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How a one-of-a-kind criminology program challenges and prepares generations of law enforcement officers



MOTIVATED TO HELP OTHERS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Fresno State is the home of the Bulldogs — go-getters, change-makers and problem-solvers who make their marks throughout California and beyond. The University offers nearly 70 undergraduate degree programs, 42 master's degree programs, three doctoral programs and 10 certificates of advanced studies. With the guidance of outstanding faculty, students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to have an impact wherever they choose.

Among the most popular undergraduate academic programs at Fresno State is criminology. In this discipline, students are prepared for professional careers in the criminal justice field, including direct service and administration in law enforcement, corrections, victimology/victim services and juvenile justice. The societal impacts of the field of study are vast and deeply consequential.

In this issue of Fresno State Magazine, you will learn about one special program that is training the next generation of law-enforcement officers. The course, offered in partnership with the Fresno County Sherriff's Office, is a three-tiered program that takes beginning students through often grueling physical training as well as classroom lessons as they learn

the parameters of the law. Many of those students who persevere through the challenging program ultimately earn valuable work experience in local agencies before becoming full-fledged officers after graduating.

Motivation to help others is among the most noble and praise-worthy reasons for pursuing any endeavor in society. As one student in the program poignantly explains, the decision to pursue careers in law enforcement is sometimes deeply personal, usually based on a desire to give back to one's community by protecting and supporting the most vulnerable among us.

I applaud the graduates of all Fresno State's academic programs as they translate the knowledge they have acquired into a lifetime of creativity, critical thinking, leadership and problem solving for the benefit of the Central Valley and around the globe.

Dr. Joseph I. Castro
President, Fresno State



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Cover: Fresno State Magazine joined Deputy Sheriff Anamarie Serrano for a patrol shift ride-along in March. Serrano is a 2018 Fresno State graduate and completed the Criminology 108 program that is the only one of its kind in the California State University system.

Left: The Criminology 108 program, in partnership with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, offers Fresno State students the opportunity to complete requirements to becoming law enforcement officers while pursuing their academic degrees. The program includes a physical training regimen that builds skills and mental toughness.

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Flocking Toward Inspiration

Photo by Cary Edmondson

At the northeast corner of Fresno State's campus, approximately 100 sheep reside. The Sheep Unit, one of 22 enterprises at the University Agricultural Laboratory (campus farm), is also home to Natalie Gutierrez.

Not only does the agriculture education student live near the Sheep Unit, she gains hands-on experience by tending to the flock, feeding the sheep and monitoring their health. Her job is virtually a 24/7 commitment that prepares her for a career as a high school agriculture teacher.

Did you know?

Students explore the latest advancements in agriculture while managing livestock, field crops, a horticulture nursery, orchards and vineyards in the 1,011-acre campus farm.



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FRESNO STATE **NEWS** BRIEFS



Cary Edmondson

Madden Library Celebrates



Julie H. Young still remembers the musty smell of the old library, the way the floors would creak and the confusing book stacks.

“Call numbers would end and they would resume on another floor or several feet away,” says Young, a student assistant supervisor for research services. That all changed 10 years ago this past February when the “new” Henry Madden Library opened to the public.

More than 12 million people have passed through the Madden Library doors in the past decade. Its many services and activities have made it a focal point for all who work and study at the University. With exhibitions, guest speakers and activities routinely open to the general public, the library has reached thousands in the community, providing a place for local residents to experience cultural and educational programs free of charge.

Thanks to generous donors including Table Mountain Rancheria and its \$10 million gift, Fresno State’s goal of housing one of the top academic libraries in the nation became a reality.

To honor Table Mountain Rancheria’s transformational gift and celebrate the Native American culture prominent in the Central Valley, Madden Library architects thoughtfully wove traditional Native American patterns into the design of the building itself.

The signature design element is the elliptical entry tower that evokes Native American forms using steel, zinc and wood woven together in a style similar to basketry created by the region’s Mono Indians.

— Jessica Piffero

Carrs Award Scholarship

After receiving what he calls a “blessing” from prominent Fresno State alumni Derek and Heather Carr, Juan “J.J.” Lino feels empowered to become the first person in his family to earn a degree.

At the Bulldogs’ Oct. 13 football game against Wyoming, Lino, a Fresno State freshman, was announced as the first-ever recipient of the Derek and Heather Carr Scholarship, an award renewable for up to four years upon qualifying for support. The Carrs’ gift will allow him to focus on pursuing a bachelor’s degree in viticulture without having to work full-time while going to school.

“We have been blessed in so many ways, and now we want to give other students an opportunity to get an education and make their dreams come true at Fresno State.”

DEREK CARR

Alumnus, Raiders quarterback

“The Carr family has given me the greatest award I could ever think of,” Lino says. “God placed it in their hearts to reach out and touch the lives of young people, and I could not be more thankful.”

While Derek Carr, the record-setting Fresno State quarterback from 2009-13, couldn’t attend the presentation because he was preparing for his game with the Oakland Raiders, his wife,

Heather, and sons, Dallas and Decker, met Lino and his family on the Bulldog Stadium field and presented him with an autographed Raiders’ Carr jersey.

“We have been blessed in so many ways, and now we want to give other students an opportunity to get an education and make their dreams come true at Fresno State,” Derek Carr says.

At Fresno State, 68 percent of undergraduate students, including Lino, are the first in their families to attend a four-year university.

Fresno State relies on private support to bolster the scholarship funding and resources it needs to empower students for success.

“Juan grew up with a lot of obstacles, and yet he still had a positive attitude to make a difference in his life,” Heather Carr says. “Derek and I appreciate that, even with all the challenges he faced, Juan was true to himself. He played sports in high school, participated in community outreach and decided to go to college with a goal to open his own business someday.”

— Eddie Hughes



Kiel Maddox

▲ Freshman Juan Lino of Visalia was selected as the first recipient of the Derek and Heather Carr Scholarship. He was greeted on the field by Heather Carr and sons Dallas and Decker during the Bulldogs’ Oct. 13 football win over Wyoming.

Right: University President Joseph I. Castro joined the group to congratulate Lino.



Trading Room Named for Alumnus

Four large screens cover one wall of the R. Stephen Heinrichs Trading Room, showing various market news and graphs. A stock ticker scrolls across the top of another wall. It's like a stock market war room on the first floor of the Peters Business Building. But real money is at stake.

Under the guidance of Dr. K.C. Chen, students in the Finance 129 course oversee the Student Managed Investment Funds, which allow students to gain real-world investment experience by managing a portion of the Fresno State Foundation endowment funds portfolio.

"One of the huge advantages of this class" says Anthony Olmos, a senior finance major, "is that it's hands-on and real world. It's not traditional — you don't just get standard content and a syllabus."

The fund has grown to almost \$3.8 million since the late R. Stephen Heinrichs (1968) proposed the initial \$1 million in seed money from the Fresno State Foundation in 2010 and another \$1 million in 2013. A planned gift of \$100,000 from Heinrichs, coupled with other endowment funds for a total of \$570,000, established a second fund for students to manage.

On Dec. 13, Fresno State celebrated the memory of the man who made this vision a reality, renaming the room to honor Heinrichs, who received the Fresno State Alumni Association's Top Dog Alumni Award for the Craig School in 2008.

— Lisa Maria Boyles

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AROUND THE FOUNTAIN



Country Superstar

Brett Young, a Best New Artist nominee, performed his single "Mercy" at the Country Music Association Awards in November in Nashville. Young attended Fresno State and played baseball in 2003, during coach Mike Batesole's first season, before an injury ended his season.

Cary Edmondson



Academics and Athletics Rise

Finishing No. 18 in the nation in football, Fresno State was one of just six universities ranked in both the final Associated Press college football poll and among Washington Monthly's top 25 national universities.

No. 18
In the nation
in Football

No. 24
National University
by Washington Monthly

Celebrating the Lyles Legacy

Third-generation engineer, local business owner and community member Dr. William “Bill” Lyles is leaving a legacy of education, hope and a chance for what he calls “upward mobility” for students attending Fresno State’s Lyles College of Engineering.

To ensure future generations of engineers in the Valley, in 2008, Lyles (who serves as CEO of Lyles Diversified, Inc.), his family members and their group of companies contributed generously to the college.

“You’ll hear me say we’ve never produced enough engineers in the state of California to meet our needs, and now in the technological age it’s even worse,” Lyles says.

Over the past 10 years, the college has made great strides in the expansion of engineering and construction management educational



◀ Lyles College of Engineering students work on their developments of unmanned systems technology in a campus laboratory.

opportunities. By increasing outreach efforts to area K-12 schools and community colleges, the college has seen an increase in enrollment and, in 2017, it reached the highest enrollment in its history. Faculty and staff in the Lyles College celebrated the 10-year Lyles legacy at a luncheon following the college’s annual fall commencement ceremony in December.

“We are here to serve all students and students from groups who historically

have not participated in a university education,” says Dr. Ram Nunna, dean of the Lyles College. “Our students are predominantly from the Fresno region and freshmen come to us from over 100 high schools in Central California. Many are first in their families to attend college. Our graduates are sought after by industry, and our alumni have made great strides in their careers.”

— Rebecca Wass

Michael Lo Biondo

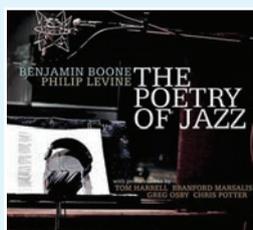


Alumna Wins Truck

Jackie Mundt, a 2009 agricultural communications graduate, won the American Farm Bureau Young Farms and Ranchers discussion meet in January in New Orleans. As the winner of the competition open to 18- to 35-year olds, Mundt won a new Ford truck.

