Dear Chicana and Chicano Studies Alumni,

I am excited to share and celebrate some highlights from the last academic year. This past May, we graduated 35 majors and minors in Chicana/o Studies (pictured). Among the graduates are students pursuing advanced studies in Education, Law, Sociology, and Social Work at UCLA, Argosy University, USC, and UC Merced, respectively, among other institutions. We are very proud of our alumni who will continue to advocate for the betterment of our communities.

We awarded our first Chicana/o Studies scholarship to Melissa R., a first-generation, college student, double majoring in Chicana/o Studies and Human Services. Melissa recognizes the “extra support the department offers to students” and appreciates that “there is a space in college where I could celebrate my love for learning.”

We added two new courses to the curriculum- Chicana/o Food Cultures and Border Cinema. These courses will address gaps in the curriculum and allow students to learn how food systems shape the everyday lives and identities of Chicana/o communities, and they will learn about contemporary films, directors, and production of the U.S.-Mexico border, respectively.

In addition, we are presenting the following two wonderful special events this semester that our students and faculty are excited about and we would love for you to attend:

- Screening of Stolen Education followed by a Q&A with the Director Enrique Aleman, Jr.-- November 7th, 2016 at 4pm in Pollak Library North- 130.
- Critical Race Theory in Education panel featuring Daniel Solorzano, Professor of Education at UCLA-- November 7th, 2016 at 6pm in Pollak Library North- 130.

We love to hear from our alumni and encourage you to stay connected. If you haven’t already, please consider joining our Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/CSUFChicanaChicanoStudies.

Finally, thank you so much to those of you who have contributed to our program and department funds. I feel very fortunate to play a small role in our students’ academic development and I thank you for sharing in it with your contributions. Together, we are able to help our Titans to continue to “reach higher” and achieve academic success. For more information about supporting our department, please contact me at pperez@fullerton.edu or Alina Mircea-Trotz (Director of Development for the College) at 657-278-2559 or amircea-trotz@fullerton.edu.

Warm Regards,

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