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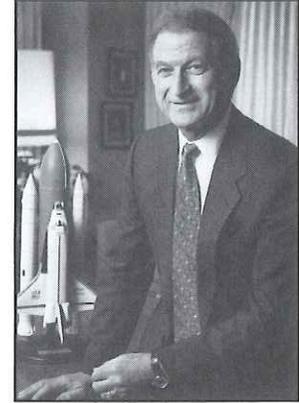
After growing up in Southern California, I had always wanted to go away to college. Fresno offered me this opportunity. I came up here to get a degree, play football and baseball, and find a bride. I'm very happy to say that all three goals have been achieved. I received my degree, played both sports, and met my beautiful wife, Kirsten. All in all, I would say Fresno has been very, very good to me. It's a great city, with great people and a very respectable place to go to school.

Since its founding, California State University, Fresno has attracted students of various backgrounds. Many of those who have done outstanding work on this campus continue to reap merits in their own fields, earning distinction for themselves and for their alma mater. Here, we reach back to some of those former students and gain insight on how attending CSUF made a mark in their lives and careers. And we reach out to today as well — to a sampling of current students actively engaged in that worthy pursuit we call *the educational experience*.



KELLI KELLER
Senior
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One aspect of this campus that I find so unique is its cultural diversity. I have been exposed to many different races, cultures and religions. Before coming here, I never learned about the various lifestyles of others from all over the world.



SAM F. IACOBELLIS
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, 1952
CSUF Alumnus of the Year, 1982
Executive Vice President and
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I came to Fresno State on a football scholarship but also had the good fortune to be attracted to the profession of engineering. Like many of my fellow graduates, I found the CSUF training excellent preparation for a job in the burgeoning Los Angeles area aerospace industry and for graduate study at UCLA. Fortune smiled again because this was one of the most exciting times in the industry as we began the manned exploration of space, landed astronauts on the moon, and developed the Space Shuttle. That excitement continues today with plans for ventures like Space Station Freedom, the National Aero Space Plane, a return to the moon, and a trip to Mars. Many factors affect each individual's path in life, but I have no doubt my experiences as a student at Fresno State, and the solid engineering education I received there, were pivotal in mine.

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