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CSUF alumni honored at annual awards gala

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Successful Cal State Fullerton alumni were honored at the university's annual Vision & Visionaries Awards Gala last month.

The awards, which are the highest honor an alum can receive from the university, are bestowed upon CSUF alumni who have reached distinguished achievement.

Among the honorees was Rosalina Davis, owner of Tlaquepaque Restaurant in Placentia. Davis, who graduated from CSUF in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish, received the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Davis is the founding member of CSUF's Hispanic Scholarship Golf Tournament, which raises more than \$100,000 each year for first-generation student scholarships. She is also a part of the CSUF Auxiliary Services Corp and serves on various boards and committees in Placentia.

Gary Green, executive vice president and manager of California Bank & Trust, graduated from the university in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in business administration-finance.

Green, committee chairman of the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics' Mid-Year Economic Forecast and a member of the college's executive council, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award on Feb. 20.

He previously served as chairman of the CSUF Concert Under the Stars Community Committee.

Enrique "Henry" Martinez, retired vice president of power production at Southern California Edison, was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Martinez, who is involved with the College of Engineering and Computer Science Leadership Council, graduated from CSUF in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in engineering-electrical.

He is a supporter of the CSU Edison Scholars Program, which aims to increase the number of low-income and first-generation students in technical-related fields.

Martinez previously served on the CSUF Philanthropic Foundation Board of Governors. Lee and Nicholas Begovich were awarded with the Honorary Alumni Award.

The award honors individuals who have close ties to CSUF but did not attend the university.

Lee is a retired Fullerton School District teacher and Nicholas is a retired corporate vice president for Hughes Aircraft Co.

The couple are longtime supporters of the College of the Arts, including the Art Alliance, Music Associates and Marcy Arroues Mulville Memorial (MAMM) Alliance programs.

The university's Begovich Gallery was named after the couple in 2010 in honor of their \$1 million donation to the Art Department.

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