Proponents against vaccine mandates rally in Irvine

The CSUF and UCI chapters of Turning Point USA held a 40-person gathering.

Kassandra Vasquez, editor
In collaboration with Turning Point USA, Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine chapters hosted a rally against vaccine mandates at the Irvine City Hall on Dec. 4. Approximately 40 people attended the rally, said Madeline Pena, a Turning Point USA field representative for the Pacific region.

She said the rally, which focused on medical freedom, served as a starting point for future events. The rally featured four speakers: current board of supervisors member Don Wagner, congressional candidate Mary Becerra, director of health services Amy Phan West, and district attorney Kelly Ernby.

While the vaccine mandate was announced in July, exemptions are often requested by the review office as far in advance from spring registration as possible, said Don Wagner, congressional candidate Mary Becerra, director of health services Amy Phan West, and district attorney Kelly Ernby.

However, the mandate and subsequent registration holds have stirred controversy in recent weeks, including a rally against mandates involving CSUF and UCI Irvine students and local politicians on Saturday.

“The speakers knew a lot about the mandates locally and nationwide,” said Pena. She added that they were selected because they knew how to empower and excite students.

SEE SPEECH

CSUF tries to leave commuter reputation behind with its Master Plan

CSUF earned its second consecutive victory on Saturday in Titan Gym.

Angelo Espinosa, Staff Writer
Cal State Fullerton women’s basketball defeated the Grand Canyon Antelopes, 60-53, in Titan Gym on Dec. 4 and earned their third comeback victory of the year.

Freshman guard Lily Wahinekapu contributed 14 points with four rebounds and five steals. Graduate forward Caroly Kino contributed 14 points with four rebounds and five steals.

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The game picked up after halftime as both teams had success running the fast break and forcing defensive pressure on one another, resulting in a back-and-forth affair between the two teams in the second half.

CSUF trailed for a majority of the game while the Antelopes’ press defense gave the Titans trouble in the first half.

Fullerton later pulled ahead and managed to consistently put together defensive stops while outscoring Grand Canyon University in the second half.

But the Antelopes did not go away easy as junior point guard Taylor Caldwell brought the score to 57-53 with 27 seconds left in the game.

However, after successful free throw attempts from Wahinekapu and junior guard Fujika Nimmo, as well as missed shots from Grand Canyon University, the Titans were able to pull away late in the game.

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With the holidays come trees, lights and festive drinks. Every time this season arrives, coffee shops bring out their best and worst renditions of a signature holiday drink. Flavors ranging from peppermint to sugar cookie and a blend of spices ring in the holidays. Starbucks, Peet’s, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and even McDonald’s have many options for those looking for a festive taste. Here is a breakdown of what is worth a try.

**S Tier**
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf rose to the top with their holiday drinks. This year’s return of their peppermint drinks came with a jolly twist. The Peppermint Mocha Cold Brew—a blend of chocolate, peppermint and cold brew—is a perfect holiday pick for me. All of their peppermint drinks came to sleigh.

The classic peppermint mocha remains a holiday staple and can be enjoyed hot, iced or blended. The peppermint is minty and sweet without tasting artificial and pairs well with the mocha for a holiday treat. Drinks can be modified for dietary restrictions.

**A Tier**
Peet’s Coffee Iced/Hot Holiday Spice Latte is described as a blend of holiday baking spices such as cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg mingled with espresso and steamed milk.

A flavorful drink that has all the spices to think of the holidays. Hot or iced, this drink can be modified with alternative milk and won’t lose the spice.

The Holiday Blend is also available as a roast blend and Keurig cup pods for a holiday spice at home or as a gift.

**B Tier**
Starbucks’ Peppermint White Hot Chocolate is a perfect warm drink for the holidays. With the warm feeling of a hot chocolate, but with a twist of white chocolate, the peppermint syrup and steamed milk topped with whipped cream and dark chocolate curls make this hot chocolate a go-to.

Starbucks holiday drinks may have fallen short but this one remains on top.

**C Tier**
Joining the holiday drink competition is McDonalds with its Peppermint Mocha.

A cheaper alternative compared to the big coffee chains, this drink can be a festive favorite. McDonalds describes it as a peppermint mocha made from espresso beans and steamed with milk topped with whipped topping and chocolate drizzle.

Although the flavors do not quite match up to the coffee chains, McDonal’s knows how to stir up some coffee, which pairs great with the peppermint mocha.