‘The Poetry of Jazz’

Readers of Downbeat Magazine ranked “The Poetry of Jazz” as the No. 3 Jazz Album of the Year. The album was a collaboration including the work of saxophonist, composer and professor Benjamin Boone and the late U.S. Poet Laureate Emeritus and Fresno State Professor Emeritus Philip Levine.

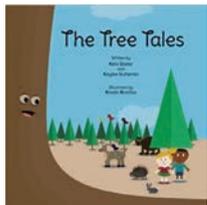


A Child’s Dream

Fresno State softball ceremoniously signed 9-year-old Kailee Sidamrong-Phan as the newest member of its team during a Team IMPACT Draft Day celebration, sponsored by Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Kailee has cystic fibrosis, which makes it a challenge to participate in sports.

A Children's Book on Environmental Responsibility

Fresno State students Kelsi Stieler, Kaylee Gutierrez and Kristin Bonillas collaborated to write, illustrate and publish a children's book, "The Tree Tales," centered around environmental conservation and teaching kids what they can do to help.



"A large part of the book was the children decided to take action. Rather than the tree calling for them to make a change, they

noticed that something was wrong so they took the motivation to go and make a change," Gutierrez says. "That's the message we want to inspire in our younger generation as well, to be proactive about effectively being able to contribute to helping the environment."

Authors Stieler and Gutierrez said they were inspired to create the book while taking lecturer Tanya Nichols' creative writing course. Both Stieler and Gutierrez were a part of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and proposed the book for their scholarship project. Their friend and roommate Bonillas, a graphic design major, was the illustrator.

— Rachael Stubbert

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CLUB HOPPING



▲ **Fresno State students pictured from left to right, front row:** Sandra Gaylord, Liliانا Reyes Solorio, Jose Degaldo, Ignacio Mendoza, Jorge Calva, Rosio Bravo, Vivian Maier, Leonardo Zamora Medina. **Back row:** Eliseo Flores.

Plant Science Club

The Fresno State Plant Science Club successfully defended its Presidents' Trophy national title for its community outreach and agronomy education presentation at the Students of Agronomy, Soils and Environmental Sciences national speech contest. Student agronomy clubs from the University of Nebraska and Purdue University finished second and third place, respectively, in the 15-team field at the Nov. 3 contest in Baltimore.

Among the 12 Fresno State students who attended the conference, plant science club president Ignacio Mendoza (Salinas) delivered the club's presentation on innovative problem-solving skills, fundraising activities, professional opportunities and industry and community partnerships.

— Geoff Thurner



Chevron Fuels Innovation

A new gift from Chevron will help fuel the next generation of innovators in the Central Valley. Chevron announced a \$450,000 donation to Fresno State on Jan. 24 in support of a number of key initiatives in several areas across campus to advance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs.

“It is very exciting to see how our contribution will be implemented and will make a direct impact not only in the classrooms but also in the community,” says alumnus Marc Guzman, a reservoir supervisor with Chevron who represented the company at the gift announcement on campus at the Smittcamp Alumni House.

This marks the second consecutive year of major gifts from Chevron. In October 2017, Chevron gave a \$450,000 donation in support of STEM programs in the Lyles College of Engineering and the College of Science and Mathematics.

“Thousands of students’ lives have been transformed by Chevron’s generosity, which allows us to educate a new generation of leaders that is prepared to boldly address regional and national challenges,” says Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro. “With strong community partners like Chevron, we will continue to graduate innovative scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, teachers and researchers who help to elevate the Central Valley and beyond.”

The Fresno State initiatives receiving support from Chevron’s gift include the Community Mobile Health Unit that provides essential health care services for the underserved, control systems laboratory enhancements for engineering students, K-14 outreach programs for students interested in engineering and construction management and more.

— Lisa Maria Boyles



▶ Alumnus Marc Guzman, a reservoir supervisor with Chevron, represented the company at a gift announcement on campus where he presented University President Joseph I. Castro with a ceremonial check for \$450,000.

“With strong community partners like Chevron, we will continue to graduate innovative scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, teachers and researchers who help to elevate the Central Valley and beyond.”

JOSEPH I. CASTRO
President, Fresno State

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BEYOND THE BADGE

How a one-of-a-kind criminology program challenges and prepares generations of law-enforcement officers

By Eddie Hughes | Photos by Cary Edmondson

Anamarie Serrano remembers her first time in a patrol car. She was 6 years old and crying. It was the worst day of her life.

She sat in the front seat next to her brother as an officer showed them all the buttons and how to turn on the flashing lights. It was the best distraction he could think of to ease the children's minds while other officers were inside their Stockton home arresting their father after a domestic dispute with their mother.

Seventeen years later, Serrano has been in a patrol car hundreds of times. Now, she sits behind the wheel, firearm on her hip and badge adorning the shirt of her uniform. She doesn't wear her emotions on her sleeve — she wears the emblem of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

Many officers say they were attracted to law enforcement by a desire to keep their communities safer, clean up the streets or put criminals away. Deputy Sheriff Serrano was inspired by something more personal — her own childhood.

"The way I see it, when we get a call for service, we're not getting a call from someone who's having the best day of their life," Serrano says. "They're calling us to solve their problems. For me, it's not cleaning up the streets, it's cleaning up someone's life."

Now 22 years old, Serrano is one of the youngest solo officers on the beat. She graduated from Fresno State in May 2018 after completing the Criminology 108 program, a University partnership with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office that provides police training and on-the-job experience while students are pursuing their bachelor's degrees.

On a rainy March ride-along during her overnight patrol shift covering much of Fresno and parts of Clovis, Serrano opened up about the challenges she faced as a youngster — but not without a little prodding.

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◀ *Moving amidst the lights and sirens is the norm during a typical night on the job for Deputy Sheriff Anamarie Serrano, who revealed a memorable childhood experience with law enforcement that motivated her to pursue a career with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.*



She started with the day her life changed, in 2002, after the domestic dispute. Her father was deported to Mexico, she says, leaving her mother alone to care for Serrano and her three siblings. But by 2004, with her mother battling addiction, Serrano says she and her siblings entered the foster care system. She recalls being placed in 10 foster homes and starting to fall behind in school. But by age 8, she was placed in a permanent foster home and started to thrive.

“Being a kid, you’re constantly changing environments when you’re within foster care,” Serrano says, “so you can sink to whatever level, versus deciding that you want to do something better for yourself. It all comes down to circumstance and who you want to be, and I learned that early on.”

Perhaps that mentality is what got Serrano through her toughest days training to be an officer. As part of the Criminology 108 program, students

go through what’s known as “Day 1, Hour 1,” a boot camp-style physical training designed to test the limits of their mental toughness and gauge how dedicated they are to being part of the program.

At lunch time that first day — in what Serrano described as adding a basic training element to school — she considered quitting. She toughed out the rest of the day and went home and asked herself, “Do I even want to do this? Do I want to be a cop?” The program is designed to show who wants it bad enough, to make students answer those tough questions for themselves — and Serrano left no doubt with her training officers.

To them, she stood out from the beginning. Serrano was chosen as squad leader for the first month and a half of the program, and then was named class sergeant when the group began firearm training.

“She is the perfect example of someone who really went through some of life’s trials and tribulations and made the best of her situation and took responsibility for herself.”

LIEUTENANT RYAN HUSHAW
Fresno County Sheriff’s Office

“She was a very good student, focused, quiet,” says Neil Dadian, the course instructor who also serves as Kingsburg chief of police and is retired from the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office. “I didn’t know her situation until we had a chance to have a one-on-one conversation. She told me some of her struggles, which really made me have a lot of respect for her and what she had accomplished.”

Fresno County Sheriff’s Office Lieutenant Ryan Hushaw says “she is the perfect example of someone who really went through some of life’s trials and tribulations and made the best of her situation and took responsibility for herself.”

How does it feel to overcome so much, to navigate through adult problems

as a young child and come out as a successful college graduate wearing a badge? Sitting in her patrol car, Serrano tilts her head toward her shoulder, smiles and pauses as if she’d never before taken the time to appreciate her success.

“It feels empowering that you’re being your own hero,” Serrano says. “You didn’t fall victim to circumstance. It’s nice to be able to go to a call and see that person having their worst day, but you’re solving the issue ... It’s very empowering to be that person now for someone else.”

On the job, Serrano is professional, quick to respond and slow to cast judgment. During the ride-along, she encountered everything from simple traffic stops to a suspicious vehicle parked in a neighborhood with two young, self-proclaimed gang members

and drug paraphernalia inside. She assesses each situation as if she’s been an officer for years — a testament to the on-the-job training she got alongside veteran cops while she was a student at Fresno State. As she approaches the drivers of each vehicle she pulls over, she’s direct with her questioning, but also shows empathy — like with the driver who wasn’t properly displaying her license plate and was traveling home from a long night of work. “She has compassion and can apply that compassion out in the field,” Dadian says.

Serrano is still young, just starting out in her career. The educators and officers she has trained under, many of them Criminology 108 alumni themselves, like Dadian and Hushaw, agree she shows tremendous promise.

Deputy Sheriff Serrano has already accomplished a lot — maybe more than the statistics suggest someone with her challenging background should. But she keeps checking off her goals. Fresno State graduate, check. Criminology 108 program, check. Deputy sheriff, check. Eventually, she’d like to serve on the crisis negotiation and SWAT teams.

