



# Cal Poly Pomona

## KELLOGG HONORS COLLEGE KHC NEWSLETTER

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## Congratulations to the 2025 KHC Graduates!

### BUILDING THE FUTURE

DR. CLAUDIA GARCÍA-DES LAURIERS, KHC DIRECTOR



The end of the spring semester is always a period of reflection and inspiration for me. The reflection happens formally through annual reporting and informally reflecting on all the great work the KHC has done supporting our students and on all of the work our students have done during the academic year. The inspiration comes from our graduating class. It is a glimpse into the future, and regardless of all that is going on in the world, KHC graduates remind me that the future is bright.

One of the honors courses I teach is anthropology of religion, and one of the topics we discuss is that anxiety about the future is universal. This anxiety comes from not knowing what to expect. In our efforts to prepare, we have devised various ways to seek out information that makes us feel better or prepare for the unknown. --Continued on P. 4.

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# A GLIMPSE OF YOUR FUTURE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS

KHC Student, Eli Tolentino

During the Spring 2025 Semester, I took time off to participate in an internship with Honda. This was a great opportunity to envision my future after graduation.

Throughout my time at the Honda Auto Development Center, I have applied my experiences and skills as a Computer Science student in new and exciting ways. I have supported the Materials Research department on several projects, such as using Python to automate lab reports for material testing and building machine learning models to detect weld defects from an image. Working in automotive has been an exciting time, and watching cars get built on the production line is certainly a bonus. I give credit to my professors at Cal Poly Pomona and KHC for supporting my educational and personal growth thus far. Go Broncos!



## INVESTING IN MY FUTURE IS ALWAYS A GOOD BET

Over the weekend of May 1-4, my Cal Poly Pomona psychology students, including myself, attended the Western Psychological Association (WPA)'s annual conference. This year, the event was held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Horseshoe Hotel. This conference is open to both students and professionals and provides a wonderful venue for learning, networking, and professional growth. I was lucky to attend and co-author two presentations: a poster for my Honors Engaged Learning Experience project and a poster for a project in Dr. Rachel Baumsteiger's Prosociality and Well-Being Lab. At WPA, students are only allowed to present at poster sessions, so these are excellent ways to network with peers and professionals in my field from the western region of the US. For those interested in graduate school, this is a vital opportunity to meet people who may teach or head labs at the schools you wish to attend.

I arrived on Friday and attended a wide variety of lectures and multiple poster sessions. Learning from my peers about their research was incredibly fulfilling. In a time of uncertainty for science, the level of enthusiasm for everyone's research was incredibly reassuring. When it came to the presentation of my own research, I was surprised by how many people were interested in what I had to say and wanted to have a conversation with me. Compared to other poster sessions I have been to, WPA presenters and attendees had an obvious passion for the field that I have not seen previously. ---Cont. on p. 4

KHC Student, Camryn Sandvik



**ANIMAL SCIENCE MAJOR AND KHC  
GRADUATE JAIDEN CAMACHO  
COMMITTS TO THE OHIO STATE  
SCHOOL OF VETERNARY SCIENCE  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Photo by Tom Zasadzinski

**STUDY ABROAD IN SCOTLAND**

KHC Student, Hailey L. Donner

Hello! I decided to study abroad at Strathclyde University in Glasgow Scotland this semester for a few reasons. First, I have always wanted to explore outside of the United States, so when I found that Cal Poly Pomona had an exchange program in Scotland I decided to apply!

Studying abroad really allowed me to experience a new culture and be pushed outside of my comfort zone. As a psychology major, I have always been curious about how psychology is studied in different countries, and taking this opportunity will help me have a more global approach in the future. What I have enjoyed most so far is traveling around Glasgow, Scotland. I have spent a lot of time visiting the different historic places, my favorite so far being the Glasgow Cathedral!

