

## EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

*Former foster youth Layla Price found support as a Renaissance Scholar.*

*She was a mother struggling financially and battling mental illness.*

*She learned life skills, including budgeting and finding housing, and was connected with other programs to help meet her needs.*

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With a mother who struggled with addiction and grandparents who were sick and in and out of hospitals, Layla Price grew up in an unstable environment, cycling through the foster care system more than once.

Layla came to Cal Poly Pomona to pursue a major in kinesiology, hoping to work in the medical field. But college was not an easy journey for her. She was supporting a young daughter, grappling with financial struggles and battling mental illness.

When Layla learned about and applied for the Renaissance Scholars program, which serves former foster care youth on their path to attaining a degree, she found the assistance she needed.

“Renaissance Scholars helped with resources,” she says. “Whenever something bad happened, they were there for moral support.”

She credits the Renaissance Scholars program with teaching her valuable life skills, from budgeting and finding housing to connecting with other programs that could help meet her needs.

Our Renaissance Scholars program boasts a 93% first-year retention rate and a graduation rate of more than 50%, compared to the 3% national graduation rate for this population.



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LAYLA PRICE  
'18, kinesiology



## HELP EXPAND INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS

*Students like Layla depend on support from our campus and community members like you. Together, we can help them achieve the future they desire.*

Mentor students within your community to inspire them to succeed

Extend support services provided through your organization to students in need

Support student resources to ensure the continuation of programs and increase the number of students served

Provide scholarships to relieve students' financial stress and allow more time to focus on their academic and career success

*Contact the Cal Poly Pomona Philanthropic Foundation at 909-869-4997 or [philanthropy@cpp.edu](mailto:philanthropy@cpp.edu) for more information.*

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS

### I AM FIRST

Supports students who are first in their family to attend college.

Students are matched with a first-gen faculty or staff mentor.

### PROJECT REBOUND

Supports students impacted by the justice system.

Provides community, academic advising, financial assistance and a workspace.

### MAXIMIZING ENGINEERING POTENTIAL: CENTER FOR GENDER, DIVERSITY AND STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Supports engineering students who are the first in their family to attend college, from communities that have been historically disadvantaged, or from historically underrepresented groups in science, technology and math.

### PROJECT SUCCESS

Helps incoming freshmen who identify as men of color or nonbinary to adjust to university life.

Provides mentoring, and academic and professional development that is culturally relevant, holistic and personal.

### BRONCO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Supports incoming freshman in completing math requirements.

Helps students adjust to college courses and gain confidence.

### POLYTRANSFER

Helps transfer students (40% of our student body) adjust to campus.

Provides access to coaches, mentors, student ambassadors and scholarships.