Dear Reader: This week’s edition of CFA Headlines focuses on the June Primary Election. Headlines will be on summer break following this week, and will resume on August 15. If there is breaking news, we will send a Special Headlines to your inbox. Have a wonderful summer!

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CFA-endorsed candidates succeed at the polls

Faculty advocacy on behalf of pro-Labor candidates made an impact at the polls on Tuesday, as many CFA-endorsed candidates, including Gavin Newsom and Tony Thurmond, will advance to the November general election.

Lt. Gov. Newsom, who faced off against 26 other candidates in a race to become the state’s next governor, was the front-runner Tuesday, having secured 33.3 percent of the vote. In November, he will run against Republican John Cox, who received 26.2 percent of the vote, according to election results posted on the Secretary of State’s website.

Thurmond was among four candidates vying for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and will run against charter school booster Marshall Tuck in the general election.

Both the governor and the superintendent of public instruction are Ex Officio Trustees on the CSU Board of Trustees.

“We will continue to be unwavering advocates of Gavin Newsom and Tony Thurmond, because they are champions for public higher education and are committed to helping us improve the CSU,” CFA President Jennifer Eagan said. “As Ex Officio members of the CSU Board of Trustees, they would continue to advocate for faculty and students and make decisions that will improve our university system for years to come. We are thrilled that they succeeded in the primary, and will continue our unwavering support as we move toward the general election.”

Newsom has repeatedly called for increased funding for the California State University, broader access to the public higher education, and a CSU campus in Stockton.

In a forum with EdSource, Newsom that his first budget would include “a significant increase in funding for the UC and CSU systems to avoid further tuition hikes.”
“It has been nothing less than devastating to watch the state’s disinvestment from public higher education, and with it, stripping a generation of Californians of an opportunity those before them enjoyed,” he said. “State support was slashed by one-third after the Great Recession. We’re just now achieving pre-recession funding levels but we’re also educating thousands more students. We must do better.”

State funding constraints have had a grave impact on the CSU, and have led to diminished access for the state’s qualified high school graduates and community college transfer students. Last year, more than 31,000 qualified students were denied a spot in the CSU.

CFA has been fighting for additional funding for the CSU to help improve access and affordability of public higher ed, and maintain the high-quality education provided by a CSU education. The union also been vocal in highlighting the racial disparities undercutting state funding and policy decisions, noting that as the CSU student population has grown increasingly diverse, funding has become significantly lighter.

In other election news, CFA member Mike Eng, a former Assemblymember who teaches at Cal State LA, also successfully advanced to the general election. Eng will run against Baldwin Park Councilwoman Susan Rubio for the 22nd Senate District seat, which was previously held by termed-out Sen. Ed Hernandez. As more election results become available in the coming weeks, we'll post more information regarding how CFA-endorsed candidates did here.

To all our CFA colleagues who helped our CFA-endorsed candidates succeed during the primary election, THANK YOU! Your advocacy and efforts are appreciated, and made a big impact.

Photo: CFA Capitol Chapter members were among faculty helping Gavin Newsom succeed at the polls Tuesday night as they “text banked” for Newsom.

Links of the Week

Looking to November, Gavin Newsom promises ‘resistance with results’
LA Times
Basking in his first-place finish in Tuesday’s election, Gavin Newsom looked to November, casting the next phase of the election as a referendum on President Trump and California’s future.

Gavin Newsom and John Cox to compete in California election for Governor
NY Times
Gavin Newsom, the Democratic lieutenant governor and former mayor of San Francisco, took a major step Tuesday in his bid to become California’s next governor, capturing one of two spots on the November ballot as the state moved closer to the end of the era of Gov. Jerry Brown.

Kevin de León to face U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein in November runoff
SF Gate
Democrat Kevin de León secured the number two spot in California’s U.S. Senate race to beat out Republican James Bradley and face off with Sen. Dianne Feinstein in the November general election, according to the latest results Wednesday morning.
Newsom: Stockton deserves CSU
Stockton Record
With the final push toward Tuesday’s election primary underway, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom went for a bus ride Friday that ended up at a custom furniture designer and builder studio in Stockton.

