

# CSUN Big Show '17 Turns Oviatt Lawn Into A Music Festival

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*Confetti rained at the end of Dillon Francis' set at Big Show.  
Photo by Sarah Dutton*

The warm, fall weather was a nice backdrop for students and community members to come out to the 17th annual California State University, Northridge Big Show on Oct. 7. As excited attendees walked through the gates, they were greeted by Associated Students staff handing out Big Show silicone bands and cardboard glasses that made the stage lights diffract into sparkling fireworks.

Big Show is produced by CSUN Associated Students (AS) and every year CSUN students get to voice what type of music acts they want at the show. This year's choice was Electronic Dance Music (EDM), and the CSUN AS Production team brought to the stage well-known DJ / producer Dillon Francis as well as acts Phantoms and Valentino Khan.

The Big Show event took place on the Oviatt Lawn, where there were a variety of food trucks, free drinks from Rockstar and Yachak Organic Yerba Mate and creative Big Show signs for the perfect photo op.

"This event is really a great break from school," said CSUN business management student Jose Reyes. "It's like having a mini-EDM festival on campus."

Shaded spots under the Oviatt Lawn's palm trees were as popular as the refreshing water stations. When Phantoms hit the stage, concertgoers were able to compromise the shade for an hour of dancing. The crowd got even more excited when they found out that Phantoms' Vinnie Pergola graduated from CSUN in 2013.

"It's good to be back!" said the CSUN alumnus.

Valentino Khan followed the Phantoms' set and as he stepped on stage attendees rushed for the best spot to see him. Even a minor sound equipment glitch didn't stop Khan, and his set was a great hit.

Closing out the evening was Big Show's headliner Dillon Francis, who entered the stage to massive cheers from the crowd. The Oviatt Lawn was bouncing for the full 80-minute set. Confetti rained as Francis completed his high-energy set, leaving the crowd chanting for more.

"I would play more if I could, but I used every minute of my time," Francis said as he left the stage.

With AS bringing so many popular acts to CSUN, students left the evening feeling liked they'd seen something special on their campus.

"Bringing Dillon Francis to campus is the best thing the school has done for me," said student Brenda Beginini on her way out from the show. She and her friend Brenda Beitkarim said they are both huge fans of Dillon Francis and have been to several of his shows at different festivals.

"I really like how this show was different with a smaller crowd than you see at large festivals," said Beitkarim. "I felt really safe and comfortable all night."