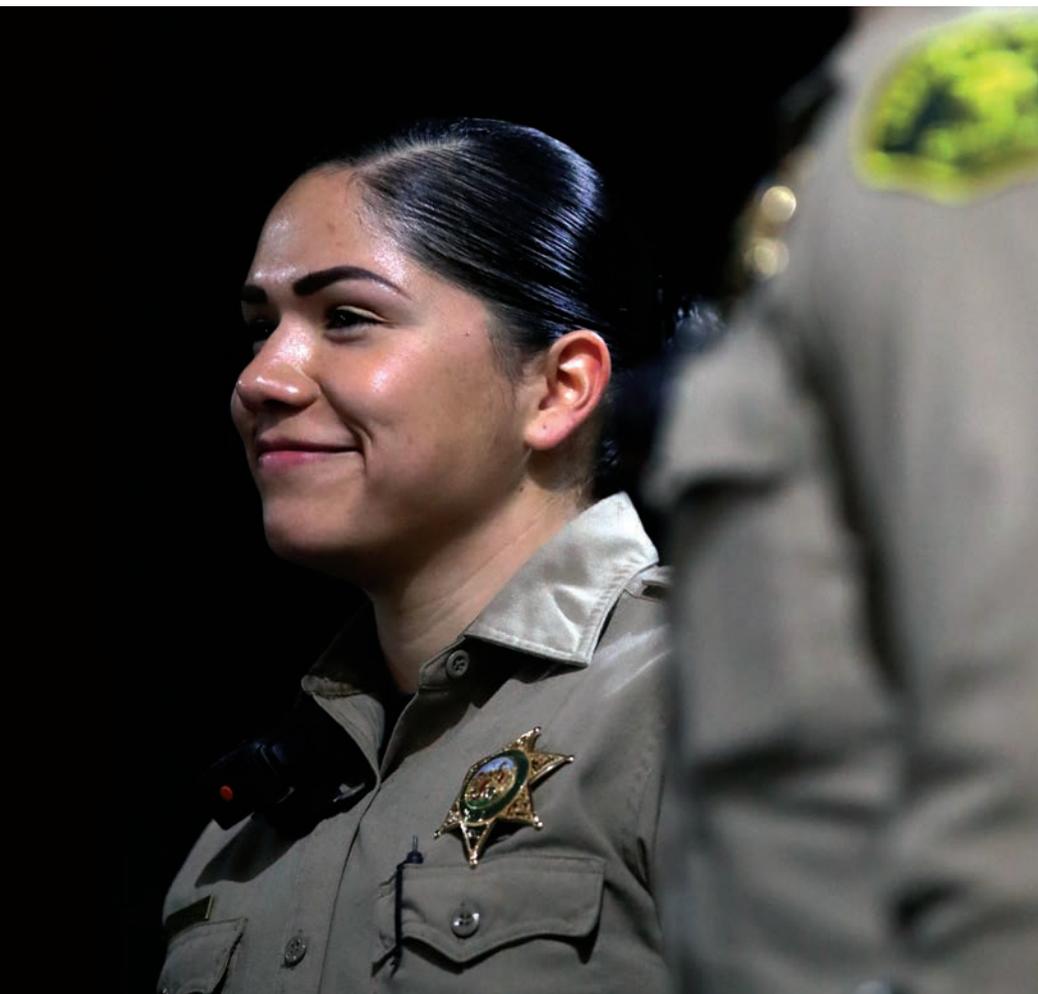
But first, she’ll continue to prove herself. Just like she has done her whole life.

“My calling is to make a difference in the world,” Serrano says. “I know as a law-enforcement officer I’m not going to be able to save everyone, but if, on a single day, a person is experiencing the worst day of their lives, I hope to be the aid that keeps their hope alive.”



— Eddie Hughes is the senior editor for Fresno State Magazine.

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Anamarie Serrano, a deputy with the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office, begins her overnight shift about 9:30 p.m. as she joins her colleagues for a briefing outside their substation. She graduated from Fresno State in 2018 and was hired shortly thereafter thanks to the preparation she got from the University’s Criminology 108 program.





TOP PROSPECTS

Criminology 108 program feeds the recruitment needs of Fresno County Sheriff's Office

By Eddie Hughes | Photos by Cary Edmondson



On the wall of Lieutenant Ryan Hushaw's office at a downtown Fresno sheriff's substation are class photos from the past several years of Criminology 108 students at Fresno State. Each student's photo is circled, marked or crossed out to signify their progress and whether they've been hired as officers or moved on to other career paths.

In the business world it's called measuring ROI, or return on investment. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office has invested in this partnership with the University for more than 50 years, relying on the program to prepare future officers while they pursue their college degrees — as opposed to the traditional police academy.

Like a NFL team's general manager preparing for the draft, Hushaw and the training officers scout Criminology 108 students during their two years in the program, ready to recruit the standouts of the class and hire as many as they can. The rest often go on to other law-enforcement agencies locally or across the United States, or pursue related fields like counseling or probation.

No other university in the California State University system offers a program like Criminology 108, and it is believed to be the only program of its kind in the nation. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office counts Crim 108 alumni, or "108s" as they're known, all throughout its ranks.

"It's a very intensive, hands-on program," says Hushaw, a former 108 himself. "We compare it to something similar to an ROTC program where you're really learning the job and actually performing the job." Students endure physical training and learn firearm, baton and defensive tactics. They learn about their legal authority as officers, how to work with the public and how to defuse situations.

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DAY 1, HOUR 1

THE PROGRAM REGIMEN DESIGNED TO TEST MENTAL TOUGHNESS TYPICALLY **LOSES A THIRD OF ITS STUDENTS IN THE FIRST HOUR OF TRAINING**



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Students in Fresno State's Criminology 108 program create lifelong bonds during a boot camp-style training known as "Day 1, Hour 1" that tests their physical abilities and mental toughness. Senior Karanvir Singh Jhaver (standing, left) used his training to advance to reserve deputy and hopes to soon be hired for a full-time position with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.





Typically, students enter the program during their junior years at Fresno State. Classes meet on Wednesdays and training takes place Saturdays. By their senior years, they have been hired as reserve deputies, earned their Criminology 108 badges and are carrying firearms while they log 120 hours on patrol per semester under the supervision of experienced officers. Once they graduate from the University, they complete field training and then can apply to become solo deputy sheriff officers.

“If you’re a criminology major and you want to be a police officer in California or even anywhere in the United States, this is the program for you,” says Karanvir Singh Jhaver, a reserve deputy sheriff who is preparing to graduate from Fresno State and apply for a full-time job. “You finish most of the academy in school while you’re getting your degree. The second portion of the program is invaluable. You get to go out there on patrol, they let you drive, they let you make the arrest, they let you put the handcuffs on suspects. It’s on-the-job training while you’re in college.”

Jhaver hasn’t always known he wanted to be an officer. But he knew he wanted to choose a career that allowed him to give back to his community. He was born and raised in Clovis after his father, Lakhvir, moved the family from India to the United States in 1985.

120 HOURS

ON PATROL PER SEMESTER
UNDER THE SUPERVISION
OF EXPERIENCED OFFICERS

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As a Criminology 108 student at Fresno State, Karanvir Singh Jhaver was assigned to the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office boating enforcement unit at Pine Flat Lake in summer 2018. Students in the program serve on patrol under the supervision of experienced officers.





“I knew I always wanted to help the community. For the longest time, I didn’t know how I wanted to do that, but being a peace officer in California would be my dream come true.”

KARANVIR SINGH JHAWER

Reserve Deputy Sheriff

“He basically had nothing when he came here,” Jhaver says, “and he started his own business with a family friend and built it from the ground up. In 1990, he got his own house in Clovis, which we still live in.”

Jhaver says when he and his brother started at Viking Elementary School in Fresno, they were the only Punjabi kids on the campus. He didn’t know English when he started school and remembers one specific instance in kindergarten when his teacher was repeatedly telling him to “pay attention” while he had no idea what she meant.

Today, one would never know Jhaver had ever faced a language barrier. He graduated from Clovis West High School and went on to Clovis Community College, where he thought about pursuing a career in the medical field. Then he took a criminology class from Garry Elliot, a former deputy sheriff whose passion for law enforcement inspired Jhaver. Elliot put him in touch with Neil Dadian, the Kingsburg chief of police who has been teaching Criminology 108 for seven years.

Jhaver transferred to Fresno State and excelled in the program, including the boot camp-style physical training known as “Day 1, Hour 1” that is designed to test the cadets’ mental toughness. Jhaver served as squad leader and was later chosen by his peers to receive the Leadership Award at the program’s pinning ceremony.

“Our lives are so much better here than they probably would have been in India,” Jhaver says. “The schooling that we’ve gotten, the education, the opportunities that we have, the friends and all the memories that we have from living here. Why wouldn’t I want to give back?”

This past summer, he served as a reserve deputy on the boating enforcement unit at Pine Flat Lake, and he says the discipline and responsibility he’s learned through Criminology 108 have carried over into other areas of his life.

“Before, I wasn’t really structured,” Jhaver says. “People say I talk differently, I present myself differently, I walk differently. I don’t notice it but my family does and some of my friends do.”

The professional demeanor he carries himself with is critical on the job. And he learned that on his first ride-along. “I remember my first day on patrol,” Jhaver says. “We pulled our guns out three or four times, just in one night. That’s when I knew, oh, this is real. This isn’t a game. This isn’t an internship. This is work. This is real life.”