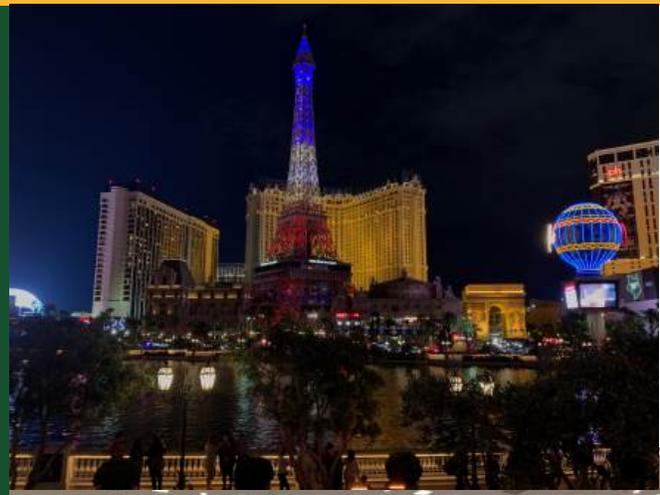
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## INVESTING IN MY FUTURE IS ALWAYS A GOOD BET--CONTINUED FROM P. 2

In addition to the actual conference, there were several networking opportunities to take advantage of for both Cal Poly students and for conference attendees as a whole. As many students within Cal Poly Pomona's Psi Chi chapter attend WPA, there is often a dinner held to network with the psychology department faculty members. This year, students and faculty met at Block 16 inside the Cosmopolitan, where we were able to reflect on the day's events, speak about research and upcoming opportunities, and form better professional connections. On Saturday afternoon, there was a Psi Chi chapter exchange, where all Psi Chi members across the western U.S. met. Multiple universities were recruiting attendees.

Attending conferences, like WPA, is such an important experience for students. I did not start attending conferences until my final year, yet it has been instrumental in my growth as a professional and in my journey to my post-graduate decisions. Whether it is an event held at Cal Poly Pomona or one you must travel for, attending an academic or professional conference is an experience every student should take advantage of at least once. Like me, you may be surprised by just how much you can learn from them.



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Congrats  
Grads

CLASS OF 2025

## BUILDING THE FUTURE --CONT. FROM P. 1

For some, the stars above provide guidance (horoscopes). For others, the residues in our coffee or tea cups are messages to be read and understood (tasseography).

I have a different perspective. The future is a blank page ready for the blueprints of what we are going to build together, or the foundation for a map of the journey we are about to undertake individually and collectively. At KHC, we build the future. We train leaders, doctors, veterinarians, engineers, caring individuals who will shape their world and ours in positive ways. Our students' journeys are diverse, and grounded in the values of community, civic-mindedness, and inclusive excellence.

The future is not knowable despite our best efforts to get the answer; it is hard to plan for. However, it is something we can build together through a lifelong commitment to learning, growing, and community. The blueprint for the future, at least from the Kellogg Honors College view, has a strong foundation, and any challenges we face will be navigated together as a community.

Congratulations, class of 2025, and welcome to the class of 2029!

## STUDY ABROAD IN SCOTLAND

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The architecture and history that the city has to offer is truly breathtaking. The picture above is from my trip to Loch Ness; on the way, we stopped at the three sister mountains, and the beauty was awe-inspiring. I truly enjoyed seeing the different landscapes and the gorgeous beauty of the highlands, with lush green grasses, dramatic mountain ranges, and peaceful lochs. I also enjoyed visiting Edinburgh, seeing iconic Harry Potter sights and historic landmarks.

One of the biggest differences that I've noticed regarding school is that studying here is much more independent and self-directed compared to the U.S. There is a lot more emphasis on critical thinking and self-motivation; I have a few essays/papers to write for my courses, and I am adjusting to a more self-led pace.

This experience has been so fun and has helped me challenge myself and make memories that will last a lifetime. One of the most rewarding parts so far is the many amazing friendships that I have made with people around the world!



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: BECOME BY SERVING

Christian J. Murillo, KHC Academic Coordinator



At the Kellogg Honors College, civic engagement is a pathway to self-discovery through service. The theme “Become by Serving” came to life as hundreds of KHC students took part in more than 40 civic engagement opportunities, both on campus and in the surrounding community.

From cultural celebrations and prospective student outreach to food justice and environmental sustainability, our scholars stepped into roles that challenged them to grow, reflect, and lead.

One impactful area of engagement this year was supporting cultural and identity-based events on campus. At the APIDA Graduation and the Womxn’s Resource Center Graduation, KHC students helped with logistics, guest services, and event décor. For many, these were more than just volunteer shifts—they were affirming and meaningful experiences.

