

2026 Fall Conference Video Script

Hello Broncos! Bienvenidos!

Welcome to a new academic year at Cal Poly Pomona.

Whether you're returning to campus or joining the Bronco Herd, like me, I am so excited to welcome you. Serving as the president of this incredible university is an honor, and I can't think of a better way to begin the semester than by thanking each of you for everything you do to make Cal Poly Pomona such a special place.

For anyone I haven't had the chance to meet yet, I'm Vanya Quiñones, and I'd love for you to call me Vanya. One of my favorite parts of being on campus is meeting students, faculty, and staff. So, if you see me walking across campus, please stop me and say, "Hello, Vanya!" I look forward to getting to know you, hearing your stories, and taking a selfie with you for my Instagram page.

Every university has buildings, classrooms, and traditions. What makes Cal Poly Pomona extraordinary is you — our Bronco Herd.

At the heart of everything we do is our students.

Students come to Cal Poly Pomona because they believe an education can transform their lives. They trust us with their aspirations, and we have the privilege and responsibility to help them learn, do, and become. Every decision we make should be guided by this question: Will this help our students succeed? They are the heart of our mission and the future we are building together.

They have placed their trust in us and chosen to join the Bronco Herd. That trust is both a privilege and a promise. It calls on each of us to bring our very best every day, to remove barriers, create opportunities, and ensure that every student has the support they need to succeed. When our students thrive, Cal Poly Pomona fulfills its highest purpose.

The strength of our Bronco Herd comes from the many experiences, perspectives, and cultures that make up fiber of our community. Diversity is one of our greatest assets. It expands how we learn, how we solve problems, how we experience each other, and how we prepare students to lead in an increasingly interconnected world. Every member of our community deserves to feel welcomed, valued and supported because every voice strengthens the Bronco Herd.

That sense of belonging is essential for student success. A community of care doesn't happen by accident. It is something that we create together with kindness, respect, collaboration, and a shared commitment to helping each other succeed.

Cal Poly Pomona has long been recognized as a national leader in opportunity and social mobility because our graduates leave prepared to build meaningful careers, support their families, and strengthen their communities. Our Become by Doing philosophy transforms lives by giving students the confidence, knowledge, and real-world experience to solve challenges and make an impact.

Every class taught, every student served, every research project, advising appointment, and campus interconnections helps open doors for someone whose future may be forever changed by us, with a Cal Poly Pomona education. That purpose inspires me every day, and I know it inspires so many of you as well.

As we begin the semester, I also want to extend a very warm welcome to our newest faculty and staff members. Thank you for choosing Cal Poly Pomona. You are joining a community that believes deeply in our mission and in the remarkable potential of

every student. We are grateful you are here, and we look forward to everything you will contribute to our university.

I also want to congratulate our new interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Baski, on her appointment. I am excited to partner with her as we continue advancing academic excellence, student success, and innovation across our university.

As we look ahead, I know there is so much we can accomplish together. By strengthening our community, supporting one another, and remaining focused on our students, we will continue opening doors, expanding opportunities, and preparing the next generation of leaders.

Gracias por todo lo que aportan a nuestra universidad.

Gracias por ser parte de la manada de Broncos.

Gracias por creer en el poder de la educación para abrir puertas y transformar vidas.

Thank you for everything you bring to our university. Thank you for helping strengthen the Bronco Herd. I can't wait to see what we accomplish together during the year ahead.

Go Broncos!