Fullerton Democrat recalled over support for gas tax
CBS Los Angeles
An Orange County-area state senator who voted to raise gas taxes is out of a job after Tuesday’s primary election, denying Senate Democrats a supermajority for the rest of the year.

Race-Class narrative electoral findings (California)
Demos
For the last year, we—Demos, Anat Shenker-Osorio (ASO Communications) and Ian Haney López (author of Dog Whistle Politics), —have partnered in an ambitious multi-phase project to build an effective new narrative on race, class, and democracy. The central question we’ve explored is how to engage simultaneously around race and class in ways that strengthen social solidarity, reduce division and scapegoating, and create a viable foundation for progressive policy victories.

The Union Effect in California #1: Wages, Benefits, and Use of Public Safety Net Programs
Berkeley Labor Center (First of a three-part series)
Unions have historically played a role in improving wages and benefits by enabling workers to join together to negotiate with employers. Recent research finds a persistent positive effect of unions on members’ wages and household income (Farber et al. 2018). On their own, individual workers have little bargaining power with employers. When bargaining together, workers have raised not only their own wages, they have also helped to set higher standards that improve wages for union and non-union workers alike (Bivens et al. 2017). Income inequality in the United States has risen as the share of workers covered by a union contract has declined (Farber et al. 2018).

‘Learn By Doing,’ but don’t disrupt: Cal Poly protesters still under investigation
KCBX FM (SLO)
San Luis Obispo’s California Polytechnic State University, more commonly known as Cal Poly, has recently entered into a debate over "disruption." The university is heralded for its science, technology, engineering and math programs, as well as its "Learn By Doing" approach to education. Disruption is a term often tied to innovation and technological advancement in recent years, but the disruption campus officials are currently investigating is tied to how the First Amendment is being interpreted on campus.

8K Starbucks stores closing May 29 for racial bias training
ABC 7 (News clip features CFA’s Audrena Redmond)
Starbucks is closing more than 8,000 U.S. stores for a few hours Tuesday to conduct anti-bias training in the company's latest effort to deal with the fallout over the arrest of two black men at one of its shops in Philadelphia.

President Armstrong: Stop picking on Cal Poly students who protested military contractor
The San Luis Obispo Tribune
SLO CFA Chapter Pres. Lewis Call wrote on behalf of the chapter exec. board: Dear President Armstrong: When a white student appeared in blackface, you characterized that as protected free speech. On two separate occasions, the university has offered maximum free speech protections to Milo Yiannopoulos, a far-right ideologue who has no connection to the Cal Poly community. Yet it now seems Cal Poly is not prepared to extend the same free speech rights to its own students. It appears that Cal Poly uses a double standard when evaluating free speech claims.

How to Fix the Adjunct Crisis
The Chronicle of Higher Education
Commentary: I am fortunate to work for the California State University system, where all faculty are represented by the California Faculty Association. For non-tenure-track faculty, our union has secured
more pay, guaranteed raises, full benefits for those who teach more than six units per semester, security of employment for experienced instructors, and a range of protections from administrative malfeasance. Tenured allies can use their voices and their influence to support the unionization of adjunct faculty, and advocate for strong representation of adjunct faculty in the faculty union.

**Be more like Chipotle, Jerry Brown tells California universities**

Sacramento Bee  |  Capital Public Radio News

"What I like about Chipotle is the limited menu. You stand in the line, get either brown rice or white rice, black beans or pinto beans," Brown said. "You put a little cheese, a little this, a little that, and you're out of there. I think that's a model some of our universities need to follow." He went on to advise universities to pare down their course offerings the way Chipotle does its menu. "They have so damn many courses, 'cause all these professors want to teach their pet projects, but then you get thousands and thousands of courses. If they would go to a limited menu concept, everyone would graduate on time."

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