to right, Jeff Tedford, Tim Garcia and Bill Romanowski



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The Verdict Is In

Top Dog Distinguished Alumnus shares how Fresno State led him to excel as one of nation's leading trial attorneys

By Lucero Benitez

Daniel Teran



▲ Brian Panish, Top Dog Distinguished Alumnus Award winner

In his west Los Angeles office of Panish Shea & Boyle LLP, personal injury trial attorney Brian Panish displays dozens of awards recognizing him as a leading attorney in the United States. Having won more than \$500 million in verdicts since 2011, he's been named one of the top 100 most influential lawyers in the nation and was the 2019 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year.

Among those awards in his office sits a Fresno State football, a reminder of the hard work he put in to be where he is today. And don't be surprised if his newest piece of Fresno State hardware ends up right alongside it.

On Sept. 20, Panish was presented with the Top Dog Distinguished Alumnus Award — the highest alumni honor given — for his extensive professional accomplishments and support of community and University causes.

Each year, one alumnus or alumna is chosen from each of the University's academic schools and colleges, the Department of Athletics, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Division of Graduate Studies to receive the Top Dog Outstanding Alumni Award (see Page 34 for other honorees). This year, Panish represented the College of Social Sciences. He was previously recognized

as the Department of Athletics' Top Dog Outstanding Alumnus in 2010.

Panish, who graduated from Fresno State in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in political science before going to law school, says attending Fresno State to play football for the Bulldogs was one of the best decisions of his life. He attributes his success and training to the academic, athletic and socialization opportunities he received at Fresno State.

Fresno State Magazine asked Panish about his experience as a student.

Fresno State Magazine: How did it feel when you first stepped on campus?

Panish: It was different than I was used to. It was a wide-open space, a lot of green. Coming from the Los Angeles area, it seemed like more of a country environment.

What is your favorite Fresno State memory?

Being on the football team, that was clearly a highlight. I played for the great Jim Sweeney, had a great coaching staff, and I became friends with all the other players who turned into lifetime friends. In the classroom, I had great teachers who mentored me and helped me look into my future. Socially, joining the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. I had the best of all worlds at Fresno State.

What was it like to be a student-athlete?

It was unique in that you had a group of people that you're with all the time, and then you'd go to class. A lot of the football players didn't major in political science, so I didn't have many players in my classes, and I was able to meet other students and interact with people that didn't have anything to do with football. And so, that was also a big part of my learning, my life lessons, my education in the classroom, but also outside.

How did Fresno State prepare you to excel as an attorney?

Coming from Fresno State, no challenge is too big. And if you say you can't, you won't. I learned at Fresno State — not just in the classroom, but on the football field — that you can do things that people think you can't and it's up to you to take on challenges and be successful. If you apply what you've learned, and you're passionate about it, and you outwork everyone else, you can be successful.

Why are you passionate about sports?

I think sports are one of the three areas in life in which there's always a winner and loser. In politics, in sports and courtroom law. There's always a winner and a loser. Everybody gets a trophy in today's society, but in real life there's a winner and there's a loser, and it's tough to lose and get up and continue on. But that's what we learn as lawyers and advocates, that we can't win every case, but we need to be strong for the next case, for the next client that needs us, and to persevere and get through the practice of law, dealing with the ups and the downs and the emotions of the clients and the traumatic experiences that they've been through.

What is your advice for students?

You need to take advantage of all the things that are available to you. Don't be afraid to try different things. Not everything's going to work out, but the more things you experience, the easier it's going to be to figure out what you really are passionate about.

What do you miss about Fresno State?

The football games. I don't miss the practices. I miss the football games and the post-parties, and being in the fraternity and all my friends. Doing things outside of football and socializing and having a good time. I had so much fun, and every time I see my friends from those days, it's like we haven't missed a step, and we just click right back.

Why is it important for you and others to give back to your alma mater?

I was always told that from those who have much, much is expected. Fresno State did a huge thing for me, offered me a scholarship, taught me, educated



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me. I'm forever indebted and grateful for what they've done for me, and I'm always there to help any way I can to let other people have the great experience that I had at Fresno State. We continue to be Bulldogs for life.