As Jhaver nears graduation and continues to learn, he hopes he’s on track to earning a job as a full-time deputy sheriff. He wants his photo to be one of those circled on the wall inside Hushaw’s office. Jhaver says that would be his way of giving back to the community that’s given him this opportunity.

“I knew I always wanted to help the community,” Jhaver says. “For the longest time, I didn’t know how I wanted to do that, but being a peace officer in California would be my dream come true.” 



See video at:
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A Trial Offer

Students participating in mock trial gain courtroom and public-speaking skills

By Lucero Benitez



A petite, quiet, shy young woman, Naila Estrada stands just under 5 feet tall. At times, she speaks so softly, she is asked to repeat herself. But in a courtroom — during trial — the 19 year old speaks loudly and confidently. An aspiring attorney, the courtroom is where she asserts herself — her goal to one day represent undocumented families.

Estrada is on the mock trial team at Fresno State, a competitive organization that promotes the ideals of law and the judicial system through participation in intercollegiate competition. But perhaps her biggest competition is the one against her natural tendencies. She joined the team last year with minimal confidence, and she is still concerned whether others will take her seriously.

“I feel like people will probably think, ‘I can’t believe she’s a lawyer,’” Estrada says. “They’ll probably see me and think, ‘Is she really going to come up here?’ Then, once I start talking, they’ll be surprised.”

Her father a farmworker, her mother a housewife, Estrada grew up in Malaga, a town 14 miles south of Fresno with a population of just over 900.

For the second year in a row, Estrada spends more than 20 hours a week with mock trial, gaining the knowledge to one day stand before a court judge as an immigration attorney.

◀ *Student Naila Estrada competes for the mock trial team at Fresno State, an organization that promotes the ideals of law and the judicial system through participation in intercollegiate competition.*

“An uncle I was really close to was deported when I was 15,” she says. “Since we’re Hispanic, we have those issues with immigration, and I want to help.”

It’s a career goal her father, Adolfo Estrada, supports, but has trouble understanding because of the language barrier and his lack of familiarity with mock trial.

“He can’t believe it, I don’t know why,” Estrada says. “He just can’t believe that I play a lawyer, but then when he sees that I get dressed up and I go to my tournaments, he kind of gets what I’m doing.”

In February, he got to experience mock trial first-hand. During the Harvey Wallace American Mock Trial Association regional competition at Fresno State, Estrada looked over into the audience and saw her father.

“She wants to be a lawyer, and I’m very proud. She looks so different up there,” he says, fighting to hold back tears. “I’m excited for her to one day accomplish her dream.”

It’s a dream Estrada says would be much harder to accomplish if not for mock trial. It has given her self-confidence and helped her improve her public-speaking skills. During the regional competition, she won the outstanding witness award.

“You’re actually practicing in front of your coaches, asking questions and they critique you,” Estrada says. “A book can’t critique you and give you feedback.”

Mock trial is open to all students from various majors and is funded by on-campus and community support. This year, there are 52 members on the team led by attorney coaches and adjunct faculty Christopher Irwin, Gordon Park and Brandi Snow.

Irwin first got involved in 2008 when he was a deputy district attorney in Fresno County and was asked to judge a competition. He soon became an attorney coach.

“I’ve been doing this long enough that some of our first students are now attorneys in town, and I get to see them in court on a regular basis,” Irwin says.

Irwin also notices the progress of current and former students as they gain experience. For him, it’s been fun watching Estrada improve.

“She was very timid and quiet when she first started, Irwin says, and seeing a gradual improvement over the last two years and seeing her find her own voice as an advocate has been particularly satisfying.”



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

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NAILA ESTRADA

Mock trial student



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▲ *Naila Estrada gains simulated courtroom experience through the mock trial team at Fresno State, where students are taught by attorney coaches and adjunct faculty including Christopher Irwin, Gordon Park and Brandi Snow.*

Teaching with **Tech**

Biology professor creates videos to help engage, teach students

By BoNhia Lee

A large television screen on the back wall of Fresno State biology professor Dr. Joseph Ross' office acts as a digital whiteboard ready for a genetics lesson when students visit during office hours.

Using an iPad, Ross draws diagrams of cellular processes that appear on the big screen to help students understand the week's lesson. He records the tutorial and posts it on YouTube so other students can watch and learn.

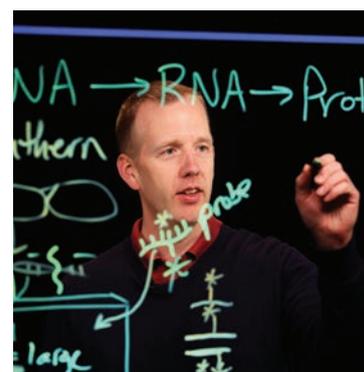
Ross also records his class lectures, makes practice exam videos and uses Lightboard technology, a glass "chalkboard" pumped with light that allows instructors to face the camera, to create videos for his students.

"I wanted to be able to create specific videos about things that we were going to talk about in class," Ross says. "That's how this started. Then, I just realized more and more things you can do with videos."

That includes tracking viewership through YouTube analytics, using timestamps, to understand what students are most interested in or need help with.

Ross has long been an advocate for the use of technology in classrooms. He was an early adopter of Fresno State's DISCOVERe mobile technology program in 2014, and he is one of the nearly 400 faculty members trained to teach courses using tablets, laptops and smartphones.

During the 2018-19 academic year, more than 12,000 Fresno State students enrolled in DISCOVERe courses that make up about half of the classes offered on campus. A campus loaner program provides 1,600 free iPads for students to borrow through their college careers as long as they are enrolled in at least one DISCOVERe course.



▲ Dr. Joseph Ross, a biology professor who advocates for the use of technology in classrooms, uses Lightboard technology to work through lessons while recording himself on video that students can access at any time of day or night to gain a better understanding of class material.



Cary Edmondson

The next day in class, Ross asks if anybody has questions or if anyone needs review of a certain topic.

Videos are about “instant gratification, that on-demand resource,” Ross says. “Whenever a student, if it’s 11:30 at night or now, has time to work on this, they don’t have to email me or come to an office hour.”

Students learn in various ways and learn at different times of the day, says Fresno State English professor Mary Paul, who is also a DISCOVERe faculty member. Paul and Ross have shared their digital expertise across disciplines.

“Dr. Ross is offering students one more tool to succeed,” Paul says. “Although the videos are a lot of work on the front end, the time and effort pay off on the back end. Dr. Ross will be able to use the videos for future students and future classes.”

Senior biology major Arturo Aguilar, who took Ross’ genetics class a year and a half ago, is now working in Ross’ research lab studying how DNA is inherited from one generation to the next using microscopic worms.

Aguilar has taken several DISCOVERe courses, but none like Ross’ class. “In a lot of the DISCOVERe classes, you use your tablets to take notes, but the way Dr. Ross does it, he uses tablets and computers to interact in the classroom,” Aguilar says.

“I wish there were more teachers who teach like that because it makes everything easier,” Aguilar says. “I remember him going into detail and explaining everything in the videos. If you ever needed to go re-learn something, it was all in the video.” 

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

Video **Techniques**

Ross started creating videos so his students would have something more engaging than a traditional textbook to read before attending class.

One of his first techniques was a mobile PowerPoint display application projected on a big screen to his class. He uses his finger to write on his iPad and it shows up on top of the presentation for all to see. The application records Ross’ voice and the action on the tablet, which he later posts to YouTube.

“I’ve always wanted to ‘flip’ my classroom,” says Ross, who has been teaching for six years. “It’s this blended learning approach of how to get students to access content first outside of class, then in class in a way that is active and engaging.”

A couple of years ago, Ross made a full set of videos for his genetics class and has since incorporated those as part of the course manual. When he posts a video of an exam or the key, he creates a table of contents, which has links that appear as timestamps for every question or answer.

Students who start watching the video can jump from question to question by clicking the links. The analytics show the parts most viewers are skipping to for more information.

“This is how I know what they need help on,” Ross says. “If a lot of students, 78 percent of the students who started this video, are jumping to 14 minutes, 17 seconds, well, what was I talking about at that point?”



See Ross’s videos at:
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Dressed and Determined

How a single father's story impacted thousands of students

by Esra Hashem

Three years ago, Aaron Howes was not your typical college student. The 46-year-old military veteran was studying computer information systems and pursuing several internships while balancing his duties as a single father.

Howes admitted life was tough at the time, but he knew the reward would be worth the struggle. His goal, after serving in the U.S. Air Force during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and pursuing a 12-year career as a musician, was to “reinvent” himself and support a better life for his family.

“We were living on Pell Grants, student loans and food stamps,” Howes says. “Ultimately, I told my boys, ‘I can’t be your mom, but I’m going to be the best dad I can be.’”

After earning his associate degree from Bakersfield College, the father of four moved his family across the street from Fresno State, on Cedar and Bullard avenues, so both he and his children would be close to their schools.

“The idea was that I wasn’t going to let anything affect my kids negatively,” Howes says. “I remember we would have ‘geek weekends.’ I would buy pizza and Mountain Dew, and I would do programming for school while the kids would do homework. I’d say, ‘We’re going to geek out on the weekend.’”

One job after another

When Howes wasn't in class or with his children, he was pursuing his next internship. Howes held an internship every semester he was at Fresno State, because he knew gaining hands-on experience would be essential for his professional growth.

"I was at the Career Development Center all the time, constantly trying to get work," Howes says. "I was hungry for experience, because I had not only my mouth to feed, but my family's mouths to feed."

During his time at Fresno State, Howes became acquainted with Debbie Young, director of the Career Development Center. He recalled confiding in her about not having professional clothing for job interviews.