**D Tier**
Starbucks’ Caramel Brulee Latte missed the mark on the holiday theme. Although it is marketed as a holiday drink, the only difference between this and a caramel macchiato is the brulee topping. Too much milk and not enough caramel and espresso, there was no festivity in it at all besides being in a red holiday cup.

**F Tier**
Starbucks’ new iced Sugar Cookie Almond Milk Latte does not land on top. The sugar cookie-flavored syrup fell short and tasted more like butter and almond milk, the best part of it was the red and green sprinkles.

Considering it is supposed to be a holiday drink, there was little to no festivity in this drink. Keeping spirits up during the holidays may be rough with all the shopping and festivities that come with it, but a good cup of joe can keep it fun and merry when you discover a new holiday favorite.
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Column: College is the best time for self-exploration

ANDREA CLEMETT
EVENO

More than a decade after my first attempt at college, I am finally graduating in the winter. Although my college experience was anything from conventional, the value of college and the opportunities it can offer are invaluable and something that can be pursued at any age or circumstance. However, this does not mean this journey is without its hurdles.

Ironically, juggling a job and full-time school schedule while being a mom made more sense this time around earning my bachelor’s degree. In high school, I dabbled in many subjects, but when it came to choosing a major, I still felt undecided within my first year of college. I felt lost, and even though I relished the subject of fine art, I was not sure if I could solidify the job I desired afterwards. I decided that I needed a gap year to determine what career path to follow.

When I received my first paycheck of only a couple hundred dollars after working full-time at a vegan eatery by the sea, it was a bit of a shock. The job lost its prestige when it monopolized so much of my time, with so little reward. I realized that my parents’ push for college was intended to open opportunities it can offer. The college experience that makes it worth it is the people you meet along the way. Regardless of our respective backgrounds, while we are in school, we are all students growing and sharing similar university experiences. Everyone is unique and comes from various backgrounds and identities. While some of you share similar interests in music, journalism or parenting, others bring something totally different to the table.

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Throughout my time as a college student, I’ve paid extra attention to the articles challenging my decision to go back to school. Is college still worth attending? I questioned whether the debt afterward outweighed the degree with entry-level jobs that have lower threshold salaries. I also questioned whether the journey for the degree offset the unfavorable student loan after completion. I’ve met returning students who have told me that they, too, want to attend college and receive higher salary jobs to provide for their families. Attending college continues to provide financial incentives and security for graduates, especially in a pandemic.

The median wage with a bachelor’s degree will earn a salary of $67,460 in comparison to the high school graduate annual salary of $49,694, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2020. The unemployment rate increased for college graduates with a major in communications.

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Bachelor’s degree to 5.5% from 2.2%. In 2020, high school graduates grew to 9% from 3.3% the previous year. Impending student loans deter people from attending college because student loans do not go away. After finishing at Saddleback College, I chose to transfer to Cal State Fullerton because it suited my budget and it was the closest university to me. Although I contested that it’s best to have a focus of interest when entering and paying for an education, that may not always be the case. I have seen my peers lose those outlier traits when they completed a degree and shifted gears into a different field. I did observe that college gave them confidence, even if they didn’t pursue a career in their major. So perhaps the college experience speaks to that level of self-esteem the institution provides when you decide to finally break into a career field.

Apart from monetary and career motivations in pursuing college, each semester allowed me to explore various topics within my elective courses. When chipping away at units, I exposed myself to deeper subjects that have given me a diverse perspective. During the end of my second year, I developed a keen interest in environmental studies due to my passion for the outdoors. When I entered my third year, I chose to focus my four core electives in American studies to capture the layers of depth of the country’s history in congruence to living through the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020.

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"They wear their masks in class. They understand what COVID is, and the loss that occurred. We just have a difference in opinion on ‘is the vaccine for me?’ It’s their medical choice, just like anything else,” Zelada-Rodas said.

Zelada-Rodas, who was also a speaker at Saturday’s rally, said on Dec. 2 that the exemption process has been fairly simple, but is against the mandates and registration holds in the first place.

“I still completely protest the fact that they have to request anything, which is why so many students refused to request an exemption for most parts of the semester, and even are still refraining until now,” Zelada-Rodas said. “They need to respect people in their medical decisions and find the best way forward to respect individual’s choices while still maintaining the safe environment for students.”

Mimicking national controversy, the vaccination mandates spurred student discourse, including Saturday’s rally and a small September protest. These discussions have come to a head in communities like Forums — a debate platform started by CSUF students. The organization recently held a heated discussion on mandates featuring CSUF students on both sides, which circulated on social media.

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Cal State Fullerton’s Physical Master Plan outlines construction projects over the next two decades to meet the campus community’s needs.