— Lucero Benitez is a communications specialist for the College of Social Sciences at Fresno State



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Brian J. Panish, 1980



ARTHUR SAFSTROM SERVICE AWARD

Antonio Petrosino, 1953

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Helder Domingos, 1980



College of Arts and Humanities

Charles Sant'Agata, 1957



Department of Athletics

Chris Pacheco, 1985



Craig School of Business

Jim Vagim, 1985



Kremen School of Education and Human Development

Eimear O'Farrell
1995, '06, '10



Lyles College of Engineering

Ken A. Meme, 1986



Division of Research and Graduate Studies

Timothy Kotman,
2007, '10



College of Health and Human Services

Cher Teng (Bee) Yang,
1994, '96



College of Science and Mathematics

Christopher Daniel Bencomo, 1989



College of Social Sciences

Jan L. Kahn, 1969



Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

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CLASS NOTES

1960s

Lee Patrick Brown (1961, '94), is a founder of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), helping to organize around the needs of African-American police executives.

Earl A. McKee (1953) was inducted posthumously into the Woodlake High School Hall of Fame in May.

1970s

Javed I. Ellahie (1970) was elected to the Monte Sereno City Council in November 2018.

Beverly Hayden-Pugh (1979, '83) — senior vice president, chief nursing officer and chief transformation officer for Valley Children's Healthcare — was honored by the Marjaree Mason Center at the Top 10 Professional Women and Leading Business Awards.



Susan (Weaver) Hogenson (1971), retired on June 14, 2018, after 46 years of teaching, including 36 years at Pine Ridge School near Shaver Lake. She was the 1987-88 Fresno County Teacher of the Year runner up, and she was presented with a brick on the Fresno State Teachers Honor Wall by her colleagues.

Fred Jamee (1979) is now vice president for regulatory and compliance at Vivera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Mike Olmos, who retired as Visalia city manager in 2017, was appointed as interim city manager by the Hanford City Council.

Rosemary Parga (1977, '76) announced her retirement, effective end of year, after 11 years as superintendent of Merced City School District.

Larry D. Reiner (1978) retired in June after a 38-year career as a court administrator in California, Maryland and Idaho.

Bill Zigler retired as interim city manager for the City of Lindsay after 42 years in public service and 21 years of service with the city.

1980s

Mark Arax (1980), a journalist and author, won the prestigious James Beard Media Award for feature writing for his 20,000-word story, "A Kingdom From Dust," published in The California Sunday Magazine.

Kathryn Catania (1989, '92), deputy superintendent of educational services for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, was honored at the Top 10 Professional Women

Leading Business Awards for the Marjaree Mason Center.

Jhone Ebert (1988) was appointed by Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak as the state superintendent of public instruction.

Michael J. Ellington (1985) was awarded the Teacher of Excellence award by the California Agricultural Teachers Association in San Luis Obispo.

Joetta Fleak (1986) was appointed the Area 4 representative on the Madera Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Craig Fulcher (1983) announced his retirement, effective Dec. 1, from East Bay Municipal Utility District after nearly 29 years.

Mike Genetti (1988) is now managing partner of tax and advisory firm KPMG in Sacramento.

Carol Hartman (1984) will have an exhibition of her art hosted by the MonDak Heritage Center in eastern Montana.

Jeff Miller was appointed to sergeant by Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux.

Rolic Oboh (1981) released his new book, "The Treasure Hunt."

Jan Lynn Owen (1987) is now the senior adviser in financial services for the Sacramento and San Francisco offices of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips.



Ellen Porter (1984) published her new book, "The Basket Maker," which is the third book of her series, "The Redskins."

Pete Richmond (1986) was named Napa Valley Grower of the Year by Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

Jaime P. Rodriguez (1988) was elected president of Oregon's American Federation of Teachers.

Victor Rosa is now superintendent of Hanford Joint Union High School District.

Mark Salwasser (1988) is now the 1,000-acre University Agricultural Laboratory farm manager at Fresno State. He has worked on campus for nearly 30 years.

Ray Sherman, entering his 28th season coaching in the NFL, is now interim wide receivers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

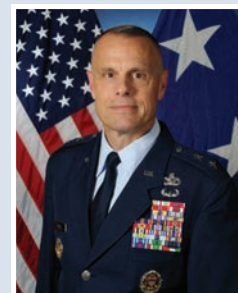
Mark Thompson (1986) was appointed lead pastor at Kingsburg First Baptist Church.

Thomas T. Watson (1986) is now Santa Maria city attorney.

Mike Weststeyn (1988) was appointed to the South San Joaquin Irrigation District board of directors.

