

## Roots and Shoots Springs to Life at CSUF

The Jane Goodall Institute's "Roots and Shoots" program has a new chapter at Cal State Fullerton.

Goodall, a world renowned naturalist and recent honoree at this year's Front & Center celebration, created Roots and Shoots 10 years ago in an elementary school in Tanzania, based on her realization that children have the capacity to become global environmentalists and humanitarians. Although Roots and Shoots began as an elementary school endeavor, it has expanded to include university-level students. Today, there are groups in more than 50 countries and at least 1,100 in the U.S.

The program's mission is to promote care, concern, respect and compassion for our surroundings, which equally include humans animals, and the environment, said Cristy Watkins, student chair of the campus chapter. The goal is to foster these ideals through individual action, and through an increased awareness of the interconnectedness of all life.

The CSUF chapter was inaugurated last month during a meeting with Goodall in which members discussed future projects. One of those projects, "Animals in the Spotlight," was held earlier this month. Other activities include participation in "gleaning" events, where the remainder of local crops are picked and donated to local homeless shelters, and an English as a Second Language "Casual Chat" program to help ESL students practice English outside of the classroom setting.

The campus Roots and Shoots chapter meets every first and third Wednesday in Room 426A of McCarthy Hall. For more information. contact Watkins at [critkins@hotmail.com](mailto:critkins@hotmail.com)



**GLOBAL HUMANITY** — Cal State Fullerton has become one of the newest chapters of the Jane Goodall Institute's "Roots and Shoots" program, established 10 years ago as a way to create awareness and to promote respect and compassion for animals and the environment. Members of the campus organization who met with Dr. Jane Goodall last month are, from left, front row, Chip Royston, Dr. Lori K. Sheeran (Anthropology), Erin Musick, Goodall and Erica Tyler; middle row, Dr. Michael H. Horn (Biological Science), Marianne Waters, Raffaella Commitante, Cristy Watkins and Maria Copple; and back row, Norman Rosen (Anthropology), Andy Fritts and Kat Scofield.