### Faculty housing

The university identified finding housing near campus as a major issue for potential faculty and staff. To alleviate this, CSUF plans to construct a large, 350-unit faculty housing building in the College Park parking lot.

### Pedestrian Bridge

A bridge will be constructed above Nutwood Avenue to College Park to improve the ease and safety of crossing the intersection. The university has plans for other improvements at the Nutwood intersection, including curb extensions and traffic light modifications.

### Innovation Center

Once completed, the Innovation Center on campus will encourage entrepreneurship and give students access to new technology and business support. The building will not belong to any specific department and will have space for clubs and student organizations, study groups or business meetings.

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**LEGEND**

- PROPOSED
- Circulator
- EXISTING ROUTES
  - Route 24 OCTA
  - Route 26 OCTA
  - Route 57 OCTA
- Peak (7am-3pm)
  - 5-minute comfort level boarding
  - 2 buses
- Off-peak (3-11pm)
  - 15-minute comfort level boarding
  - 1 bus

**PROPOSED CIRCULATOR**

- The proposed circulator route plan to travel at a higher frequency with no stops. (CSUF Physical Master Plan 2020-2039)

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**CSUF plans to shift to a residential campus.**

Students might notice a number of construction projects happening around Cal State Fullerton. With the renovations at the Pollak Library, the second floor of McCarthy Hall, the Humanities building and the baseball field, students can expect to see more development in the next 20 years.

The projects are meant to convert CSUF from commuter-centered to a student life-centered campus as part of the campus Master Plan that was released in March 2020. According to the Master Plan website, “The new plan serves as a blueprint for the university to improve the ease and safety of crossing the intersection. The university has plans for other improvements at the Nutwood intersection, including curb extensions and traffic light modifications.”

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Affordable Housing

Although it is unknown at the moment how much funding would be made available, CSUF would also implement affordable housing with federal grant money.

Both Martin and Sarab Singh, the director of planning, design and construction, discussed affordable housing for students which would be a part of the third student housing cluster located north of Gymnasium Drive.

This cluster would require the demolition of the existing housing in that area and replacing it with over 500 additional beds.

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The university will work in tandem with the Orange County Transportation Authority to create transportation hubs behind the Titan Student Union near State College Boulevard where the Orange County Transportation Authority Route 57 bus travels, and another in front of Langsdorf Hall on Nutwood Avenue which is served by the 26 and 123 routes and eventually the shuttle bus.

A third mobility hub will be built next to the G lot on Yorba Linda Boulevard where Orange County Transportation Authority Route 153 stops.

The shuttle bus will travel the same route the Orange County Transportation Authority 26 bus takes from Nutwood Avenue to the Fullerton Transportation Center along Commonwealth Avenue without stopping in between.

Previously, CSUF had a free shuttle that took riders from the parking structure at the EV Free Church on North Brea Boulevard and Bastanchury Road to the corporation yard.

To encourage multi-modal use, the university proposes to ban parking for first-year residential students to reduce parking demand, according to the Master Plan.

They will also close sections of Gymnasium Drive to cars and implement variable parking pricing, where the cost of parking fluctuates based on the demand of a certain time frame.

The First Five Years

Aside from the student housing and academic building renovations, there are a few other anticipated projects underway or planned as part of the plan’s immediate project and Five-Year Capital Plan.

Singh served on the campus master plan task force as the director of construction management and now leads as the director of planning, design and construction.

Singh said that despite the coronavirus pandemic, he believes that the university’s plan is resilient and sustainable as it is a long-term plan.

As far as upcoming projects, Singh said that the Visual Arts Center will undergo renovations with the retrofitting of Building E, the replacement of Building F and a new gallery building.

He said that the construction will begin sometime before the fall 2022 semester with the project expecting to be completed in two years.

Singh said that students should also expect to see the completion of the baseball field house by the end of November. Langsdorf Hall will be undergoing renovations in the future as well.

Also included in the plan is the construction of a new Science Laboratory Replacement building in front of Dan Black Hall and the expansion and renovation of the Engineering and Computer Science complex.

The cost of construction for the next five years could total up to $906.4 million when including state and non-state funding, according to the Master Plan.
Upcoming university events for the week of Dec. 6

**CalFresh Workshop:** Cal State Fullerton hosts its last CalFresh workshop of the fall semester on Dec. 2. The workshop will cover application assistance through CalFresh, including how to request benefits, eligibility criteria, and how to enroll. Students must be enrolled at least half-time to qualify for assistance.