Maj. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy

Maj. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy, a Fresno State political science alumnus, retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 30 years of service, including the past three as commander of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas. In 1987, Spacy was a distinguished graduate from Fresno State's ROTC program. He went on to lead a headquarters responsible for supporting 77 Air Force installations, nine major commands and two direct reporting units with an annual budget of about \$10 billion.



1990s

Joe Burns (1999) serves as mayor for the City of Sausalito.



Trent Dilfer (1993), the former standout quarterback at Fresno State and 2000 Super Bowl champion with the Baltimore Ravens, is now head football coach at Lipscomb Academy.



Curt Fleming (2004, '98) was appointed as police chief for the City of Clovis.

Karen Forte (1990) was appointed interim principal of Our Lady of Fatima School in Los Banos for the 2019-20 school year.

Marc Forth (1994) was appointed president and CEO of AEON Biopharma, Inc. by the ALPHAEON Corporation board.

Kristen Holihan (1993) is now vice president/business services officer for First Northern Bank in Sacramento and El Dorado counties.

Alex Holman (1993) is now winemaker at Notre Vue Estate and Balverne Wines in Windsor.

Reggie Jones (1991), owner and cheesemaker for Central Coast Creamery, earned three Best of Class awards from the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association.

Claudia Lourido-Habib (1995, '11), who earned a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Fresno State, is now president at Porterville College.

Continued

1990s

Matthew Macia (1992) is now executive vice president and chief risk officer for Bank of the Sierra.

Matthew J. Navo (1993) was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the 11-member California Board of Education.

Germaine Newstead (1997) is now advertising sales coordinator for Good Fruit Grower.

Irma Valdez (1999, '01) was Cutler-Orosi's 2019 Educator of the Year.

Michael Erin Woody (1991), of Morro Bay, announced his candidacy for the 24th Congressional District.



Holly Zamora (1992) is now principal for St. Aloysius School in Tulare.



2000s

Stephen Abas (2005), a three-time national champion as a Fresno State wrestler and Olympic silver medalist, is now head wrestling coach at Fresno High School.

Christy Ackerman (2001) is now associate winemaker for Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery in Sonoma County.

Raman Bath (2001) was appointed Fresno County librarian by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Kassandra Booth (2003) is now the chief business official for Oakdale Joint Unified School District.

Casey Creamer (2002) is now the association president of California Citrus Mutual.

Aaron Crutchfield (2005), a former member of the Bulldog Marching Band, is now a mass communications specialist for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division in China Lake.

Brenna Hughes (2006), a speech-language pathologist at Community Medical Centers and adjunct faculty member at Fresno State, was honored with the ASH Foundation's Clinical Achievement Award at the annual American Speech-Hearing Association Convention in Orlando.

Kamaljit Kaur (2007), who is a community organizer for the Jakara Movement, was honored at the Top 10 Professional Women and Leading Business Awards for the Marjaree Mason Center.

Sandra Lamonica (2004) is now marketing director for Fisher Manufacturing.

Carly Oliver (2009) is now resident teaching artist for Hartford Stage in Connecticut.

Courtney Razor (2009) is now director of member services and communications for the California Fresh Fruit Association.



Dr. Russel Statham (2009, '11, '15) is now CEO of Girl Scouts of Central California South, an organization that serves over 11,000 girls across Fresno, Madera, Kern, Kings and Tulare counties.

A **Kristen Beasley** (1990, '93) and **Lisa Marie Anderson** married Sept. 8 at The Pines Resort at Bass Lake.

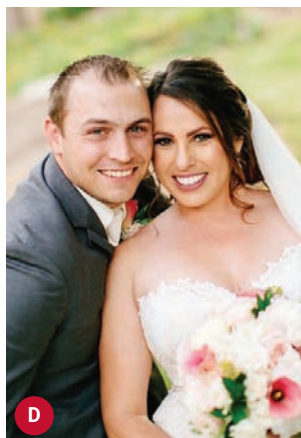
B **Alyssa Boyles** (2017) and **Nicholas Hauck** (2015) are engaged to be married Nov. 8 in Sanger.

C **Chris Gillespie** (2015) and **Camille (Rogers) Gillespie** (2016, '18) married on June 22 in Lodi.

D **Mattie (Boren) Merrill** (2014) and **Clayton Merrill** (2014) married in October 2016.

E **Chhun Sun** (2007) and **Ariel Banos** married on March 15 by way of a Cambodian-Buddhist wedding ceremony. Their legally-binding, American wedding was July 20.

F **Blake Zante** (2018) and **Gina De Young** (2019) were engaged on Sept. 8.



