



**Frank Kuan**  
Graduate

**A**n excellent student, Frank Kuan has enjoyed a successful college career. Bachelor of Science in Biology degree, with minors in Chemistry and Asian-American Studies. A cum laude graduate, Phi Kappa Phi, officer in the Golden Key National Honor Society.

So tell us Frank, what was the source of your most important educational experience at California State University, Fresno?

"Involvement in student groups," he quickly concludes.

True, Frank Kuan has given his studies the attention they deserve and require. But there are many more places to learn at CSUF than just in the classroom, he insists.

"Being involved in student groups expanded my options and skills in terms of public speaking and writing. It really turned me on to campus life."

Included in Frank's list of extracurricular experiences during his seven years at CSUF are terms as president

of the Amerasian Club and the local chapter of the Tri-Beta National Biology Honor Society; service in the Health Careers Opportunity Program and as coordinator of Asian-American Week in 1985; and memberships in the Caduceus premedical professional society and the University Lecture Series steering committee. He also has served as a peer counselor for freshmen and sophomore students in the Minority Engineering Program.

"To be that involved did take away from my academic success," Frank says, noting that his grade-point average dropped to 3.52. "But I felt that my involvement in student organizations was just as important as classroom education. I thrived on it. I opened doors for myself. I learned about myself."

"I never thought I could be one of those people 'up there' leading a group. Now, I know I can. I have become more assertive. It's very rewarding."

Frank freely points out that he was anything but self-assured during those first days at CSUF.

"The first day on campus, I was a typical freshman. I didn't know where anything was. I remember standing right in front of the Social Science Building and asking a student passing by where I could find the Social Science Building. I've grown a lot since then."

As he became more aware of the world around him, Frank says his priorities began to change. A premedical student, he came to realize over time that his lifelong goal of becoming a physician was

not the only possibility open to him.

"I always thought I was going to be a doctor. As I got older, I realized my potential and saw that I could do many things."

These days, Frank Kuan still wants to be a doctor, but not the physician variety. His sights are set on a doctorate in education. Having accepted a counseling position in the Opportunities and Supportive Instructional Services Program at Kings River Community College, he hopes eventually to move into university administration.

"I want to work at the university level," he explains. "It would be appropriate for me. I think I've found my niche. Working in higher education is a helping profession. It's a holistic experience."

Counselor Kuan's advice to the students who will follow him to CSUF?

"The education a person receives at CSUF is a good one. The faculty is supportive. The students are not competitive to the point of hurting others to get ahead. There are many organizations to help students get ahead or deal with problems.

"Look at college as a growth experience. Get involved in various activities, but not at the expense of your education. Learning comes from more sources than just books. You learn through life. It's a continuum.

"I would recommend this university to anyone for their education. The campus should be recognized for its excellence."