

# Alumni Association



**T**he CSU Fresno Alumni Association serves as a vital link between the university, its alumni, and the greater Fresno community. Its primary purpose is to develop and apply its funding and volunteered-time resources toward the advancement of higher education and enhanced communication among alumni, campus administration, students, and friends.

In addition to sponsoring student scholarships and the annual reception for alumni scholarship recipients, the association hosts a Golden Grad Reception each year to honor graduates of 50 or more years. Alumni and friends also enjoy special receptions and celebrate at an annual reunion tailgate party.

The Alumni Association network links together more than 2,600 members. CSU Fresno alumni represent 56 academic areas of study and have migrated to every state in the nation.

In an ongoing effort to serve members, the Alumni Association offers many member-only

discounts and privileges. These include group health, dental, vision, and life insurance rates, travel programs, Costco membership privileges, Security Pacific line of credit, special alumni merchandise, discounted admission for various university events, and library privileges at most CSU campuses.

Membership is open to graduates and friends of the university. Annual dues are \$15 for new graduates, \$25 for single membership and \$35 for joint membership (husband and wife). Life memberships are \$500. Business memberships are also available.

**Publications.** *Contact* is a news magazine mailed to all alumni and friends with whom the association is in touch. Each issue features an *Alumnac* section, which highlights the accomplishments of CSU Fresno alumni. *Contact/Alumnac* also details events and activities.

Dues-paying members also receive *The Blue Wave*, an informative bimonthly newsletter published by the Alumni Association.

## Academic and Regional Chapters.

The association will keep you in touch with the CSUF school/department from which you graduated. There are nine official academic chapters of the Alumni Association. Satellite extensions are now being formed throughout the state to further involve out-of-town alumni in all of the fun. Active regional chapters are located in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and the South Valley areas. Additional chapters also include the Chicano Alumni Association and the African Peoples Chapter.

**Student Alumni.** The Student Alumni Association offers full benefits of alumni membership. Additionally, the Student Alumni Association will host seminars, workshops, and social events throughout the year. Monies raised through this joint student/alumni venture benefit Student Alumni projects and scholarship programs.

**Graduation Pictures.** The Alumni office sponsors the photographs taken at each CSUF commencement. Graduates are individually photographed, free of charge, before the ceremony processional each May.

**Scholarships.** Students at CSU Fresno may apply for Alumni Scholarships through the Financial Aid Office. Awards are made to undergraduate and graduate students based on need, scholarship, leadership, and involvement. The Alumni Trust Council oversees the investment of the Alumni Association's contributions and the distribution of its scholarship funds. ■



*Alumni consider sampling Bulldog wine at the annual tailgate party.*