

The logo for Cal Poly Pomona, featuring the text "CalPoly" in dark blue and "Pomona" in green, positioned to the left of a large, stylized arrow graphic. The arrow is composed of several overlapping triangles in shades of green, yellow, and dark blue, pointing to the right.

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# **Provost's Report to the Academic Senate**

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**Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**



## Dr. Sep Eskandari

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- New provost and academic vice chancellor at Montana State University Billings.
- In the coming weeks, I will share further information about plans to celebrate and recognize Sep's impressive career and contributions to Cal Poly Pomona prior to his departure.
- His last day at Cal Poly Pomona will be June 4, 2021.
- Join me in thanking Dr. Sep Eskandari.

# Good News

Los Angeles County  
now in the yellow tier.

## As L.A. County moves into yellow tier, hopes for economic recovery grow



Visitors walk at Universal Studios Hollywood on April 16.

(Al Seib / Los Angeles Times)

By [Luke Money](#).

[David Zahniser](#), [Rong-Gong Lin II](#), [Faith E. Pinho](#)

May 4, 2021 Updated 4:56 PM PT

Los Angeles County's road to COVID-19 recovery has been anything but smooth.

The region's economy — like the rest of the world's — ground to a halt last spring, when officials [imposed sweeping restrictions](#) after confirming the early embers of what would become a raging pandemic.

Things [got moving](#) somewhat a few weeks and a flatter curve later, only for the arrival of a summer surge to once again [put the brakes on](#).

Another [round of reopenings](#) was abandoned in the fall, when what would prove to be the worst wave of COVID-19 yet [roared to life](#).

But, despite the fits and starts that have typified the region's journey over the last 14 months, this time feels different.

L.A. County on Tuesday progressed into the least restrictive, yellow tier of California's reopening system — clearing the way for the nation's most populous county to unshackle its economy to the widest extent currently possible.

# University Library – Limited Opening



# University Library – Updates

- May 2 to May 19
- Provide spaces for students to study for final exams
- By appointment only for students, faculty, and staff
- Following LA County Department of Public Health guidelines
- <https://www.cpp.edu/library/>



# In-person Internships, Service-Learning, and Community Engaged Learning Activities

- Summer and Fall 2021
- Workshops to support faculty and staff to prepare for in-person placements
  - Academic Internships: Friday, April 30, 2021, 12:00 -1:00 pm
  - Service learning: Friday, May 7, 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 am
    - NOTE: Both workshops will be recorded and can be accessed at Workshops & Training on the CCE website: <https://www.cpp.edu/cce/faculty/workshop-training.shtml>
- Innovation spaces on campus and off-campus open summer 2021

# Office of Student Success Reminders:

- **ABC/No Credit Reminders:**

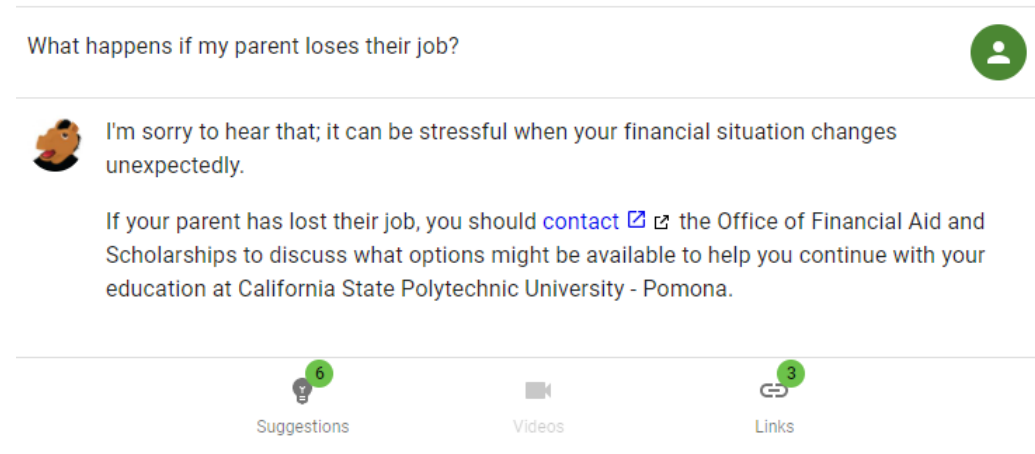
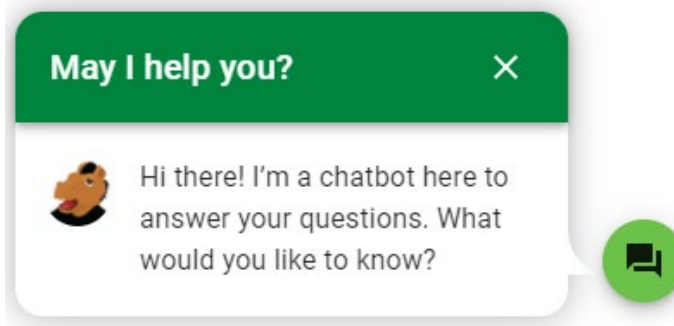
- Deadline for students to select ABC/NC for Spring 2021: **May 13**
- All F grades will be converted to NC grades, regardless of grading selection
- After grades are due, OSS will contact students who earn a D in a course to determine if it is in their best interest to keep or change their grading option.

- **Orientation Advising Trainings:**

- Orientation Student Employees
  - June 2, 1:00 – 4:00pm
- Faculty and Staff Advisors
  - June 3, 1:00 – 4:00pm – **OR** June 4, 9:00am – 12:00pm

# Financial Aid Update

- The Financial Aid Office distributed over \$17.8 million in emergency grants to students with financial and COVID related needs.
- New Chatbot launched last week.
- Accessible on all Financial Aid website pages 24/7.
- Preloaded financial aid knowledgebase, including videos, links, and suggestions.
- Live Chat coming this June.
- PeopleSoft integration to provide student specific answers launching in September.





# AY 2020-21 – Sabbaticals, Difference in Pay (DIP) Leaves

- **Sabbatical Leaves**

- One-semester: 36 applications, 34 awarded
- Two-semesters: 7 applications, 7 awarded

- **Difference in Pay (DIP) Leaves**

- One-semester: 0 applications, 0 awarded
- Two-semesters: 3 applications, 3 awarded

# Upcoming Events

- **Summer Professional Development for Faculty**
  - Look for upcoming announcements from CAFE
- **Ethnic Studies Summer Institute**
  - June 2–4, 2021
- **FYE Summer Institute**
  - June 7–9, 2021
- **2021-22 CPP Common Read**
  - *The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World*, Jamil Zaki
  - <https://www.cpp.edu/studentssuccess/oss/fye/common-read-events.shtml>



**Thank you!**

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Chair Nelson for your leadership  
to the Academic Senate

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