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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NEWSLETTER

Land Acknowledgement

The Associated Students of Fullerton College acknowledges our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Gabrieleno-Tongva/Kizh and Acjachemen Nations. We resolve to include indigenous history in our education, as well as communicate that history to others, as we continue to grow in intersectional cognizance and realization.

for more information:

<https://native-land.ca/>

<https://gabrielenoindians.org/>

AS President's Spotlight



Hello Hornets! My name is Ja'ren Kenyatta, and I'm the President of Associated Students here at Fullerton College. This year will be my third and final year at FC as I plan to transfer in the Fall of 2022. I'm a business administration major with my eyes set on UC Berkeley or USC. Prior to becoming President, I served as a member of our AS Senate. Additionally, I am a former member of our Hornets football team. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and listening to music.

Under my leadership, the Associated Students aspire to strengthen our organization, thus strengthening the student voice. Our three-step plan involves:

- Empowering our student leaders.
- Continuing to develop a culture of collaboration and communication.
- Improving communication between the student body and

AS.

It is important that the students are up to date on what's happening behind the scenes. A more robust communication system will also aid in accurate representation of our student body's issues. If you have concerns or questions, you can always reach me at as@fullcoll.edu. I am proud to serve you.

Vaccination Update from Associated Students

By Kennedy DeVries, Vice President of Student Senate

As a reminder, any student planning to be on the Fullerton College campus after November 1st will need to be either fully vaccinated or acquire an exemption. If you have already been fully vaccinated, make sure to upload your documents to MyGateway. All documents—regardless of whether you are completing the vaccination process now or have already done so—will need to be uploaded to MyGateway by November 1st.

The Fullerton College Health Center recently hosted a free vaccine clinic at Fullerton College on September 30th. If you received a vaccination there, you will be able to get your second shot on October 28th.

If you or anyone you know has questions or concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, we recommend you review the [links](#) shared on the Fullerton College Health Center website, as well as the FAQs at the bottom of that page.

The FC Associated Students are also here to help facilitate the transition to a campus that requires vaccinations. Don't hesitate to reach out to your student representatives with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Transfer Timeline Reminder

TRANSFER TIMELINE

FALL 2022 CSU APPLICATION OPENS

OCTOBER 1- NOV 30



FALL 2022 UC APPLICATION OPENS

NOV 1- NOV 30

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A Conversation with NASA Astronaut Joe

Acaba Revisited

By Sheree Brewster, Vice President of Activities

Thank you to everyone who made the conversation with Astronaut Joe Acaba possible! This event was almost a year in the making and began with the vision of the 2020- 2021 Activities VP Madison Devries and was transferred over to this year's Activities Committee. This was an event we were very excited to share with the Fullerton College student body this Fall. For those of you who were unable to join the live event, it has been recorded and you can access it through our AS YouTube page.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUTXemtL8lOK2ITU9wHNabg/videos>

This event began with a brief introduction from Joe Acaba outlining his journey to becoming a NASA Astronaut. Acaba has been a distinguished NASA Astronaut since 2004. He has participated in three missions in space, three space walks, and has logged a total of 306 days in space. Joe has worked on the International Space Station during two different missions, one of which was a six month stint during NASAs year of education. Joe did not follow a traditional path to NASA and is an educator who previously taught middle and high school math and science before making the career jump to NASA. Acaba walked us down his path to becoming an Astronaut during our conversation and showed us that his non-traditional approach actually supported and strengthened his training and career with NASA.

Joe answered many excellent questions from our audience and was extremely engaging in doing so. You can look forward to learning about some of the rigor that comes with training to become an astronaut, how Joe felt the first time he looked down at the earth from space, if he has ever had an alien encounter, and what he thinks when someone says. "It's not rocket science." Thank you for joining us on this journey to space. We look forward to offering more events to the student body during the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any ideas you are always welcome to join our Activities Committee Meeting, or feel free to reach out to me via email, SBrewster@fullcoll.edu.

Faculty Focus

By Tina Cruz, Vice President of Public Relations

1. What makes you smile when you get up in the morning?

What makes me smile is waking up to my family - my sweet and funny little girl, my husband who makes me



coffee every morning, and my dog who wags his whole body when he sees me.

2. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If I could eat one food for the rest of my life it would be bread - but let me have cheese and wine too.

Get to Know...

Aline Gregorio

Professor of Geography

3. Do you have any pet peeves?

My pet peeve is fidgeting - people tapping their feet, clicking pens, or constant senseless motion/sound. In a deeper sense, I am deeply troubled by indifference and lack of empathy for the most vulnerable.

4. If you could time travel, when and where would you go?

If I could time travel it would be to take leaders from the past and present into our currently unraveling climate future, to show them what inaction has done and will do to humanity as we continue to ignore the climate crisis. But since time traveling never works in movies, my first attempt with it would be to get the key to the machine so that I can time travel as many times as possible to get my mission right.

5. What's the most important thing we should know about you?

The most important thing to know about me is that I come from very far, by my own feet and by the dreams and journeys of my ancestors. I am an immigrant from the developing world and a first-generation college graduate. My journey has shaped me as a present, sincere, and vocal person with great commitment to being an agent for possibility and progress.

Get to Know an AS Senator

By Tina Cruz, Vice President of Public Relations

What made you want to join AS?

I first learned about AS through my older sister, who was also a senator during her time at Fullerton College a few years ago. She encouraged me to join AS and after looking into it, I was excited to join a group that works to help our fellow students.

What inspires you?

My family is very inspiring to me. My parents both work extremely hard to provide for me and my sister. My older sister seems to know just about everything, and it is inspiring to see her accomplish all her goals.



Get to Know... Ekaterina Tusken

What qualities make a good leader?

A good leader is someone who is passionate, inspired, and creative. They should have confidence, but also remain humble and honest. These are just a few of the qualities that I have seen in the members of AS. They are all extremely kind and helpful; I can't wait to get to know them more throughout this year.

What would you say to someone who was interested in leadership?

To anyone who is interested in leadership, I would suggest to look into a club or AS and see how you can get more involved. In AS, you can be a representative, which is when you can attend a committee for something you are passionate about. The hardest step is always making the leap into having more responsibility, but I find that it is easier than you think. Don't be afraid to ask any questions and of course don't forget to have fun.

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I love to bake. My have the biggest sweet tooth ever and I love to make cookies and cupcakes. It is sometimes a little hard for me to not eat what I make (hahaha).

Join Us!

If you are interested in seeing your student government in action join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of every month. AS meetings are open to the public for attendance and public comment! Feel free to drop by and express your concerns or be more involved in your student government! Associated Students is here for you!

Fill out our recruitment form [here](#)
Website: as.fullcoll.edu

To attend AS meetings, find the agendas here:

<https://as.fullcoll.edu/agendas>

A.S. Instagram

@fullcollAS

<https://www.instagram.com/fullcollas/>

A.S. Youtube Channel

Fullerton College Associated Students

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUTXemtL8lOK2ITU9wHNABg>

For general AS questions, please contact us at AS@fullcoll.edu.

If you have any suggestions, concerns, or questions, feel free to contact A.S.

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If you would like anything to be added to future newsletters, feel free to contact the AS Vice President of Public Relations Tina Cruz: WCruz@fullcoll.edu