2010s

Sara Borjas (2010) released her collection of poetry, "Heart Like a Window, Mouth Like a Cliff."



Jen Cruz (2015) is now program manager for the LGBTQ+ Resource/Drop-in Center for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. Cruz is currently working with Fresno State students on a report addressing the lack of equal access to housing and health care for the transgender community.

Brian Guess (2012) is now southwest sales manager for Marrone Bio Innovations.

Braxton Huggins (2019), a former standout guard for the Fresno State basketball team, signed a one-year contract to play for ZZ Leiden in the Netherlands.

Zachary Kramer (2016) is now manager of corporate communications at Frontier Airlines, overseeing external communication for the airline that operates out of Denver and flies to more than 100 cities.

Jesus Loera (2017) was sworn in as a member of the Clearlake City Council.

Darin Manning (2013) is now a registered civil engineer in the state of California.



Connor Matteson (2019) is now a broadcast journalist at KOTA (ABC) and KEVN (FOX) in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Aaron Mitchell (2018), a former all-conference offensive linemen for the Bulldogs, re-signed with the San Diego Legion Major League Rugby team for his third straight season.

Justin M. Moore (2017) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.

Mary Kate Paquette (2017), a former broadcast journalist at KGET in Bakersfield, is now working in communications and marketing at Garces High School.

Ryan Provost (2019) is now an assistant engineer with MKN & Associates.

Tyler Ribiero (2010), of Tulare, was appointed to the newly formed California Cattle Council by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Oracio Rodriguez (2011), who served at Madera South High School for four years, is now area assistant superintendent for Madera Unified School District.

Ben Sherley (2014) is now principal at Bakersfield High School.

Candice White (2019), who led the Mountain West in scoring for two straight years with Fresno State women's basketball, signed with BC Pharmaserv Marburg in Bundesliga, Germany.

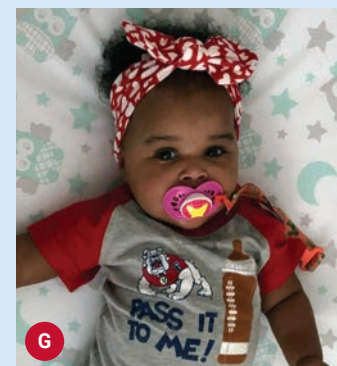
BULLDOG BORN

F Lucero Benitez (2007) and **Alfredo Hernandez** (2009) welcomed their third child, Emilio Hernandez, on Aug. 23, 2018.



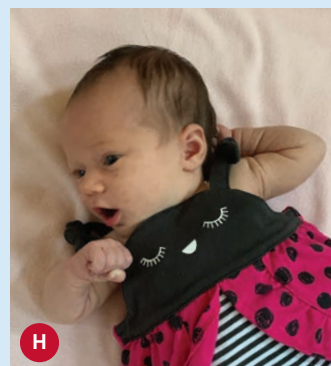
F

G Emily Carr (2016) and **Calvin Carr** (2013) welcomed their child, Caitlyn Elizabeth, on March 3.



G

H Shelby Fredrickson (2014) and **Tommy Fredrickson** (2011, '12) welcomed their child, Theodora Rose, on July 24.



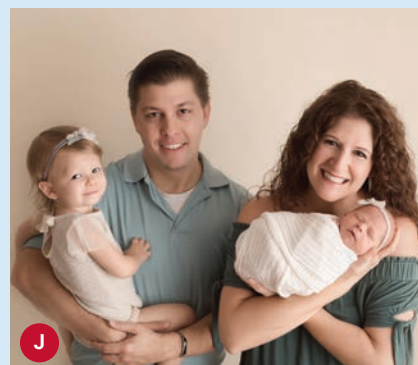
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I Melissa Gunn (2010) and James Gunn welcomed their child, James Porter, on Dec. 10, 2018.



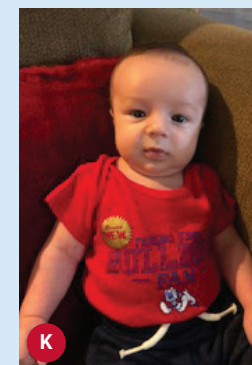
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J Benjamin Holton (2008) and **Tracy (Funk) Holton** (2000, '03) welcomed their second child, Julia Elise, on Dec. 3. She's pictured with her parents and sister, Olivia.



