



On August 1st and 2nd, members of the Cal Poly Pomona Innovation Incubator and Employee and Organizational Development and Advancement, Human Resources Operations attended and participated in the 7th annual, 2022 Badge Summit at CU Boulder, Colorado. 200 eager participants engaged in thoughtful conversations with higher education leaders, government representatives, non-profit organizers, and cultural associations across the globe to support inclusive access to learning and partnerships on everything about badging and micro-credentials.

During the two-day Badge Summit, the Cal Poly Pomona representatives took part in table talk sessions, fireside chats, and the dream maker's lounge each filled with multiple high points. The day started with Professor, STEM educator, and Founder of LivedX, Geeta Verma from University of Colorado Denver along with the Director of Adult Student Success from the Colorado Community College System Dr. Ayelet Zur-Naybert, who led a discussion on how we can work together to close equity gaps for minoritized and underserved learners. Later in the summit Associate Professor, Adrianna Sherman, EdD from San Antonio, Texas shared the Course+ Badge program she created to train faculty on how to seamlessly insert marketable skills badges into their existing academic coursework. The day ended with a panel of experts from ASU University and MIT to discuss the past, present, and future state of digital wallets and what we might see in the future of digital badging.

The summit was a success! Each session was filled with best practices, trends, and opportunities to collaborate with industry leaders that led to innovative ideas that will help Cal Poly Pomona to move forward with offering opportunities to earn badges and micro-credentials that supply value to staff, faculty, and students. The Innovation Incubator and Employee and Organizational Development and Advancement/Human Resources Operations are excited to share what they have discovered with the campus and bring staff, faculty, and students into the conversation to share ideas and perspectives. You can look forward to seeing badges and micro-credentials that are accessible and inclusive creating opportunities for learning and growth. If you are interested in learning more about badges, check out the Cal Poly Pomona Innovation Incubator website at <https://www.cpp.edu/ii/digital-badging/badge-earners.shtml>.