“As a Filipino American, the APIDA ceremony gave me a sense of pride in being Asian American. I got to see others from a similar background accomplish their dreams,” wrote Lance Taningco, who helped usher graduates and guests. For Kaila Hoang, who volunteered at the WRC event, “Even simple tasks like setting up chairs felt fulfilling. We were creating a space that made graduates feel celebrated.” --Continued on P. 12

Photos by Tom Zasadzinski

KHC Graduate,  
Michelle Milian  
Biology,  
College of Science



KHC Graduate,  
Lana Hy  
College of Business  
Administration



KHC Graduate,  
Olivia Walsh  
Physics  
College of Science

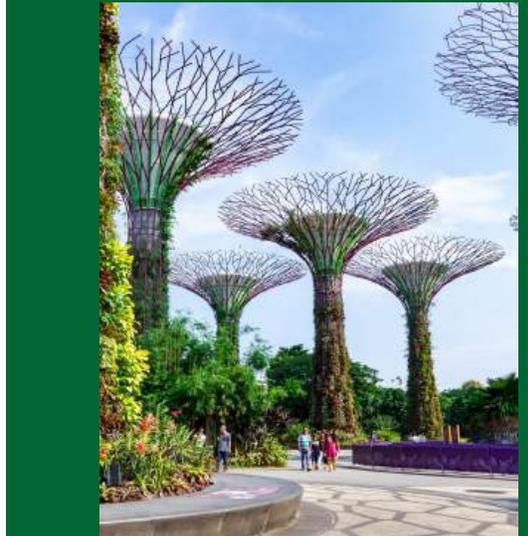


Accepted to Michigan State  
University Ph.D. in Physics &  
Researcher at the National  
Renewable Energy Lab, Colorado

# KHC IS GOING GLOBAL

For the 2025-2026 Academic Year, the Kellogg Honors College is sponsoring two international educational excursions. The first of these is being led by Dr. Renford Reese of the Department of Political Science. KHC students will join Dr. Reese in Singapore from December 27, 2025-January 8, 2026. Students will learn about Singapore's culture, language, and cuisine while also doing volunteer work and earning Civic Engagement credits.

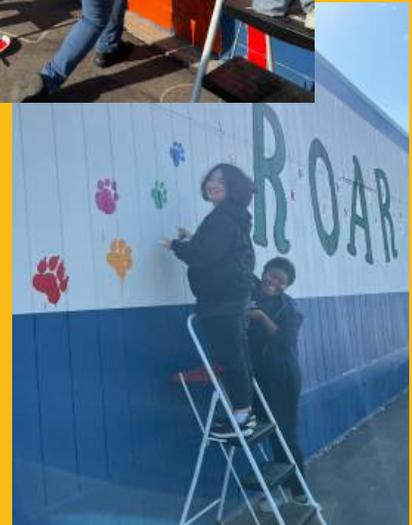
At the end of the Spring 2026 semester, Dr. Hillary Haakenson from the Integrated General Education Department is leading an educational excursion to Italy. The trip will begin in Venice and end in Pompeii. Students will learn about the art, history, and culture of Italy. KHC students will receive scholarship support for their participation in these programs. For more information contact Dr. Claudia García-Des Lauriers (clauriers@cpp.edu). Stay tuned in future issues of the KHC newsletter for photos of our educational excursions.



## HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

KHC partnered with the CPP Center for Community Engagement (CPP) on a service project at Kellogg Polytechnic Elementary in Pomona in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. Nearly 30 honors students participated alongside volunteers from across the CPP campus to beautify the elementary school campus. KHC students were tasked with mural painting duties. These collaborations form a significant part of our internal community building process and Civic Engagement requirements. However, what starts off as a requirement ends up a transformative experience for all involved. Thanks to the CCE and Kellogg Polytechnic Elementary for the beauty of this experience.

[Click Icon to Read more about this impactful event](#)



# KHC PROGRAM RECEIVES POLYX DESIGNATION

At Cal Poly Pomona, “Signature polytechnic experiences (PolyX) promote students’ discovery of the opportunities and challenges within the field and the development of creative and innovative solutions to those conditions. Through collaborative learning and intense mentoring, PolyX engages students beyond the classroom and prepares them for professional and civic success.” The Kellogg Honors College program received PolyX designation this year and is now listed in the Poly X Hub.

This designation highlights the experiential learning, civic engagement, undergraduate research, and high impact that our program has on members of our community. KHC is one of many signature polytechnic experiences that students can participate in at CPP. To check out the PolyX Hub click [here](#).