"I just remember talking to Debbie and I was like, 'I'm ready for these interviews, but I don't even own a tie. I don't even own a suit — nothing,'" he says.

Dressed for success

Howes' situation sparked action from Young. She acquired professional attire for Howes' interviews. She was also inspired to help more students in similar situations.

After evaluating student need, Young created the Clothing Closet in 2016.

The Clothing Closet, an initiative coordinated through the Career Development Center in the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, helps students obtain professional clothing for interviews, career fairs and first jobs from donations that come in from the campus and community.

It is open to all Fresno State students, of whom there are nearly 25,000. Students may obtain up to three pieces of free professional clothing per year.

Since its inception, the Clothing Closet has served over 3,000 students, with an average of 500 to 600 students receiving professional clothing each semester.

Paying it forward

Just two weeks after Howes graduated from Fresno State, he was hired by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, where he is now a senior program analyst. He manages a team of 10 employees, working to remediate 27,000 computers across 13 hospitals.

In 2018, Howes became employee of the year.

"I am proof that you can reinvent yourself at any time in your life," Howes says. "It's going to be a lot of hard work, but you can completely reinvent yourself no matter what your background is."

Howes now gives back to the Clothing Closet.

"Fresno State provided me with these little job opportunities and made it to where I have modern, right-now experience," Howes says. "Debbie always gave me the tools I needed to succeed — always."



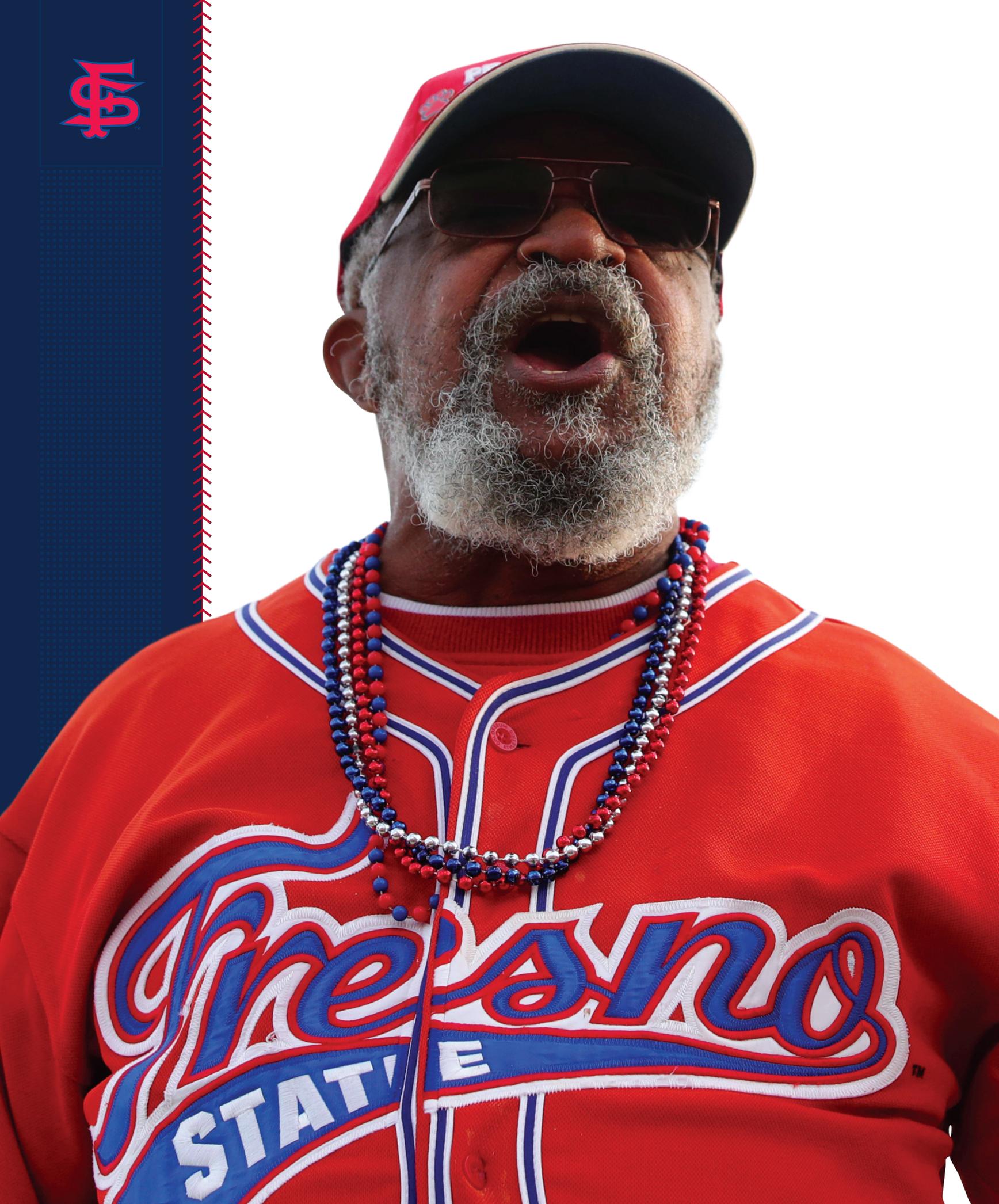
— *Esra Hashem is a marketing strategist in University Brand Strategy and Marketing.*



◀ *During his time as a student, Aaron Howes remembers confiding in Debbie Young, the director of the Career Development Center, that he didn't have the professional clothing he needed for job interviews. Young acquired the attire for Howes and, in 2016, turned a space on campus into the Clothing Closet to provide for numerous students who have a need.*

The Clothing Closet continues to accept donations of gently used or new professional, workplace-appropriate attire that is ready to wear. All donations are tax deductible. Call the Career Development Center at 559.278.2381 to arrange a clothing drop off.

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Ballgames with

INMAN



How Fresno State's longest-tenured cheerleader makes baseball games an unforgettable experience

By Eddie Hughes | Photos by Cary Edmondson

"It's a great day to be a Bulldog!"

The phrase is heard often nowadays around the Fresno State campus, and has even been used as part of speeches by folks like Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro. What many may not realize is the phrase gained its popularity from one of the biggest standouts in Fresno State baseball history — Inman Perkins.

Inman never played an inning of baseball for the Bulldogs, but he's rarely missed one from the stands of Pete Beiden Field at Bob Bennett Stadium. And his cheers certainly make a lasting impression with anyone who's ever been to a Fresno State baseball game. While Fresno State Magazine doesn't typically refer to subjects by their first names, it seems fitting for a man so well known by just one name.

Inman can be found at nearly every Diamond 'Dogs home game, sitting in his seat in Section L, Row 2, where he's become such a fixture the University has started gifting him his season tickets. Numerous times each game, he gets up to lead the Red Wave in cheers. During the middle of the first inning, just before Fresno State bats, he stands in the aisle and bellows, "Hello! It's a great day to be a Bulldog!"

He wears his Bulldog Red shoes, pants, jersey and cap and yells, chuckles and smiles his way to nine innings of fun, win or lose. The student section often chants back, "Inman's got big, red shoes," and other fans stop by inning after inning to shake hands and say hello.

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◀ For decades, alumnus Inman Perkins has climbed atop the dugouts at Bob Bennett Stadium at Fresno State, leading the Red Wave in cheers like the Bulldog spell out.

It's just a slice of the way Inman has been engaging crowds and making Fresno State baseball an interactive event for decades. "I have a great time. Where else is a 78-year-old man going to get to act like an idiot?" Inman jokes.

But what he's doing is far more strategic than that. He follows that first-inning Bulldog spell out with a Fresno spell out a few innings later and delivers charismatic barbs any time he feels like the team needs a boost. Then he leads the crowd in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch and gets on the first-base dugout to lead a "go 'Dogs go" chant in the eighth inning.

"He'll start that 'go 'Dogs go' chant, and we'll come back from break, and I'll just prop that mic up so you feel that atmosphere from the game that I can't describe for you," says Paul Loeffler, the voice of Bulldogs' broadcasts on 940 ESPN radio.

"Anyone who knows him, you'd swear he hasn't aged in 30 years. He has that passion that is contagious and you want to emulate. It's impossible to imagine a Bulldog baseball game without him."

PAUL LOEFFLER
940 ESPN RADIO

Inman's presence at Fresno State sporting events began with football games at Ratcliffe Stadium when he was a student from 1962-65, after he transferred from Fresno City College where he had been head cheerleader for four years. He joined the Fresno State pep squad and started sharing his ideas.

"At college, you don't do high school cheers," Inman says. "When I came in, I indoctrinated them to that. You do something short and quick. That was my philosophy, and that's always been my philosophy."

After studying radio and television broadcasting in college, Inman set aside his cheers and went to work as a floor director for the local CBS affiliate, then as a courier for KMJ radio before spending 20 years in the mailroom for The Fresno Bee.

But in 1977, Inman says excitement was brewing across town as talk of building a new 30,000-seat Bulldog Stadium began. Inman reached out

to longtime Fresno State employee Tom Kane, who was sports information director at the time, and offered to come back and train the pep squad. "When homecoming came, I came out and did the opening for them," Inman says. "I'm getting ready to go back to my seat, and they said, 'Well, we'll want you to do the whole game.'"