J

K Mattie (Boren) Merrill (2014) and **Clayton Merrill** (2014) welcome their child, Reid Anthony, in October 2018.



K

L Brooke (Lloyd) Rummonds (2004) and Joshua Rummonds welcomed their second child, Cameron Caleb, on May 26.



L

M Allison Thurner (staff) and **Geoff Thurner** (staff) welcomed their second child, Harlington Townes, on April 16.



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IN MEMORIAM

'For thee, our hopes and memories'

Donald D. Allen,
Aug. 15, Shafter.

Henry "Corky" P. Anderson III (1942, '64), Feb. 23, Tulare.

Glenn H. Arnold (1967), May 3, Atwater.

R.W. "Bob" Arnold (1959), June 22, Merced.

Haywood "Woody" B. Bagwell Jr. (1950), Aug. 12, Bakersfield.

Ray Bargas Sr. (1976), Aug. 5, Fresno.

Douglas W. Barnhill (1977), June 5, Oakdale.

Americo Barsotti (1948), July 12, Madera.

Cheryl A. Bartley (1991), June, Fresno.

Kristen E. Randall Biel,
June 7, Fresno.

Arlan Bivings,
June 7, Fresno.

Richard J. Brazil (1966), June 7, San Francisco.

Robert Leslie Brigham (1951), March 13, Paso Robles.

Deborah A. Camacho (1983), April 4, Visalia.

Harold Vincent Carter (1961), March 5, Fresno.

Patrick J. Clark (1977), July 20.

Truman "Tex" Clevenger,
Aug. 24, Visalia.

Dorothy R. Cooper (1971), July 20, Porterville.

Faye Coyle (1953), March 9, Fresno.

Joseph Mark Croxdale,
Sept. 1, Napa.

Stephen Culver (1971), March 22, Salinas.

Alfred De La Rose Sr. (1971), Aug. 22, Bakersfield.

Mark J. Evans (1986), July 20, Bakersfield.

Gary Louis Feramisco (1963), April 26, Carpinteria.

Harold P. Fielding Sr.,
June 24, Fresno.

Robert A. Fields (1962), July 22, Fresno.

Anthony "Tony" John Gomes (1974), June 20, Visalia.

Alfonso S. Gonzalez (1957), July 10, Fresno.

Edward J. Gulate (1963), May 4, Salinas.

Joseph Van Gundy (1951), July, Fresno.

Eleanor R. Heiskell (1947), May 6, Tulare.

David H. Hill (1975), July 21, Riverdale.

Donald Ernest Johansen (1929), March 3, Eureka.

Patricia Johnson,
June 15, San Ardo.

Patricia G. Jones (1953), June 2, Elk Grove.

Bruce V. Kandle (1974), June 14, Hanford.

Richard B. Kellenberger (1965), Aug. 25, Bakersfield.

Linda G. Kennedy (1985, '92), Feb. 22, Sacramento.

Julie Marquez Kindrick (1922), Aug. 24, Tehachapi.

Al Kliewer (1946), Nov. 5, 2018, San Clemente.

Mavis Koch (1962), July 31, Fresno.

Herman Kong,
June 26, Visalia.

Geni K. Krogstad,
May 29, Fresno.

Lowell Gene Krumm (1961), March 16, Merced.

Lynda Kuykendall (1964), March 24, Modesto.

Carl J. Lanford (1959), Aug. 2.

Donna L. La Rue,
Aug. 20, Hanford.

Abel Mario Larriba (1975), May 11, Paso Robles.

Margaret E. Reid Lawry,
July, Tulare.

Janell A. Lund-Mann (1996), June 16, Aptos.

William Albert Lung (1973), March 9, Kennewick, WA.

Richard C. Markley (1964), July 22, Fresno.

Max McDonald (1964), Dec. 29, Fresno.

Finian J. McGinn (1981), July 25, Vista.

Earl A. McKee (1953), April 11, Visalia.

Thomas D. McMahan (1962, '63), July 11, Auburn.

Dana Walcott Minard (1990), April 21, Sequim, WA.

Monty Mitchell (1979), March 31, Porterville.

John A. Moffat (1973), July 6, Fresno.

Stan W. Mollart (1976, '82), Feb. 5, Atwater.

Dr. Richard Kinney Moore (1972), April 21, Lewiston, ID.

Kenneth A. Murrell,
July 26, El Dorado Hills.

Joanne S. Nance (1991), Aug. 6, Madera.

Frederick E. Napier (1963), July 25, Hanford.