[Click the icon to learn more about this program and apply!](#)

## KHC Student Selected for Pannetta Internship

Congratulations to KHC student Kimora Morley! She has been selected as CPP’s representative for the Pannetta Internship. Kimora will travel to Washington, D.C., as part of this internship and see firsthand how the US is governed. Pannetta internships are highly competitive and prestigious, and Kimora is very deserving.

# KHC Class of 2025

## Next Steps

KHC graduates leave our campus to a bright future. Here we look at what the next chapter will bring for our graduates.

### KHC Class of 2025 • Mascot Match

While our graduates will always be Broncos for life, but some of our new alumni are about to head to graduate schools across the country. Match the KHC student with their new mascot. Some of these programs are getting multiple KHC Grads. (Answers on p. 12)



**Radbod Behroozi**  
MA Program in  
Electrical Engineering

**Rylie Rader**  
Masters  
Marriage and Family Therapy



**Amanda Huang**  
Master's Engineering Management

**Radhika Epps**  
Juris Doctor



**Mark Haddad**  
Master's in Computer Science



**Angel Galicia Cooper**  
Master in Public Administration

**Camryn Sandvik**  
Masters  
Marriage and Family Therapy



**Andrew Marez**  
Doctor in Physical Therapy

**Nuoyan Li**  
Education Policy Program

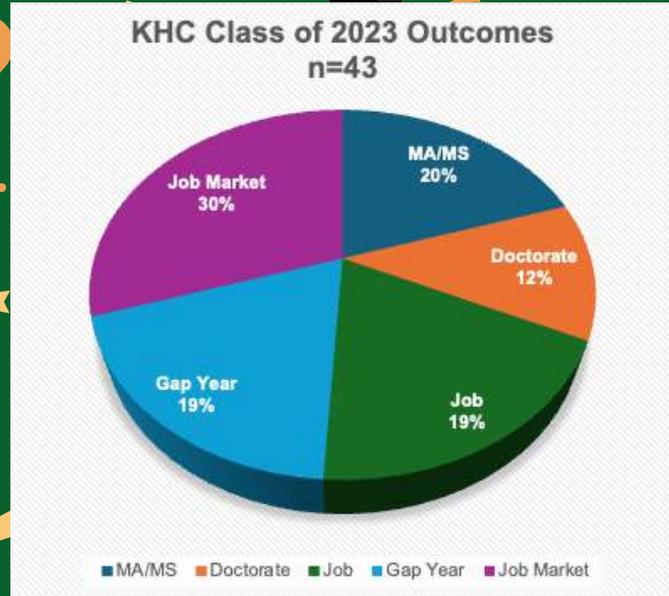


**Erica Quillen**  
Doctor in Physical Therapy

**Olivia Walsh**  
Ph.D. Applied Physics



**Jaiden Camacho**  
Doctor in Veterinary Medicine



### KHC Class of 2025 Who is Hiring our Graduates?

- Kaiser Permanente
- Los Angeles Fire Department
- Northrup Grumman
- Holthouse, Carlin, Van Trigt LLP
- Accounting
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Fraternal Financial
- National Renewable Energy Lab

# DR. MARIMAS MOSTILLER CREATES A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR KHC STUDENTS



KHC Students from EWS4040H photographed with artist, Anida Yoeu Ali.



Installation View, East Gallery, Kellogg University Art Gallery

During the Spring 2025 semester, Dr. Marimas Mostiller taught EWS4040H: Contemporary Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies for KHC. The themes of the class also overlapped with Kellogg University Art Gallery show, *The Red Chador: Close Encounters* an exhibit and performance by artist Anida Yoeu Ali. The show takes on issues of globalization, Islamophobia, misogyny, and racism through the use of religious imagery. The powerful show included installations, photographs, and performances by the artist. KHC students participated in the show opening, campus performance, and in a guest lecture by the artist in their honors course. This unique experience illustrates the power of visual and performing arts as instrumental forms of discourse about issues that are shaping the contemporary world.

