

To: CPP Faculty

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Dear Colleagues,

Spring Break is around the corner and I hope you find some time to rest and recharge. There is a lot of information below, including information about a new CSU-wide Virtual Community of Practice on accessibility. Information about CAFE's Summer Institute is coming soon!

All the best,

Marisela

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## Faculty Day

**Thursday April 23, 11:30am-1pm, Centerpointe Dining Hall.** This long-standing celebration of faculty is CAFE's treat! All CPP faculty—full-time, part-time, and retired—are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues for this fully in-person, purely social event. Come when you can and leave when you need to.

We will be gathering in rooms **107, 108** and **110**.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you to the [Pace Setters](#) group for helping to sponsor Faculty Day 2026!

[RSVP for Faculty Day](#)

## Teaching and Learning

- CAFE's Canvas in Practice Series

Sessions will take place on Zoom on Tuesdays, 12 – 1 pm, from February through April. Descriptions for each session can be found on [CAFE's Upcoming Programs & Events Page](#).

- [Online Testing \(Quizzes\), April 7, 12 – 1 pm](#)
- [Calculating Final Grades, April 28, 12 – 1 pm](#)

- CAFE's Teaching and Technology in Practice Series

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- [Quick and Efficient Ways to Make Videos for Your Classes, March 24, 12 – 1 pm](#)
- [Active Learning for Engaged Classrooms, April 14, 12 – 1 pm](#)

- CSU Faculty Accessibility Virtual Community of Practice (CoP)

Join the CSU faculty Accessibility Virtual Community of Practice (CoP)! Faculty use digital instructional materials regularly in their teaching, and the DOJ Title II requirement emphasizes the need to ensure that this content is accessible. The Accessibility Virtual CoP has been established to support the California State University's commitment to accessibility, equity, and compliance with federal and state accessibility requirements.

Held on the first Thursday of the month, beginning April 2026, this CoP provides a collaborative space for faculty to build individual and campus alignment with systemwide accessibility goals. Each meeting will focus on a different topic related to the accessibility of digital instructional materials and will provide attendees with a space to ask questions, share best practices, and build community. *Join us as we work together to make learning accessible throughout the CSU.*

- First Session: Thursday, April 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Join via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3266 4914

Passcode: 880854

## Canvas News

- General Info:

- CAFE hours: Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm
- Studio 6 phone: 909-869-3099
- Canvas help: Email [canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:canvas@cpp.edu), call the number above, or submit a [Canvas Request Form](#)

- For consultations on accessibility, instructional design, multimedia development, or learning technologies, visit [CAFE's Request Services Page](#)
- Please note that CAFE and Studio 6 utilize IT's ticketing system. All responses to emails sent to [canvas@cpp.edu](mailto:canvas@cpp.edu) or [studio6@cpp.edu](mailto:studio6@cpp.edu), as well as any requests submitted using the forms linked above, will be sent from the CPP Service Desk

## Faculty Career Growth

- Faculty Mentoring

Work with a CAFE mentor for confidential consultations and coaching on career development and planning, grant proposal guidance, navigating CPP, RTP, teaching and learning, leadership and service, and/or work-life integration.

- Professor Emerita Lisa Kessler, “Everybody’s Mentor” and CAFE faculty associate. Lisa retired as Interim Dean of Agriculture. Email [Lisa](mailto:Lisa) directly to set up an appointment. Lisa can also provide guidance on AI Course Integration Proposals.
- Professor Emeritus Martin Sancho-Madriz, CAFE faculty associate. Martin served in many capacities at CPP, including AVP for Faculty Affairs, Dean of the Huntley College of Agriculture, and Associate Dean of ENV. Email [Martin](mailto:Martin) directly to set up an appointment.

## Friends of CAFE

- AI Hackathon: Call for Faculty Judges

Sign up as a judge or mentor for the **AI Hackathon 2026**. Diverse perspectives are welcome. Your participation will help enrich the experience for our student teams. The event includes five project categories, and we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds. Each first-round judge will evaluate 6 to 7 five-minute videos using an online rubric.

Please feel free to reach out to Indira Guzman ([irguzman@cpp.edu](mailto:irguzman@cpp.edu)) with any questions.

To volunteer as a Judge or Mentor, please complete the following form:

[AI Hackathon 2026 - Virtual Judge and Mentor Form – Fill out form](#)

For more information, view the Hackathon [flyer](#) or the [AI Hackathon Website](#).

- Register for the 2026 Office of Academic Innovation Summer Conference

Wednesday, June 3–Thursday, June 4 | 8:30AM–4:00PM | Building 162 Room 1001, 1002

Academic Innovation Summer Conference, “Human at the Core: Navigating AI in Higher Education.” Taking place June 3–4, 2026, the conference will bring together faculty and staff from Cal Poly Pomona and universities across the region to explore how artificial intelligence is transforming teaching, research, workforce preparation, and student success. Participants will engage in keynote presentations, panel discussions, and collaborative sessions designed to spark new ideas and strengthen cross-institutional collaboration.

Register [today](#) and CPP faculty and staff can request a free registration promo code using this [form](#).

- Community Innovation Hub Advisory Board Mixer

March 18 & April 22 | 5-7PM | Community Innovation Hub (Downtown Pomona)

Join fellow leaders and innovators at the Community Innovation Hub Advisory Board Mixer to connect, exchange ideas, and explore partnership opportunities in Downtown Pomona. Meet professionals, entrepreneurs, educators, and community leaders who are advancing entrepreneurship, workforce development, and community innovation—and learn how you can get involved through board service, committee leadership, hosting workshops, or partnering on programs. Light refreshments will be served. Register [here!](#)

- CSU Max at CSUN

The [CSU Entertainment Alliance](#) has partnered with Adobe to bring you **CSU MAX at CSUN on April 10, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.**

*This event is open to ALL CSU faculty, staff, and students!*

Inspired by Adobe MAX and designed for the entire CSU community, CSU MAX is a curated, full-day creative experience bringing Adobe leaders, faculty innovators, and emerging talent together.

[Register now to secure your spot](#)

- CSU International Programs (CSUIP) Inaugural Faculty-led Summer Programs, Summer 2027

These programs are designed to expand access to study abroad through short-term, high-impact experiences that integrate academic rigor with immersive, place-based learning. Faculty will have the opportunity to design and lead a three-week, 3-unit course in one of three global locations: Italy, Spain, or Ghana.

Programs will run in two sessions (June and July 2027), and faculty will play a central role in shaping the academic and experiential components of the program while collaborating closely with CSUIP throughout development and delivery.

Application Details:

- Faculty can find full program information and application instructions here: [CSUIP Faculty-Led Proposal Site](#)
- Application deadline: April 15, 2026
- Review process: Begins immediately after the deadline
- Decision notifications: Expected by May 1, 2026
- Information sessions:
  - March 27, 10:00am >> [Register Here](#)
  - April 3, 2:00pm >> [Register Here](#)

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to [csuip@calstate.edu](mailto:csuip@calstate.edu).