Inman remembers everything going his way. "Anybody want a touchdown?" he yelled. The next play, the Bulldogs scored a touchdown. And just like that, Inman was the Bulldogs head cheerleader again. The fired-up football crowds carried over to basketball season, just as legendary coach Boyd Grant was getting his start with the program. "That was the birth of the Red Wave," Inman says. He remembers thousands of fans travelling the I-5 to see the Bulldogs play in Long Beach.

"There were so many people on the Grapevine," Inman says. "A highway patrolman stopped one guy and said, 'Listen, you're not doing nothing wrong, I just want to know where all these people in red are going.'"

Inman recalls leaving campus one day when three Bulldogs baseball players approached him. He remembers them saying, "Listen, you've got to come to our game" on Saturday. He went home and told his wife, Donna, and they went.

"We came out and sat down," Inman says. "About second inning, my wife's going, 'Go do a cheer.' They don't do cheers at baseball games, what's wrong with you?" But she kept urging him.

So in the fourth inning, he got up, walked down and climbed on top of the third base dugout and did the Bulldog spell out. Then he walked over the first base dugout and did the same. "I'm on my way back to my seat and the whole team comes out," Inman says. "I've been here ever since."

That was 1977, and now a whole new generation — or two — of Fresno State baseball fans has grown up watching him do his thing. His sons, ages 50 and 36, and grandchildren, ages 22 and 11, often join him in the stands.



▲ As head yell leader as a Fresno State student in the 1960s (pictured with then live mascot, Moose), Inman Perkins was just embarking on what turned into decades of bringing joy to the fans.

"He sets a standard for what it means to be a Bulldog fan because he's so into it, he's never down, he's always energetic," Loeffler says. "Anyone who knows him, you'd swear he hasn't aged in 30 years.

He has that passion that is contagious and you want to emulate. It's impossible to imagine a Bulldog baseball game without him."

Inman has witnessed a lot of Fresno State baseball history. The 1980s and '90s featured near-capacity crowds. There was 1988, when the team won a record 56 games and had an almost inconceivable 32-game winning streak while being ranked No. 1 in the nation much of the regular season before losing in the College World Series. There was 1991, when the Bulldogs went back to the College World Series behind the arm of Bobby Jones, the national player of the year. And of course 2008, when the Bulldogs grew from a rocky regular season to get hot down the stretch under coach Mike Batesole and win the national championship.

Inman would like to see those capacity crowds return to Bob Bennett Stadium.

"Come to a baseball game," Inman says. "If you enjoy baseball at all, or if you've never been, come out and try it. The food's great, the price is not high. You can have a great entertainment day and enjoy yourself."

Experiencing his unique cheers will ensure that.

"Think about all the people who have been at games there the past 40-plus years," Loeffler says. "How much has he impacted their experience? How much joy has he brought to people? How can you not sit there and cheer when he gets that going?"



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TAILGATING 2.0



This is some next level tailgating. And if you were anywhere near the White Lot during the 2018 Fresno State football season, there's a good chance you noticed the bright red trailer with the Bulldogs script logo and the big No. 9 adorning the sides. The No. 9 represents the retired jersey number of Kevin Sweeney, who finished his four-year Bulldogs career in 1986 as the all-time leading passer in NCAA history. His father, the late Jim Sweeney, coached the Bulldogs for 19 years — another fact acknowledged in the trailer design. The tailgating rig is a combined effort between the Sweeney and Gilkey families. Kevin's son Troy, a former Bulldogs golfer, married Paige Gilkey this spring.

"There are lots of Bulldog borns and Bulldog breds in our family," Kevin Sweeney says. "I'm proud of Coach Tedford and the Bulldogs — can't wait for this fall."



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STILL THE CHAMP

Defending his title and community causes

By Eddie Hughes | Photos by Cary Edmondson

Just as he always does, Jose Ramirez entered his nationally televised February title fight representing the Valley. From his many local sponsors to the community causes he represents, Ramirez has the backing of an entire region every time he steps into the ring.

In what may have been his toughest professional fight yet — his first time suffering a cut — he was fueled by 14,000-plus fans at the Save Mart Center during the critical moments of a 12-round, back-and-forth match in which he edged out Jose Zepeda to retain his World Boxing Council super lightweight championship belt.

“It was amazing to see so many people show up and support the cause and support boxing,” Ramirez says. “The cheering definitely pushed me forward. It really does help.”

The Avenal native attended Fresno State for three semesters in 2010-11 before taking a break to train for the 2012 Olympics in London. He turned pro shortly thereafter and has a 24-0 record with 16 knockouts.

This event, tabbed as a fight to “KO Cancer,” was personal to Ramirez, who says he lost two grandparents to cancer, and to his manager, Rick Mirigian, whose mother is battling cancer.

“I’m very thankful that people really respect the cause, really respect the boxing here in Central California,” Ramirez says. “People showed respect toward other families fighting through cancer. It was a beautiful thing to witness when I was walking into the ring.”

Ramirez visited patients and staff at the Community Cancer Institute in Clovis two days before the fight, and two patients who had recently beaten cancer were invited to ring the bell before the main event. A portion of all ticket sales and Ramirez’s auctioned purple gloves from the fight went toward supporting the institute.

Ramirez has become well known as an advocate for community causes like water rights, just as he has for his powerful jabs. In 2015, he established a scholarship endowment with the Fresno State Alumni Association to help students from Avenal attend the University. He also joined Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro and first lady Mary Castro in distributing 1,200 backpacks filled with supplies to students in Huron in 2018.

“I’ve got the opportunity to show the people that there are bigger and better things out there,” Ramirez says. “I’m doing it by my persona, by who I am and by my goals that I continue to reach. I think that motivates the youth to go out there and do bigger things.”

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◀ Alumnus Jose Ramirez (left) successfully defended his WBO super lightweight title in front of 14,000-plus fans at the Save Mart Center in February.

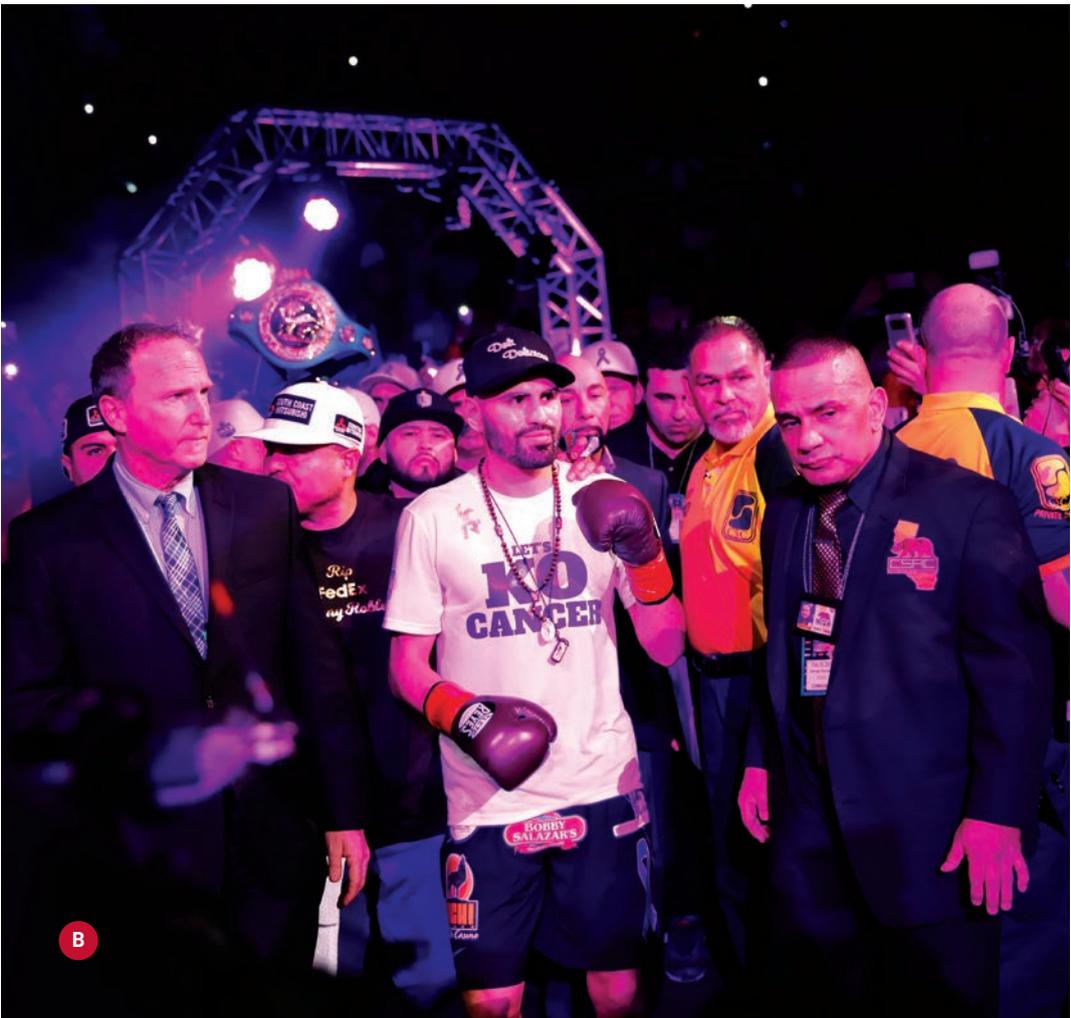


A

A Jose Ramirez is focused and intense as he's taped up moments before his nationally televised fight on ESPN where he defended his WBC super lightweight title in front of 14,000-plus fans at the Save Mart Center at Fresno State, the University he attended for three semesters before his Olympic training began.