Anida Yoeu Ali Live Performance  
**The Red Chador + The Rainbow Brigade**

**March 20, 2025 (12-4pm)**

Find, follow, meet and stand with us

**Performance Route**

- 12 Noon - 12:45PM  
Begins at University Quad 6 (next to Building 5)
- 12:45 - 1:30PM  
Walk to Building 5 (CLAS) Greet people and students inside CLAS
- 1:30 - 2:00PM  
Walk East towards Japanese Garden and Posa Garden
- 2:00 - 2:20PM  
Walk to Student Services Building (SSB)
- 2:20 - 2:30PM  
Enter the Library and explore the stacks
- 2:50 - 3:20PM  
Bronco Student Center (BSC); Visit the Game Room and Food Court
- 3:30PM - 4:00PM  
The performance will end at Kellogg University Art Gallery

**THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2025 (12-4PM)**  
**THE RED CHADOR + THE RAINBOW BRIGADE**  
**CALPOLY POMONA**



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in dr. hyeryung hwang's igE1020h students explore identity and culture with projects that highlight the cpp makers 'studio' presentations' & community!

## Become by Serving cont. from P. 5

Civic engagement also extended to prospective student outreach. Scholars represented the Honors College at Bronco Bound and Fall Preview Day, answering questions and sharing their own academic journeys. “It was fun and meaningful to share what makes KHC special,” said Noah Arnold. “Talking with future students reminded me of my own journey—and how far I’ve come,” added Jordan Gutierrez.

Off-campus, KHC students were just as active. Through programs like Farm to Pantry and at community gardens in the greater Pomona area, many volunteered their time to harvest produce, maintain garden beds, and support sustainability efforts. These experiences were not only about the environment, but also about food equity. “We were moving mulch and planting seeds—both of which are tedious and require a lot of time,” shared Benjamin Kittaka. Sayumi Amarasinghe added, “I enjoyed volunteering at the Lyle Center and felt I got to learn more about Cal Poly Pomona’s history.” These hands-on experiences gave students a deeper appreciation for sustainability and its impact on campus.

At the LA Regional Food Bank, students sorted and packed food boxes to help address food insecurity across Los Angeles County. Meanwhile, others participated in the annual MLK Day of Service, where they joined broader community groups to beautify parks, clean public spaces, and reflect on Dr. King’s legacy of justice and action. “I left the MLK Day of Service more inspired and more grounded in my community,” one scholar wrote. The impact wasn’t just external—it resonated inward.

Volunteering at the RSCA Conference gave students a behind-the-scenes view of academic research in action. “I helped set up and guide guests, and the experience made me want to do research myself,” shared Kennedy Bueno. Students gained insight not only into logistics but also into the value of academic support and community.

Across all of these opportunities, a common theme emerged: service leads to transformation. Whether organizing a table, planting a seed, or welcoming a family to campus, students found new dimensions of confidence, humility, and purpose. “I learned that I actually like being in roles that require organizing and coordination,” said Sky Bradley. “It felt like my role made a difference.”

The Kellogg Honors College is proud of the passion and leadership our scholars demonstrated this year. As they continue to serve, they continue to become—more aware, more connected, and more empowered to shape their world.



# KHC IN THE NEWS

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**Young Local Musicians to Perform at Carnegie Hall, *Claremont Courier***  
Anai Hernandez, KHC Student, Among the Performers



**CPP Model UN Team Wins Highest Award for Third Consecutive Year, *CPP News***  
Nuoyan Li and Bahar Ahmadi, KHC Students, Were members of this delegation



**Aadi Mehta** elected to ASI as CLASS Senator



**Bronco Family Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy Through Service, *CPP News***  
Over 30 KHC students participated in this even



**CPP Launches Micro-Internship Program Based on a \$1.7 Million Grant, *CPP News***  
Benjamin Kittaka, KHC Student, Recipient of Micro-Internship



## Mascot Match Key

- Radbod Behroozi (UCIrvine, Anteaters)
- Jaiden Camacho (The Ohio State, Buckeyes)
- Radhika Epps (New York University, Bobcats)
- Angel Galicia Cooper, Amanda Huang (University of Southern California, Trojans)
- Mark Haddad, (University of Texas, Austin, Longhorns)
- Nuoyan Li, (University of Pennsylvania, Quakers)
- Andrew Marez (Chapman University, Panthers)
- Erica Quillen, (Oregon State University-Cascades, Beavers)
- Rylie Rader, Cameron Sandvik (Cal Poly Pomona, Broncos)
- Olivia Walsh, (University of Michigan, Wolverines)
- Wolverines

