

# Titan Talk



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## Fall Training Conference

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On the chilly first weekend of November, Circle K members from different colleges throughout the California-Nevada-Hawaii district gathered together in the mountains of Sonora, California for one event- Fall Training Conference.

Fall Training Conference (FTC) is an annual event for Circle K members to meet one another, attend workshops, learn about the club, and create memorable experiences while practicing the three tenets of Circle K: service, leadership, and



fellowship. The theme for this year's FTC was "Route was "Route CNH: The Highway to Service", which which appropriately described the road trips that many clubs undertook to reach Old Oak Ranch Old Oak Ranch in the mountains of Sonora.

Saturday contained the bulk of activities for FTC. The day began with District Governor Brett Butler welcoming Circle K members and summarizing the day's events. Butler explained that one of the purposes of FTC was that members understand the bigger picture of Circle K, and see the club beyond their college campuses.

This "big picture" was certainly evident as members of different colleges mingled with one another during lunch or one of the many events planned. Throughout the day, members attended workshops that ranged from information about being in CKI, budgeting, or being a good board member.

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# Service

## Speak Now Autism Walk

"I think one of the most beautifully abstract aspects to Circle K service projects is when people are partnered for assignments. Just from that, you get an odd kinship with your partner for whatever task is assigned. Whether the task involves an awkward rambunctious supervisor, or riotous kids, there's always something to share. And I think that bonding, where you glance over at your partner with an amused look as they endure some wild child using his/her full imagination, that unspoken and unworded silliness~ that bonding is the foundation for meaningful memories and experiences. For the event, Autism Speaks, there were more volunteers than participants. Many volunteers stood around, pretending to be busy, or passively doing a passive job given passively by a passive organizer. We also supervised several children playing with toy racecars and legos. They have a lot of



energy! And after the event, several members went to Carolina's to eat pizza!



Om nom nom!" - Irving Nguyen

## We Give Thanks



"Who would've thought cutting veggies could be this much



fun? On November 22nd, CSUF CKI went to the Anaheim Convention Center to prepare vegetables for holidays meals through We Give Thanks. All of our work was so much more rewarding knowing that this food would be served to those less fortunate during the holiday season. My favorite part was being able to bond with other members all while having a good time and working for those in need." - Ivan Bernal



Top: Fullerton relaxes after hours of carrot chopping and peeling.

Above: Half of our volunteers were in charge of cutting the carrots. Left: The other half of our volunteers were assigned to peel the carrots.

## Pumpkin Launch

"The pumpkin launch gave the members the opportunity to explore the fun of science while teaching children and guiding them at each station on what to do. What the majority of us did was give out instruction on making a boat out of a single sheet of tin foil. Afterwards, the kids get to test to see if their boats float or not and see how marbles it can hold. It was important to help out because it was a way to implement science in a fun manner and let them see how it is applied in real life



jobs and scenarios. My favorite part was seeing the children's smile and laughter when they were done building their boat and testing it and the food trucks. There were so many food trucks out there and different varieties of what to eat. It was an explosion of flavors that cease to exist anywhere else and yet found in something so simple and unique. T'was a mind blowing taste on how people throw their own twist onto fries, burritos and hot dogs. Everything was mouthwatering deliciousness. NOM NOM NOM."

- An Hoang

# Leadership

## New Member Installation

This is an event most Circle K-ers remember for the rest of their time with the club. On the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup> several new members were officially installed into the Cal State Fullerton Circle K International. The club gained over 15 official new members this



semester, all of whom have each received a personalized flag as a welcome to our family. We also hosted the "pie a board member" fundraiser which resulted in



new member Cari Tam receiving the honor of throwing a pie in club president, Marc Boyle's face (bottom right photo). Top photo: All the new members of the semester show off their personalized flags. Bottom left: President Marc Boyle with new member Linda Hoang as she is officially installed into CSUF Circle K International. The event was put on by New member development and education chair, Junnie Young and her planning committee.

## FTC cont.

Members continued to socialize with one another as they made holiday cards for special needs children and ornaments for a children's hospital through the service project led by District Service Chair Ally Bogan. In addition to volunteering, members could also make a difference by participating in Penny Wars, where spare change could be donated to a number of charity programs, such as Pediatric Trauma Program, the Eliminate Project, Not for Sale, and Special Help for Special Needs. Friendly competition between divisions encouraged members to donate to these causes.

Throughout FTC, CKI members showed pride and encouragement for their colleges, divisions, and new members by reciting spirit cheers. Whether they were encouraging Evelyn Prieto's and Jerry Mora's version of Taylor Swift's "Enchanted", welcoming new members during new member installation, celebrating as CKI South beat CKI North in musical chairs, or praising Ariana Spero as she represented Cal State Fullerton in receiving honorable mention skit, Cal State Fullerton cheered loudly and proudly at FTC.

Set amongst a snowy, winter wonderland, FTC was a memorable experience for new and returning CKI members alike. This was the last FTC for Danny Ha, CKI's previous District Governor and prior CSUF club president.

Reflecting on his experience, Ha said, "My favorite part was being able to step back and watch the club. It felt good to know that when I'm gone, the club will keep going, and you guys will be alright."

## Meet Your Board

### Vice President of Service

Julie Nguyen

**Major:** not even! you can call me general. :)

**Year in Circle K:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**What do you do on board?**

I'm the vice president of service which means I deal with anything relating to service such as setting up projects, calling up coordinators, taking care of carpool and I'm in charge of the spirit of service!