**Titan Voices & Singing Titans:** Cal State Fullerton hosted six CalFresh workshops this fall semester and will continue to host them in the spring semester. Students and their families can sign up for this event by visiting the CSUF website news page and attending the workshops to learn more about the CalFresh program and how to enroll.

**CalFresh Presentation:** Students can sign up for the CalFresh presentation reviewed SNAP-authorized retailers. The presentation will be held on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in Meng Concert Hall. The presentation will cover the benefits of CalFresh and how to enroll. Students must meet income eligibility and have an electronic benefit card to qualify for the program. The presentation will be held on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in Meng Concert Hall. The presentation will cover the benefits of CalFresh and how to enroll. Students must meet income eligibility and have an electronic benefit card to qualify for the program.

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Consistent due dates provide structure for stressed college students.

**MARIA MARQUEZ**

Consistency is key to a successful educational atmosphere. Some professors assign a consistent 11:59 p.m. deadline for quizzes, exams, essays and discussion posts, giving structure and predictability.

Although the 11:59 p.m. deadline is not supported by all educators, as some favor a 4 p.m. deadline or challenge the time management with a.m. deadlines.

Having various deadlines set throughout the day alienates students’ homework routines.

With the flexibility of having all day to turn in assignments, it can affect students’ social calendar and work schedules.

The 11:59 p.m. deadline should be considered a “professors’ class” as it creates a manageable lifestyle for stressed college students.

Alejandro Mora, a fourth-year communications major, is in favor of a consistent 11:59 p.m. deadline for assignments. Like many other college students, Mora is balancing a full-time work schedule, classes and finding time to go to the gym.

“I work full time on the weekdays, so I would prefer to have it due at midnight, so that basically I can come home after work, listen to some music, check my notes and study and then do my assignment before bed,” Mora said.

For college students, sticking into work and balancing a class load is typically not easy. It can be easy to drop behind in between classes.

Creating a homework assignment or typing away on discussion posts while taking a quick lunch break at work is the epitome of adapting to sporadic deadlines that complicate students’ lives.

Fixed deadlines allow for students’ busy schedules to play out seamlessly.

“For me, I like to go to the gym. For example, on a Monday, I go to work from 8 till 5 and just knowing that my assignment is due at midnight, I can go to work, go to the gym and then come home. However, other students have 4 p.m. turning in my assignment,” Mora said.

Ashley Chavez, a junior communications major with an emphasis in entertainment and tourism, said that the 11:59 p.m. deadline ensures an organized schedule that she can work around.

“It’s not the same, and I think that’s better, because I’ve had classes where it’s due at 9 p.m. or maybe 11 in the morning when we have class. It’s little harder to work around because I might have other stuff planned or class or work,” Chavez said.

Chavez also agrees that having a set time schedule allows people to schedule their days around it. It helps to predict what they may be doing throughout the day.

“you can work your way around it, if you have a set schedule,” Chavez said.

Since life is typically unexpected, having a set midnight deadline allows people to schedule their days around it. It also helps to predict what they might be doing throughout the day.

Chavez also said that having set deadlines allows for her to always know when assignments are due, giving herself enough time to prepare for it.

Unpredictably, an 11:59 p.m. deadline is not doable for some assignments.

Some projects or assignments may be due at the beginning or end of class to keep the class on track.

However, those deadlines should only be used sparingly for assignments with larger point values, while other homework or weekly assignments should be consistently due at 11:59 p.m.

Flexible schedules are beneficial for students who are relying on their 9-5 jobs to pay for college, underscoring the viability of fixed deadlines.

College students spread themselves thin and try to be present for every class, extracurricular activities and everything that helps drive them mental and physical health.

Ultimately, an 11:59 p.m. deadline is feasible for college students as it provides ample time for leisure and stress-reducing activities, such as working out or grabbing lunch with a friend.
Hedge fund monopolies deserve federal scrutiny

Investment groups that influence the news media should be restricted by antitrust laws.

Tech giants like Facebook, Apple, Amazon and Google get most of the grilling from Congress when it comes to abuse of power and monopolizing the tech industry, but there are still plenty of other wealthy companies that engage in shady practices without government oversight.

It’s hard to miss these giants’ overbearing domination in the tech industry. There have been a number of lawsuits filed against these business behemoths. The Federal Trade Commission filed a suit against Facebook, asserting the social media company bought out rivals, while Google was hit with a number of lawsuits from various states claiming Google abused their market power, dominating search and advertising on the internet. Amazon and Apple are also no stranger to government scrutiny, as they have faced antitrust suits throughout the years.

