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FULLERTON COLLEGE RECEIVES FUNDING FOR THREE GRANTS TOTALING \$3 MILLION

FULLERTON – Fullerton College was recently awarded funding totaling \$3 million, for three new programs designed to connect academics to employment in high-demand fields. Funding was made possible by the California Career Pathways Trust, which established a one-time, \$250 million competitive grant program in the state's 2013-14 budget. Recipients were tasked with creating sustained career pathway programs that connect businesses, K-12 schools and community colleges to better prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

G-CADemy

In partnership with the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) and the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program (NOCROP), Fullerton College will establish an industry-driven, four-year Green Building and Design (G-CADemy) program at La Habra High School. The G-CADemy will transition students to high-skill jobs through apprenticeship and college programs to meet the growing demand for a sustainable building and design workforce in Southern California. In addition, the G-CADemy will close the gap between industry needs and students' skills levels in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Orange County Teacher Pathways Program

The Orange County Teacher Pathways Program (OC TPP) will enable Fullerton College to partner with local community colleges, five Orange County K-12 school districts, CSU Fullerton, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratories, and numerous other business and community partners to provide multiple opportunities for employment and education as students persist along the teacher pathway. Students will build skills in an integrated standards-based academic and career-relevant sequenced curriculum that will allow for early entrance into employment as paraprofessionals, and will culminate in a post-baccalaureate teaching credential.

Orange County Career Pathways Partnership

Lastly, the Orange County Career Pathways Partnership (OCCPP) will create a county-wide, self-sustaining infrastructure that builds, supports and expands rigorous and innovative pathways. The OCCPP Regional Consortium will create opportunities for Fullerton College to work with industry partners in three target sectors: Health Care/Bio-Technology; Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing and Design; and Information Communication Technology/Digital Media.

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