B Dedicating his fights to community causes has become a staple for Ramirez and his manager, Rick Mirigian. Billed as the fight to "KO Cancer," Ramirez wore purple gloves and visited patients and staff at the Community Cancer Institute in Clovis two days before the fight. A portion of the event's proceeds went toward supporting the institute.

C Ramirez needed all 12 rounds to edge out the challenger Jose Zepeda on the judges' scorecards in what became his most tightly contested fight as a professional.



B



D Ramirez battled through adversity, including a cut near his eye, to raise his hand and retain the title belt in front of a crowd that helped lift him to victory with support during the critical moments.

E With his right eye swollen and stitched moments after the fight, Ramirez smiled and asked questions when presented with a card by a group of Fresno State student volunteers from Camp Kesem, an organization that supports kids who have a parent affected by cancer.

F Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro and first lady Mary Castro, who have long supported the former Fresno State student, met Ramirez in his locker room after the fight to congratulate him.



CLASS NOTES

1950s

Charles R. Davis (1951) was appointed senior vice president of L3 International. He will serve as the Company's chairman for the international boards in Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.

1960s

Barbara Hardwick (1967) was the Sierra Quilt featured quilter for 2018.

Mathias Matoian (1965) received the Leon S. Peters Award for Business Leadership and Community Service.

James W. Nielsen (1967) was sworn in as the state senator in District 4.



Craig Kohlruss

▲ **Ken Papi** (1969), who spent 50 years as an educator, athletic director and baseball coach at Fresno High School, was honored on Feb. 9 when the school's baseball diamond was named Ken Papi Field.

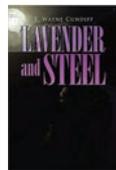
Carl H. Reinhardt (1969) is co-author of the book "More, Better, Different."

Emeritus Raymond L. Rodriguez (1969), the director of the Center of Excellence for Nutritional Genomics at UC Davis in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, was inaugurated in the CAMPOS Hall of Fame.



1970s

David Ayers (1979) was a candidate for Hanford's City Council for District A.



Ed Cundiff (1977) published his novel, "Lavender and Steel."

Anne (Richards) Da Vigo (1972) was a featured writer at Stories on Stage Davis, where her short story, "Voyage of the Tropical Queen," was performed by a professional actor. Da Vigo is author of the novel "Thread of Gold."

Donald Morgan Edwards (1975) released his new book "Kairos: Quest for a New World."

Jean Fuller (1972) is now director for the Tejon Ranch Company board.

David Lease (1977) retired from Customs and Border Protection after 16 years, following a 29-year career in the U.S. Navy.

John S. Lehn (1975) was appointed by Faraday Future as director for government affairs in Hanford. He will oversee navigation of local and state government regulations.

1980s

Lisa Kim Bach (1989), a longtime Las Vegas Journal-Review reporter and editor, was posthumously inducted into the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame.

John G. Bliss (1986) ran for Merced City Council.

William Fishbough (1981) retired as superintendent of Hanford Joint Union High School after 35 years in education.

Joetta Fleak (1986) is running for the Madera Unified School District Board for Area 4.

Terri (Kimber) Edwards (1981, '93), was a candidate for the Fresno Unified School Board for Area 7.

◀ **Rick Haydon** (1984), retired Santa Maria city manager, was recently named Citizen of the Year and, in recognition of his years of public service to Santa Maria, the city commissioned a facility to be named in his honor — The Haydon Event Center.

Christopher A. Mershon (1981) was promoted to vice president commercial loan officer for the Twin Falls Financial Center.

Craig Pedro (1980) retired after 38 years of public service, including 34 years in Tuolumne County.

1990s

Johnny M. Baltierra (1994) is president of the non profit "Bridge2College," which provides college tours and academic, college and career counseling to underserved high school students in the Central Valley.

Gregory Barfield (1998), is now the director of transportation for the City of Fresno.

David Duckhorn (1991) is now chief financial officer for Nadalie USA.

Eric Fleming (1997, '98) is chief administrative officer for Madera County.

Kanwaljeet Singh Gill (1990) is running for the Lodi Unified School District Board of Education, Area 4.



Victor Hernandez (1998) was appointed to the board of directors for the Society of Professional Journalists. Hernandez recently served as director of media innovation for Banjo, a technology company, and previously spent 12 years at CNN.

Adam Peck (1995) was appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

Demetri Snow (1993) is now regional president for Capital Bank.

Scott Spielman (1990), who was the second in command at the Kern County District Attorney's Office for the past eight years, has been appointed supervisor at the Tulare County District Attorney's Office.

Tony Thompson (1997), is now chief marketing officer for KEMP Technologies. He will lead the global marketing strategy, which will include direct and channel marketing programs.

Julianne Williams (1996), co-founder of Dycora Transitional Health and Living, was featured in McKnight's Long-Term Care News.

Sonia Wilson (1995) is now an instructional director who will work with principals in the Conejo Valley Unified District.

2000s

Amy Bonilla (2001) is now a Fresno County Superior Court judge.

Sara Bourbeau (2009), partner and head of production for Windsong Productions, was accepted into Women in Film Los Angeles, an organization advocating for the careers of women working in the screen industries.

Luis Calderon (2009) is now a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, which helps with the development of emerging ag leaders.

Stacie Dabbs (2004) is now executive director for the Merced County Association of Governments.

Monica Diaz (1995) is now a Fresno County Superior Court judge.

Barry Falke (2001) is now chief operating officer for the American Red Cross Pacific Division.

Derek Franks (2007), president and general manager of the Fresno Grizzlies, is now part of the club's ownership group.

Amy Guerra (2001) is now a Fresno County Superior Court judge.

Bradley W. Hart (2007) published his new book, "Hitler's American Friends."

Joann Mercado Hicks (2008), producer and production manager for Windsong Productions, was accepted into Women in Film Los Angeles, an organization advocating for the careers of women working in the screen industries.

Joe N. Moore (2000) is now president and general manager for Valley Public Radio.

Jessica Piffero (2009) is now the social media specialist for Fresno State, overseeing the University's official Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Michael Pires (2002) is now vice president for the Industrial Automation Group.

Joseph Simile (2005), is now president and chief operating officer for Simile Construction Service.

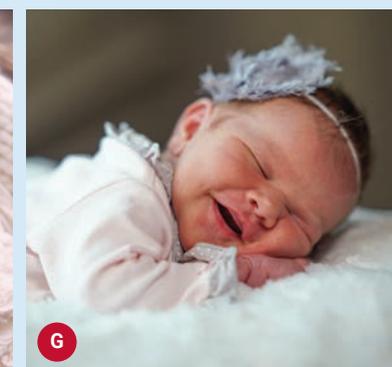
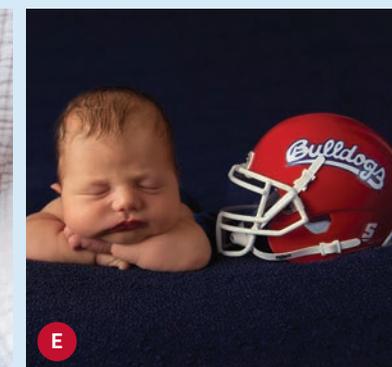
Justin Wilson (2008), Fresno State's winning pitcher in the 2008 College World Series final, signed a two-year deal with the New York Mets after pitching last season for the Chicago Cubs.

Continued



BULLDOG BORN

- A Ashley Alba Vasquez** (2013) and Patrick Vasquez welcomed their second child, Avery, on Nov. 7.
- B Steve Alfieris** (1992) and Fotini Alfieris welcomed their first child, Mary Pappas, on Aug. 29.
- C Tom Brandstater** (2007, '09) and Haley Brandstater welcomed their second child, Remi Blake, on July 26.
- D Kasandra Brooks** (2013) and Adam Brooks welcomed their first child, Blake Lyn, on Jan. 13.
- E David and Gundega Esposito** welcomed their first child, Luca Anthony Esposito, on Oct. 10.
- F Kendall Mitsuoka** (2009) and **Megan (Masui) Mitsuoka** (2010) welcomed their first child, Addison Paige, on Feb. 20, 2018.
- G Lisa Fazio-Satterberg** (2004) and Domenick Satterberg welcomed their third daughter, Brielle Dorothy, on Oct. 30.



FACULTY/STAFF



Dr. Laura Alamillo, interim dean for the Kremen School of Education and Human Development, was named Educator of the Year by the Association of Mexican American Educators, Fresno Chapter.



Steven Church published his book, "I'm Just Getting to the Disturbing Part: On Work, Fear and Fatherhood."



Jason Bush was re-appointed by Governor Brown to the Carcinogen Identification Committee.



Yoshiko Takahashi published her research on "Victimology and Victim Assistance."



Laurie Zaninovich was announced as Pleasant Mattress customer experience manager.

2010s

Jake Carlson (2015) was selected for the American Association of Avian Pathologists Foundation Scholarship for the second straight year. He is pursuing his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University.

Joshua A. Evans (2012) was named Teacher of the Year for the 2016-17 academic year at Valley Oak Middle School in Visalia. He is a history and leadership teacher as well as campus adviser for Tulare County's "Step Up — Empower Youth" program.

Tyler Johnson (2014) was traded to the NBA's Phoenix Suns after more than four seasons with the Miami Heat.

Justin Kamimoto is the founder and executive director for Common Space, a non profit incubator and social gathering hub in downtown Fresno.

Donovan Lewis (2015), a Fresno police officer and former four-year starter as defensive end for the Fresno State football team, competed for the WBC Amateur championship belt at the Big Fresno Fair. He is aiming to earn a heavyweight spot in the 2020 Olympics.