But where the United States federal government has kept a watchful eye over these big tech companies, they have seemed to neglect oversight on other wealthy individuals and investment pools like hedge funds. Hedge funds need to have the same attention and grilling from the U.S. government as they too can cause unfair competition and engage in shady business practices.

Hedge funds are investment pools whose super rich managers use a wide range of strategies, which often include buying with borrowed money and trading exotic assets, in an effort to beat average investment returns for their clients.

They are vultures who thrive in risky practices in order to keep their wallets fat.

They have made occasional appearances in the media this year and have been villainized by stock investors since the death of companies such as Radio Shack, Toys ‘R’ Us and Payless ShoeSource where the vulture capitalists loaded them up with debt and then cashed out on hundreds of millions in extracted profits from the liquidation. They stick their hands in weak companies and act as the savior when in actuality, they are in it for themselves.

Not even the news industry is safe from the claws of hedge fund investors. Although Chatham Asset Management owns newspaper companies in Canada, from there it’s only a matter of time until we hear about the hedge fund owned newspaper company searching for other ways to cut costs as they did with Postmedia.

There needs to be oversight on hedge fund investors and protection put in place for companies that fall under their rule.

While common workers are exploited and lose jobs due to cost-cutting practices, investment groups line their pockets with the money saved.

The U.S. government should do what’s right and impose antitrust laws while keeping a close eye on the monopolizing hedge fund investment groups, just as they have done with tech giants.
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Men's basketball takes down University of Pacific

Senior guard Troy Maddox Jr. led the Titans with 21 points during their 66-57 home victory on Saturday.

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Cal State Fullerton men's basketball defeated the University of Pacific Tigers, 66-57, bringing their winning percentage to .500 and their record to 4-4. Troy Maddox Jr. led the way for the Titans with an impressive shooting performance. He knocked down five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 21 points. Maddox Jr. also recorded four rebounds, three assists, a block and a steal, contributing in all facets of the game.

Maddox Jr. was clutch for the Titans down the stretch as 13 of his 21 points came in the second half. Maddox Jr. said his confidence, which allowed him to have a great scoring night, was the result of his coaches and teammates believing in him.

"Coach Taylor and my teammates, before the game, they were just saying, ‘Tray shoot the ball with confidence, don’t think, just let it fly,’ and that’s what I did today," said Maddox Jr.

E.J. Anosike, the Titans leading scorer this season, shot 9-of-15 from the field. However, Anosike was able to make up for his shooting struggles as he led the Titans with eight rebounds, two of them being offensive. Anosike also contributed 14 points while going a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line.

Dante Maddox Jr. scored eight points for the Titans, shooting an efficient 3-of-5 from the field including 2-of-4 from the three point line.

The Titans also received solid contributions from their reserves as Anson Anosike added seven points, and Vincent Haris added seven points, and Vincent Lee added six.

Bench scoring has proved to be a strength for the Titans this season as they have outscored their opponent's bench in six out of their eight games.

The Titans led for the majority of the game and were in complete control late in the second half, leading by 15. Pacific's largest lead was by one point, and it came early in the game when they were up 14-13.

The Tigers kept things relatively close until the closing minutes of the first half when the Titans held a 22-21 lead with four minutes left.

Fullerton went on to outscore Pacific 9-2 to end the first half and went into the break with a 31-23 lead. Coming out of the break, Pacific is chipped away at the Titans' lead to get within five points with 12 minutes left in the game. This was the closest Pacific got as the Titans took control with an extended scoring run that put their lead at 15 with only five minutes left to play.

Pacific made a late push aided by a technical foul called on Maddox Jr. to get back within single digits, but the Titans were able to hang on to get the victory.

The Titans outshot their opponent from the 3-point line which is something they haven't done much this season.

Despite the team's ongoing struggles, from behind the 3-point line this season, they were able to convert at a higher rate than the Tigers, shooting 8-21 from deep, good for 38% while keeping their opponent's percentage to a low 31% on 5-18 shooting.

Percentage-wise, this 3-point performance is the Titans' best display from behind the arc this season.

The Titans' strong shooting performance followed them to the free throw line where the team was perfect, making all 12 of their attempts.

The Titans also had a dominant performance on rebounds, scoring 35 points compared to Pacific's 25.

Free of Fullerton's rebounds were offensive, which they converted into six second-chance points.

Impressively, the Titans didn't allow any second-chance points as they did a good job of boxing out and securing defensive rebounds from Pacific's missed shots.

The Titans will hit the road again on Wednesday to compete against the San Diego State University Aztecs. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m.