

November 2025 • Kudos & Announcements

Message from the Dean

November is here, and with it comes a season of gratitude and giving. I'm continually inspired by what's happening in our college. Our President's Scholars are making a difference in animal shelters and community theaters. Our faculty continue to publish impactful research and showcase their art. Our students are advocating for real change in their communities. This is what CLASS is all about.

Speaking of giving, Bronco Launchpad went live November 1! If you haven't checked it out yet, it's our crowdfunding platform where you can support causes across campus. Browse the projects, find one that speaks to you, and consider making a contribution. Every bit helps, and it's a great way to directly impact student success and innovation here at CPP and in CLASS.

As we head toward Thanksgiving, I just want to say thank you. Thank you to our faculty and staff who show up for students every day. Thank you to our students for your energy and commitment. And thank you to our alumni and community partners for staying connected. You all make CLASS what it is.

Kind regards,

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CLASS is proud to announce its 2025-2026 [President's Scholars](#): [Michael Anthony Miser](#) (Political Science), [Elliot Cyra Summers](#) (Psychology), [Sara Severova](#) (Music), [Jayani Bullock](#) (TESOL), [Sara Barisi](#) (Sociology), [Ku Uipo Kalipi](#) (Psychology), [Mona Hassanzadeh](#) (English), and [Mairany Anaya](#) (Public Administration). President's scholars not only excel in the classroom but also volunteer their time in the community at places such as animal shelters, schools, libraries, churches, and theaters.

Assistant to the Associate Dean [Lydia Dolan](#) was nominated for this month's Employee Spotlight in the [Employee Express](#), highlighting the phenomenal work she does to ensure operations are running smoothly through leadership and collaboration. We want to thank Lydia for her hard work and dedication to CLASS.

Communication

Communication professor [Denisse Vasquez-Guevera](#) and her work were featured in [CPP News for LatinX Heritage Month](#). The story highlights Dr. Vasquez's insight of the similarities she notices between her students back home in Ecuador and students here at Cal Poly Pomona and how she is always there to support her students.

Communication students and CLASS interns [Chazz Escobedo](#) and [Joanne Chung](#) recently wrote a [feature story](#) highlighting Hispanic alumni turned faculty for CPP's LatinX Heritage Month Spotlight series. The article discusses the full-circle journeys of Dr. Sally Romero (College of Integrative Studies), Dr. Oscar Marquez (GEMs), and Dr. Brian Ramirez (College of Engineering).

English & Modern Languages

Assistant professor **Claudia Salazar Jimenez** delivered her keynote speech, "The invisible borders of fiction: Feminism, Rebellion and Counternarratives" at the Ohio Latin Americanist Conference (OLAC) at Bowling Green State.

Economics

Congratulations to economics department coordinator **Stephanie Gonzalez**, who has been admitted to the BS in Economics Program as a CPP transfer student. A member of the Bronco family since 2021, she will begin the program in January 2026.

History

History alumnus and current PhD student in Chicano Studies at UCLA **Jose Castro** recently published an article in [Perspectives](#), magazine put out by the American Historical Association. The article highlights the struggles and adversity undocumented immigrants face with the rise of raids done by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, along with the protests and support of non-Hispanic activists.

Music

CPP alumnus and Trumpeter, **Peter Gutierrez** (Music '23), will be performing in the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band's, "[Latin, Latin](#)" concert on Oct. 20 at the Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium at Chaffey High School. Gutierrez is a working musician, playing different genres from Mariachi to jazz music. He will be on the flugelhorn performing Una Noche Espanola and Music Caliente and on the trumpet during Los Amigos.

Philosophy

Philosophy professor **Alex Madva** was featured in the [Good Men Project](#) in an interview with his co-authors of [Somebody Should Do Something](#), which explores the possibilities of social progress following interactions between individual and structural change. Prior studies of his emphasize the importance of narratives, cognitive biases, and emotional responses that shape collective action.

Political Science

A new study co-authored by Political professor **Jarred Cueller** was featured in the article, "[Federal agents assemble across the Bay](#)" in the *Politico California Playbook*. The study found that [Prop. 50](#) would not only maintain but enhance Latino voters' power in California House races.

Psychology

Psychology's Psi Chi highlighted its appreciation for Administrative Analyst **Ocena Corbin** and the immense work and support she provides to the department. She is behind the scenes helping students with their classes, supporting faculty and staff, and flawlessly organizing department events. Her advice - "Keep supporting one another, stay engaged, and remember we're here to help you succeed" - is something we can all take to heart. We extend our thanks.

Theatre & New Dance

Theatre adjunct professor **Paulo Lima's** art exhibit "[Dreams and Revelations](#)" was displayed at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery at Allan Hancock College. It [showcases](#) his work across four mediums – sculpture, painting, wire installation and mixed media – all of it being inspired by his Brazilian heritage.

CPP alum and Los Angeles Times journalist, **Anthony Solorzano** (Theatre '13), debuted his newest project, "[Worst Zine Ever: Pomona Through the Lens of Springfield](#)," a story merging essays, humor and satire to explore his hometown of Pomona through the metaphors of Springfield, the Simpsons town. During a time when the truth is being attacked, his story represents local storytelling and truth-telling.

Philosophy

Philosophy minor **Angela Trujillo** recently published her poetry book titled "[Brutal Lover](#)," a compilation of prose and poetry entries. The inspiration for this project began during her spring semester when she found her writings from the previous year, particularly one from her first year of college titled "Brutal Lover." The chapbook carries themes of solitude, love, and heartache.

Political Science

Political science major and international student **Cesar Saavedra Sanchez** was featured on EdSource California Student Journalism Corps' "[International students in California grapple with fear of deportation, visa applications](#)." Being from Guadalajara, Mexico, Sanchez discusses the struggles he is facing with the current administration's immigration policies. He became interested in political science at young age while following the elections in Mexico and seeks to make a change not only in his home country but in the United States as well.

Sociology

Sociology major **Vanessa Perez** was featured in a [Los Angeles Times article](#) highlighting her activism work and personal story. Perez has been vocal at nearly every monthly meeting of the oversight commission regarding excessive force from law enforcement officers and what documents the public should have access to. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill [AB 847](#) on Oct. 6, 2025, allowing police oversight officials investigating misconduct access to confidential law enforcement personnel records, a cause that Perez has been an advocate toward for years. Her story and contributions to the passed bill are also featured in [The Poly Post](#) along with insight with sociology professor **Dr. Hanink**.