**Random fact:**

I like to paint, draw, read, ice skate and the sorts. (:



### Secretary

Ashley Valdez

**Major:** History

**Year in Circle K:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**What do you do on board?**

As a secretary it is a part of my duties to keep track of all of our club's hours in service, leadership, and fellowship. These hours then get recorded into this giant excel worksheet called an MRF (monthly report form) which then gets turned into the district secretary by the 5th of every month. These MRF's are really helpful to D-Board because without them they wouldn't have any idea how our club is running and functioning. Also, as a secretary I am also the one who takes minutes during board's & general weekly meetings. This position requires a lot of organization, it helps to have a planner. =]

**Random fact:**

I make random noises at random times. OOoooo-aaaaa



### Treasurer

Jerry Mora

**Major:** Geology

**Year in Circle K:** 3

**What do you do on board?**

By being the treasurer, I am in charge of handling all of the club's money. I submit everybody's information to international and I submit all of the money collected to the district. I am also responsible to meet with our school advisor, Amy Mattern, to get signatures and chat about the way we handle money and some improvements. You will build a strong relationship with her.

**Random fact:**

I like coffee, shopping, glitter, and rocks. :)



# Fellowship

## Baking Social

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Circle K-ers came together in the kitchen to prepare some scrumptious holiday cakes and cookies. With the smell of Gingerbread in the air and sprinkles everywhere, members got their hands dirty with some good old fashion holiday baking. Some of the cookies will be donated to a local shelter for community members to enjoy and other treats were enjoyed by Circle K members.



Top: Vivi Pla and Alan Nguyen show off their holiday Circle K cake. Above: A group of members adding their holiday touch to their fresh cookies. Bottom Left: Iron chef Ally Bogan carefully placing fresh cookies on the cooling tray. Bottom right: Evelyn Prieto happily preparing her first cake.

## Pick Up Stix Fundraiser

Join CSUF Circle K-ers for a meal at Pick Up Stix while raising money for the Pediatric Trauma Program. To participate, on December 8th, pick up or print out a flyer, present it at the time of your purchase, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to PTP!



## Winter Holiday Social Announcement

Save the date titans. December 17<sup>th</sup> will be our annual winter holiday social to take place at Marc's apartment, across from campus from 3:00pm-10:00pm. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (\$5-\$10 limit), and plenty of food and fun. This is the perfect combination for a jolly good day.

## Ice Skating Social Announcement

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, members will gather at the Anaheim Ice rink from 3:30-5:30 pm for some good ole ice skating. There is a \$9 fee to skate and a \$3 fee to rent skates. What better way to get into the holiday spirit than by participating in one of the world's favorite winter sports!

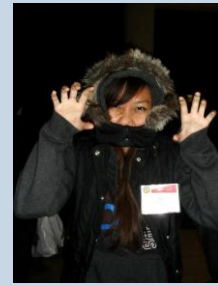


## Disneyland Social Announcement

Get your mouse ears ready cause CSUF CKI is going to the Magic Kingdom. On Friday, January 20th, Cal State Fullerton Titans will gather at the Disneyland Resort for a full day of magic and fun from 7:30am-12:00am. Carpools will be available. It's sure to be a zip-a-dee-do-dah of a time.



## Member Of the Month



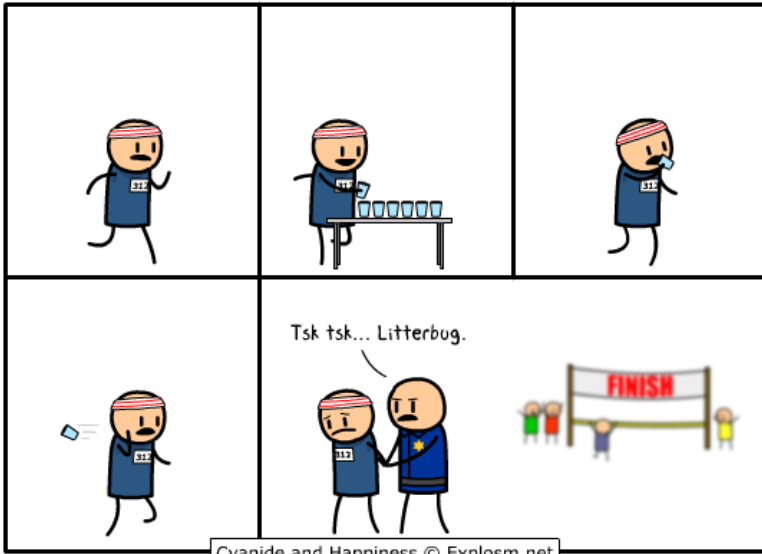
## Ann Pham

Ann has shown great enthusiasm in her participation in service projects, committees, and other Circle K events.



# Fun Fun Fun

**Joke of the Month:**  
**Are you sure you lost an electron?**  
**Yes, I'm positive.**



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**Name  
that Titan!**

Cyborg:  
 Half man-half machine makes one  
 butt kicking superhero equipped  
 with various ray guns and other  
 weapons. .Boo-Yah!

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**Upcoming Events**

December 2.....Spirit of Giving  
 December 3.....Rose Parade Float Decorating  
 December 3.....Divisional Council Meeting  
 December 8.....Pick Up Stix Fundraiser  
 December 10-16.....CSUF Fall Semester Final Examinations  
 December 17.....Winter/Holiday Social  
 December 18.....Traditional Scrapbook Social  
 December 19.....Ice Skating Social  
 January 20.....Disneyland Social  
 January 21.....Divisional Council Meeting  
 January 23.....CSUF Spring Semester Begins  
 March 23-25 **District Convention!!!!!!!**