Bonnie E. Newman (1968), June 15, Fresno.

Mary Katherine Sarah Niksarian (1969, '98), July 10, Fresno.

Seaneen M. Noonan (1977), June 25, Santa Rosa.

Ray O'Canto,
Sept. 14, Fresno.

Patrick William O'Neal,
April 19, Morro Bay.

John Ough (1962), July 28, Windsor.

James "Jim" Anthony Pacini (1974), March 24, Clovis.

Vincent Palmo Sr. (1950), Aug. 25, Cayucos.

Lance Martinez Patigian (1972), July 8, Monterey.

Omer C. Pennington Jr. (1922), April 1, Martinez.

Douglas G. Perry (1966), July 13, Fresno.

Coral Wynne Poole-Clark (1961), April 28, Bakersfield.

David G. Purdy (1973), Aug. 10, Sonora.

Nancy Randall (1971), May 23, Bakersfield.

William Reetz,
July 23, Oakhurst.

Gerald A. Reiman (1966), June 10, Merced.

Walter Robinson (1977), June 9, Vallejo.

Kimberly M. Rosa (2007), Aug. 30, Lemoore.

Patricia Louise (Cook) Rose (1959), March 9, Bakersfield.

Gary D. Rousey (1982), June 28, Madera.

Shirley L. Rowles,
Bakersfield.

James Rowley (1970), May 27, Visalia.

Michael J. Ryan Jr.,
July 15, Madera.

Anne Louise Britten Gymer Santer (1964), Aug. 18, Bakersfield.

Frances R. Schimandle (1964), June 20, Grover Beach.

Richard A. Sheldon (1958), May 9, Pacifica.

Sonja L. Shervem (1986), July 9, Clovis.

Richard A. Sottile (1995), Aug. 23, Bakersfield.

Thomas Jim Souza (1961), July 30, Santa Barbara.

Barbara R. Stephenson,
August, Porterville.

Gary Albert Storey (1957), March 13, Fresno.

Dodie Tanner,
March 20, Fresno.

Edward "Eddie" Taylor (1976), May 19, Porterville.

Helen S. Taylor,
May 30, Cary, NC.

Kathie S. Thompson (1967), August, Fresno.

Martha Torres,
March 5, Modesto.

Nicholas Palmo Vincent Sr. (1950), Aug. 25, Cayucos.

J.C. Warneke (1958), June 3, Bakersfield.

William T. Warner Sr. (1960), June 29, Merced.

Thomas A. Warren (1983), July 30, Visalia.

Edward "Skip" Dee Yetman (1991), April 10, Clovis.

FACULTY/STAFF

Fabiola "Fabby" Alvarez de Gasca (1997), May 5, Fresno.

Gene Bourdet,
May 31, Hollister.

Donald G. Coleman,
April 15, Fresno.

Hague D. Foster,
May 22, San Leandro.

David W. Huerta (1992), Aug. 16, Fresno.

Peter James Klassen,
March 25, Fresno.

Robert "Bob" Levine,
June 22, Fresno.

Barry L. Logan,
Jan. 16.

Robert E. Lundal,
April 11, Sedona, AZ.

William S. Mallios,
June 29, San Diego.

Paul Schechter,
June 21, Fresno.

Helen T. Sprengel-Lutz,
June 9, Loma Linda.



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For the past 10 years, Julie has also been experiencing symptoms of Huntington's. Her goal is to invest in a cure to prevent others from suffering.

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Hundreds of new Fresno State students (freshmen and transfers) rushed onto Jim Sweeney Field at Bulldog Stadium ahead of the Bulldogs' season opener against Minnesota. The second annual "Run to Victory" is becoming a fan favorite, encouraging students to get involved in campus events and share in the Pride of the Valley.

Fresno State has several more events coming up, giving alumni, friends and students alike the opportunity to support the campus and enjoy family-friendly fun.

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Day of Giving

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Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

Fresno State women's basketball vs. BYU

Cheer on the 'Dogs in this marquee, non-conference game.

Nov. 23, TBA

Fresno State football vs. Nevada

What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than football with family and friends at the home finale?

Dec. 6-14

University Theatre

"As You Like It," written by William Shakespeare and directed by Kathleen McKinley, will be performed at the John Wright Theatre on campus.

Jan. 4, 4 p.m.

Fresno State men's basketball vs. San Jose State

The Bulldogs open the conference schedule against the rival Spartans.

April 26-28

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