Devon Mathis (2013) was re-appointed assemblyman for the 26th District.

Clarissa M. Moreaux (2010) is now director of regulatory affairs for the Meat Institute.



Ana Rivera (2018), an AmeriCorps member, joined the American Red Cross of Kern County. She will provide emergency preparedness education and emergency assistance in the community.

Abelardo Rodriguez (2016) is now system coordinator, packaging/track and trace for California Giant.

Madeline Shannon (2013) is now a reporter for the Newport News Times.

Jenny Toste (2011), Fresno State's former social media specialist, is now CEO for Valley PBS.

BULLDOG WED

- A** **Carissa (Alvarez) Menchaca** (2018) married **Moses Menchaca** (2018) on Sept. 15 in Sacramento.
- B** **Cortney (Shegerian) Mortanian** (2010) married **Adam Mortanian** (2010) on May 26, 2018 in Santa Anna.
- C** **Megan (Morales) Kane** (2010) married Nolan Kane on Nov. 10 in Carmel.
- D** **Kathryn Shelby Hutcheson** and Brandon Manuel Wlasichuk got engaged.
- E** **Bryan Felix** (2014) and Ken Casparis got engaged in New York City.

James Ramirez



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– Louise and Jim Dunaway

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'For thee, our hopes and memories'

Beverly Ann Agnew (1988),
Dec. 6 in Clovis.

Joyce Albrigo (Rioth)
(1943), Dec. 27 in Merced.

Stanley Meryl Anderson
(1972), Feb. 2.

Lawrence V. Avakian
(1958), Oct. 21 in Fresno.

Marian J (Kramer) Ayers
(1952), Feb. 10 in Hanford.

Philip Nicholas Ayerza
(1986), Nov. 29 in Madera.

Janet (Cohen) Bachand
(1983), Oct. 14 in
Pleasanton.

Richard Banducci,
Dec. 24 in Bakersfield.

LeRoy D. Beach (1973),
Nov. 29 in Visalia.

Margaret Berghthold (1965),
Jan. 14 in Fresno.

Dennis L. Blackburn
(1967), Oct. 6 in Bakersfield.

Johnnie R. Borba (1967),
Feb. 4 in Hanford.

William Buffuna (1954),
Nov. 9 in San Luis Obispo.

Gary Philip Caldera
(1999, 2001), Oct. 10
in Fresno.

Bryan C. Calhoun,
Nov. 21 in Hanford.

Robert D. Castro,
Nov. 4 in Hanford.

Robert M. Clark Jr. (1972),
Nov. 11 in Fresno.

William M. Coughran
(1954, '69), Nov. 16 in
Fresno.

Richard C. Craveiro (1959),
Oct. 4.

Evelyn Crews (1969),
Feb. 16 in Pasadena.

Branko B. Cucuk (1951),
Sept. 22 in Fresno.

Edward J. Damir Jr. (1949),
Aug. 27 in Sacramento.

Linda Davis,
Feb. 16 in Porterville.

Eleanor R. Dawson (1952),
Nov. 11 in Lincoln.

William Martin Donleavey
(1944), Feb. 16.

Ann Marie Dowd (1992),
Nov. 19 in Hanford.

Judith L. Ederra (1965),
Dec. 6 in Bakersfield.

Stephen H. Edwards Jr.,
Nov. 4 in Tulare.

Patricia Alice Ehda, Dec. 3.

Brad E. Fogelberg (1992),
Nov. 14 in Fresno.

Darryl Freedman (1989),
Dec. 19 in Fresno.

Raymond H. Gardner
(1958), Sept. 22.

**Christine Gonzalez
Gillham** (1975, '77), Dec. 8
in Fresno.

Don Glasrud,
Jan. 16 in Fresno.

Brian Glover (2011),
Jan. 24 in Portland.

**Duane C. Johnson
Goldberg** (1978),
Jan. 7 in Las Vegas.

Juvenal Gouveia,
Nov. 19 in Fresno.

Scott D. Graber (1992),
Dec. 17 in Hardin, Montana.

Mary Eckman Haugen,
Jan. 10 in Oakhurst.

Richard M. Heikka (1933),
Feb. 1.

Joe Allen Hickman (1936),
Feb. 11.

Elizabeth C. High (1948),
Nov. 25 in Fresno.

Gwendolyn C. Hillerman
(1952), Nov. 24.

Charles B. Hodges (1946),
Feb. 23 in Fresno.

Donald Jackson,
Dec. 20 in Aptos.

Allice L. Jarocki (1980),
in Fresno.

John Y. Jefferies (1972),
Oct. 8 in Shasta Lake.

Betty Ann Jensen,
Feb. 1 in Los Gatos.

Shirley J. Jones,
Aug. 24 in Fresno.

Frances Jane Kessler,
Nov. 19 in Auburn.

Arianna Koster,
Oct. 2 in Tracy.

Richard "Dick" Kramer,
Aug. 27 in Bakersfield.

David A. Langbon (1948),
Jan. 2, 2017 in Monterey.

Robert Edward Lathrop
(1958), Feb. 28.

Richard J. LaVelle, Dec. 3
in San Antonio, Texas.

James Harold Leonard
(1942), Feb. 5.

Alice Ann Oliveira Liechti
(1965), Feb. 22.

William J. Luksemburg,
Jan. 19 in Placerville.

Judith A. Lund (1971),
Feb. 20.

Raymond Austin Mahoney.

Richard J. Manoogian
(1954), Sept. 21 in Fresno.

Byron J. Martin (1950),
Jan. 30.

Gerald Martin (1972),
Jan. 7 in Merced.

Edward D. Mesple (1976),
Nov. 25 in Penn Valley.

Blanche E. Mitchell (1993),
Aug. 30 in Fresno.

Karen Elizabeth Morais
(1975), Dec. 25 in Modesto.

Aaron E. Mosley, Jan. 30.

John K. Muldoon,
Nov. 22 in Livermore.

Eric M. Myers,
Dec. 18 in Tehachapi.

Harold A. Nielsen (1971),
Oct. 3 in Kingsburg.

Robyn Michelle Ordahl,
Jan. 14 in French Camp.

Joann Papac (1955),
Feb. 17.

Robert J. Parker (1978),
Jan. 21 in Long Beach.

Lavonia Carol Petrini,
March 2.

Carol E. Preisendorfer,
Dec. 26.

Maria S. Ramirez,
Nov. 13 in Hanford.

William K. Roberts (1970),
Oct. 1 in Ogden, Utah.

Marvin Rodgers,
Jan. 3 in Merced.

Leo Rojas (1954),
Feb. 23 in Parlier.

Morton G. Rosenstein
(1954), Sept. 8 in Fresno.

Gary Lee Rosenthal (1971,
'74), March 2.

Leslie R. Scott (1985).

John Charles Schelling
(1972), Nov. 13.

Louis James Secrest
(1953), Aug. 26 in Roseville.

Gordon Skeels (1984),
Jan. 23 in Madera.

Teddy Smith,
Jan. 8 in Fresno.

Beverly Sorensen (1950),
March 1.

Darrell Stanley (1957, '33),
Jan. 17 in Fresno.

Norma Thacker, Feb. 15.

**Marjorie Elaine Cochran
Thoman** (1949), Feb. 14
in Fresno.

Donald G. Thorndyke Jr.
(1976), Nov. 11 in
Atascadero.

Darrell Tom (1980),
March 19 in Stanford.

Janet L. Tyburski (1981),
Aug. 24.

Dolores Vezzolini (1993),
Jan. 3 in Fresno.

Granville Deane Villa
(1959), Jan. 3 in Hanford.

Stephen L. Vincent,
Nov. 11 in Reedley.

Dixie L. Waddle,
Nov. 4 in Fresno.

William J. Warmerdam
(1961), Jan. 8 in Hanford.

Patrice P. Welton (1970),
Sept. 4 in Gilroy.

Malcolm S. White (1951),
Nov. 5 in Bakersfield.

Sylvia Jean Willits, Jan. 2.

Robert Winchester (1955),
Feb. 26 in San Antonio,
Texas.

Earl William Wright (1973),
Nov. 10 in Clovis.

FACULTY/STAFF

Frank V. Powell,
Nov. 24 in Fresno.

Robert D. Stevick,
Sept. 27 in Seattle.

FRIENDS

Jeff Bergeron, in Merced.

Gene R. Clayton, Aug. 12
in Hickory, North Carolina.

Vonda Epperson,
Oct. 17 in Fresno.

**Ann M. Henebury
(Leonard),** Sept. 8 in
Knightdale, North Carolina.

Stanley Mollart,
Feb. 5 in Atwater.

Marion Richter,
Sept. 12 in St. Helena.

Soundtrack of the *Red Wave*

Photo by Cary Edmondson

At 220 members strong, the Bulldog Marching Band is the soundtrack of the Red Wave, performing at all Fresno State football home games and various other events on campus and in the community. Under director Steve McKeithen, the marching band is the largest student organization on campus.

In 2018, the marching band treated fans to a postgame performance under a sky full of fireworks (pictured) after Fresno State's 50-20 homecoming win over Hawaii. The band capped the season with a spirited performance at the pregame Las Vegas Bowl rally as the Red Wave poured onto Fremont Street.

Fresno State alumni and community supporters will have several more opportunities this fall to engage with the University, network and reconnect. So mark those calendars now and be part of the excitement.

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Sept. 20

Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala

Celebrating notable alumni who have made significant contributions in their communities.

Oct. 21-26

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