## Monday's Message – October 29, 2012

Hello, everyone!

The next few weeks will be pivotal for our students, so this video will be cover issues that affect them most.

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This quarter, University Police has responded to two reports of robberies. On a quiet campus like ours, hearing any report of crime can be downright disconcerting. Thankfully, no one was hurt. I want to remind you to follow general safety rules.

- Be aware of your surroundings. That means no texting and walking with your iPod on full blast.
- Always report suspicious behavior to police. When in doubt, call police and let them figure it out.
- Use a buddy system to watch out for your neighbors, classmates and coworkers.
- And pre-program the University Police phone number into your mobile devices [University Police, (909) 869-3070].

Our public safety officials have stepped up patrols, but we can achieve so much more when the entire campus helps by staying alert and reporting any potential safety issues.

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Now, onto another important matter. If you haven't heard about the Student Success Fee, you should listen up. Beginning last week and continuing this week, all students have been invited to attend open forums to learn about the proposed Student Success Fee. This fee will provide students with enhanced academic programs, services and support are necessary for them to succeed academically, graduate on time and be prepared for their careers.

After the open forum, student feedback will go to the university Fee Advisory Committee, which will then provide a recommendation to me. If you are a student, make sure that your voice is heard by attending an open forum.

Visit the website on your screen to learn more. (http://www.csupomona.edu/~studentsuccessfee/)

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Speaking of being heard, ASI student leadership has wrapped up a highly successful voter registration drive. Did you know only half of 18- to 29-year-olds in our country are certain they

have registered to vote, according to the Pew Research Center? Just half! People often forget that they have to register to vote whenever they move, and ASI has helped more than 1,800 individuals have a say in the upcoming elections. Congratulations to ASI President Chris Osuala and his team.

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We've talked about being heard, but what happens you have unanswered questions about your education at Cal Poly Pomona? Then mark your calendars for Pizza with the Presidents on Thursday, Nov. 1, from noon to 1 p.m., in the University Quad. This event was made just for students. It's an opportunity to pose questions directly to me and Chris Osuala and receive an immediate response. And so you don't have to miss a question, we'll be providing lunch. If you're on Twitter, you can follow the Q&A through live tweets from the Twitter account [twitter.com/calpolypomona].

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When I talk to students about the Career Center, they often think about the massive job fairs they offer. But I want to remind students that there are events and services offered throughout the quarter, including upcoming workshops on finding an internship, preparing for grad school, and clarifying your major. Visit the website below to take advantage of these services. (http://dsa.csupomona.edu/career/)

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In Bronco Athletics, we're feeling the push for postseason play.

In cross-country, the Broncos are preparing for the NCAA Division II West Region Championships, which will be held Nov. 3 in Hawaii. The top six men's and women's teams will advance to the NCAA D-II National Championships.

Two runners are headed into the competition with All-CCAA First Team honors for the third-straight season: Tiffany Dinh, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the CCAA championships, and Ryan Carrell, who placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

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In women's soccer, the Broncos clinched a spot in the CCAA Tournament. Samantha Stiles was also named CCAA Player of the Week last week.

Cheer on your Broncos as they enter the CCAA Championship Tournament this Friday at Dominguez Hills' Toro Stadium.

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In other good news, if you have been coming to campus off of I-10, you've noticed the fencing that is going up along Kellogg Drive. That is the location of the new Huntley Vineyard. Agriculture alum, Dr. Don Huntley's ongoing support of Cal Poly Pomona has allowed Dan Hostetler to transform what used to be an eyesore into what will be a fitting entrance to the rest of our beautiful campus. Thank you Don.

See you next week. Let's go, Broncos!

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