



Generous people transform the world. Nowhere is that more evident than at Cal Poly Pomona, where your financial contributions are transforming the lives of our students — and the world — each and every day.

By investing in our students, you are enlarging their capacity to dream and helping them to unlock their potential and reach new heights.

This report highlights the significant impact of your giving in 2022-23. Thank you for your support and continued partnership. Go Broncos!



**\$16,178,585**  
TOTAL GIFTS



**\$10,911,292**  
ALUMNI GIVING

67% of all gifts



**5,908**  
DONORS IN FY2023

7% increase over 2022

## GIVING SOCIETIES

**92** KELLOGG VOORHIS LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS (PLANNED GIFTS)

**290** PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS (\$2,500+ ANNUAL GIVING)

**168** FOUNDERS' SOCIETY MEMBERS (\$250K+ CUMULATIVE GIVING)



## PROFESSOR'S GIFT TO STUDY ABROAD EXPANDS CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Political Science Professor **Renford Reese** leads annual, short-term study abroad trips to Europe, Asia, Africa and Canada for Cal Poly Pomona students. However, with travel costs in the thousands, the experience is out of reach for many students.

Reese hopes to bridge that gap with the help of a \$100,000 donation he made in 2022.

In spring 2023, he led 42 students on a 10-day trip to Geneva and Paris to volunteer at non-governmental organizations and nonprofits, as well as take in a little sightseeing. The trip was also supported by The **Sean Yu Travel Fund**, established in 2022 by finance entrepreneur **Sean Yu** ('99, political science; management and human resources) with a \$500,000 endowment. The cost of the trip, which was open to all majors, totaled \$3,000, but the average student cost was \$1,500 because of the scholarships," says Reese, who also serves as a dean's fellow for Study Abroad programs through the College of Professional and Global Education.



***"The most transformative experience for my students has been study abroad. While you might see a student evolve over a semester, when they are abroad, you see students grow and evolve every hour with every activity."***

– Renford Reese



## SCHOLARSHIPS HELP ATHLETE BALANCE SCHOOL AND COMPETITION

For alumna **Ayana Fields**, 2022-23 CCAA Female Athlete of the Year, coming to Cal Poly Pomona was an easy decision.

Since her freshman year, Ayana instantly felt a connection to the campus. What proved to be more challenging was figuring out how she would balance her kinesiology coursework while being a premier track and field athlete.

Luckily, Ayana's support group came naturally — she credits the kinesiology department, her coaches, and her teammates for giving her a sense of belonging — a feeling that has since become her favorite part of CPP. From the fundraisers that back athletic programs to the accommodating professors who understand student-athlete responsibilities, every department has helped Ayana flourish.

"The scholarships and resources available at CPP have allowed me to afford housing, pay for my books and continue my schooling without having to worry about financial needs," she says. "I know some students struggle with that and not having to worry allowed me to focus on my academics while competing at the level I am at today."

Ayana is now a master's student studying physical therapy. She plans to continue training to compete at the Olympic level while completing her master's thesis.



## PAYING IT FORWARD FOR FUTURE RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS

Alumnus **Stephan Gray** found a home at Cal Poly Pomona.

CPP's **Renaissance Scholars** — a program devoted to supporting current and former foster youth in college — was the key. Even before setting foot on campus, Renaissance Scholars introduced him to the program's educational counseling, financial aid resources and vast support system of staff, peers and alumni who would personally root for his success.

"Throughout college, Renaissance Scholars was like family. They understood the struggles involved with being in foster care, applying to college and trying to succeed while there," he says. "I was able to start freshman year already knowing 100 people who had gone to Summer Bridge with me."

To pay his experience forward, Stephan created a scholarship for Renaissance Scholars in memory of his mother, **Linda Gray**, a former teacher assistant. Growing up, Linda stressed the importance of education for economic mobility, and Stephan hopes this scholarship can act as a safety net for students.

Today, Stephan ('14, business administration) is an account development manager at Samsara, a logistics management software company, and continues to support Renaissance Scholars through alumni events — serving as a resource to current students.



***"I wouldn't be where I am without support. Money was one of the big stressors of college when I first started, so I'm hoping this scholarship can provide a little peace of mind."***

— Stephan Gray



## MUSIC STUDENT FINDS OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT AT CAL POLY POMONA

Music has been a lifelong love for **Christian Solis**. Growing up in Costa Rica, Christian attended school at the Instituto Nacional de la Música (the National Institute of Music) and began playing the clarinet at age 10.

When it came time for college, a professor recommended he apply to universities in the United States for more professional opportunities.

Cal Poly Pomona stood out to Christian for its culture of care.

"Cal Poly Pomona is the only school that took the time to meet me," he says. "Dr. Badua and Dr. Kopplin reached out and gave me the contact information of current students to hear about their experiences. There are not a lot of universities that care that much."

At CPP, he's performed as the principal clarinetist in the National Intercollegiate Band with top college musicians from around the nation, but the highlight of his college experience has been the students, faculty and staff on campus.

"I feel supported everywhere. I have a place here," he says.

Christian recently added a music composition major to his course of study. He aspires to pursue a master's degree, play clarinet professionally and compose music for film and television.



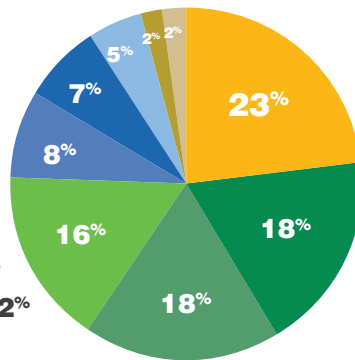
# UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

**#2** TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WEST

— U.S. News & World Report

## ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

- College of Engineering **23%**
- College of Business Administration **18%**
- College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences **18%**
- College of Science **16%**
- Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture **8%**
- College of Environmental Design **7%**
- College of Education and Integrative Studies **5%**
- The Collins College of Hospitality Management **2%**
- University Programs **2%**



## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$125**

MILLION DISTRIBUTED

**68%**

STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL AID

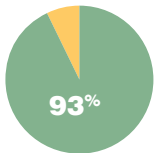
**43%**

PELL RECIPIENTS

## TOP 10 MAJORS

- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- PSYCHOLOGY
- MARKETING MANAGEMENT
- BIOLOGY
- MANAGEMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES
- COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- FINANCE, REAL ESTATE & LAW
- ANIMAL SCIENCE

## STUDENTS

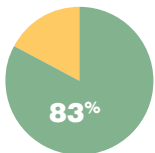


**93%**

UNDERGRADUATES  
25,180

**7%**

POSTBACCALAUREATES



**83%**

FULL-TIME STUDENTS  
22,475

**17%**

PART-TIME STUDENTS

## 2,000+ ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

- Career Mentors
- College Advisory Boards
- Community Service Projects
- Giving Ambassadors
- Professor for a Day
- Scholarship application reviewers

**57%**

FIRST GENERATION

**55%**

ETHNIC MINORITY

**42%**

STEM Major