Academic Senate Staff Report

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University Employee Events & Opportunities

• Community Innovation Hub Advisory Board Mixer – March 18th & April 22nd

Date: Wednesday, March 18th – Wednesday, April 22nd
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Location: Community Innovation Hub, Downtown Pomona

Register Here

Join fellow leaders and innovators at the Community Innovation Hub Advisory Board Mixer to explore partnership opportunities in Downtown Pomona. Meet professionals, entrepreneurs, educators and community leaders who are advancing entrepreneurship, workforce development and community innovation. You'll learn how you can get involved through board service, committee leadership, hosting workshops and partnering on programs. Light refreshments will be served.

• University Library Therapy Dogs – March 19th to May 8th

Location: University Library, 2nd Floor, Bronco Community Zone

University Library Calendar

Therapy dogs are visiting the University Library throughout the spring semester, bringing smiles, stress relief and a little extra comfort to students, faculty and staff. Stop by to relax, recharge and enjoy some "pawsitive" company during library visits in March and April, National Library Week (**April 21–24**) and Focus on Finals (**May 5–8**). Visit the library's Therapy Dogs webpage for the full schedule and details.

• Poly Perspectives Discussion on Political Diversity in Academia – March 23rd

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: Building 164, Room 3028

Poly Perspectives, CPP's Heterodox Academy community, invites faculty and staff to an open discussion on political viewpoint diversity among university faculty. The group serves as a space for thoughtful dialogue on complex topics while promoting open inquiry, intellectual humility and academic freedom. Participants will discuss the article "How Politically Diverse Are University Faculty?", a recent review of studies examining political viewpoints across U.S. colleges and universities. The research highlights variations across disciplines and notes that focusing only on partisan labels can overlook moderate or nonpolitical perspectives in academia. All faculty and staff are welcome to join the conversation, share ideas and engage with colleagues in a spirit of open-minded discussion.

• From Monument to Movement: Advancing MLK's Legacy with Collective Action – March 25th

RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th

RSVP Here

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Location: University Quad and Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major

Join in community, conversation and collective action while honoring the life and leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. Hosted by the College of Education and Integrative Studies, this event will feature distinguished campus and community leaders, including actor and author Tucker Smallwood, poet and activist Luis Rodriguez, alumnus Clark Rucker, and CEO of Pomona's African American Advisory Alliance Chará Swodeck.

The program will start in the University Quad with drumming, poetry and a rededication of an MLK plaque, and continue with a freedom walk to the Bronco Student Center where a dynamic panel on the past, present and future of civil rights will take place. Refreshments will be served.

• Sunday Horse Show – April 12th & May 3rd

Dates: Sunday, April 12th – Sunday, May 3rd
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center

Tickets available here

Enjoy an afternoon with our talented students and the famed Arabian horses of the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. The Sunday Horse Show showcases classic maneuvers, student horsemanship, and the long-standing traditions of the former Kellogg Ranch. After the performance, spectators are welcome to meet the horses up close.

• Walk & Talk with University Police – April 14th

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: University Police Department, Building 109

Register Here

Join Officer Bentson and Sergeant Arangure from the University Police Department's Community Relations Unit for a behind-the-scenes Walk and Talk at the UPD station. Participants will get a closer look at the day-to-day work of officers, dispatchers, and parking and transportation staff. The interactive session includes a look inside a police vehicle, a taser device demonstration (no participant involvement), a tour of the temporary detention cell, and UPD swag. Bring your questions and gain a better understanding of the people and work that help keep the campus community safe.

• COABSS Spring 2026 Innovation Speaker Series – April 15th

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Time: 3:00 to 3:50 PM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

The CSU Central Office for the Advancement of Black Student Success (COABSS) invites faculty, staff, administrators and campus partners to participate in the Spring 2026 Innovation Speaker Series, a three-part virtual professional learning series advancing student success across the CSU.

• Study and Sound – April 16th

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: University Library, 2nd Floor, Bronco Community Zone

Register Here

Students are invited to come unwind or study in the library with a live jazz-themed performance featuring student performers. All are welcome to stop by and study or listen to some relaxing tunes!

• Angels in the Outfield: CPP Night with the Angels – April 21st

Date: Monday, April 21, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Angels Stadium, Anaheim, CA

Tickets available here

Join fellow Broncos for an evening of baseball and school spirit at the CPP Angels Game. Purchase tickets for your family and friends and visit our pregame Bronco Village beginning at **5:08 p.m.** for activities and community connection.

For the first time, tickets include an exclusive Angels and CPP co-branded jersey, making this year's event especially memorable.

• Indigenous Voices of the Land Series – April 22nd

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Time: 3:00 to 5:00 PM
Location: Zoom

Webinar Registration Here

Discover how Indigenous perspectives are shaping more inclusive, sustainable approaches to landscape design in Indigenous Voices of the Land, a four-part webinar series that centers Indigenous values, knowledge systems and lived experience.

The series is presented by Cal Poly Pomona Tribal Relations and the College of Environmental Design, in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania Weitzman School of Design's McHarg Center for Urbanism and Ecology, andwas created in collaboration with CPP's Desireé Martinez, Tribal Relations Director, MurielFernandez, landscape architecture faculty, and UPenn graduate student Dagny Carlsson.

• Pet Spay, Neuter & Dental Cleaning Services – Through May 28th

Request an appointment here

The Animal Health Science program will offer reduced cost spay, neuter and dental cleaning services for cats and dogs throughout Spring 2026. The clinic supports student training while providing essential care for pets in the campus community. Appointments are available

Monday through Thursday from January through early May and first come, first served. Eventbrite fees must be paid within 48 hours of receiving an appointment date. For questions, contact ahsprogram@cpp.edu.

Employee News & Updates

• Campus Closure: César Chávez Day Observance – March 31st

The university will be closed on Tuesday, March 31, in honor of César Chávez Day. The state holiday is dedicated to honoring the legacy and lifelong advocacy of labor leader and civil rights activist César Chávez.

• Concur Single Instance Launch & Downtime – March 28th to April 6th

Concur Single Instance Launch – Monday, April 6th
Current Concur System Downtime – Saturday, March 28th to Sunday, April 5th

Cal Poly Pomona will transition to Concur Single Instance on Monday, April 6, as part of the California State University's systemwide implementation. While the new platform will have a familiar look and feel, it will also include important structural and functional updates and enhanced capabilities.

The updated system will offer in-system airfare booking through a Travel Management Company, online Travel Card, and P-Card reconciliation and expanded direct-pay reimbursement options. These improvements are designed to streamline travel and expense processes, increase transparency, and strengthen financial controls. More details about training opportunities, system access, and key transition dates will be shared in the coming weeks.

The current Concur system will be unavailable from **Saturday, March 28 through Sunday, April 5**. During this period, users will not be able to start new travel requests or expense reports, and in-progress reports will not be accessible. Travel requests may be submitted in the current system through March 20. For travel beginning after April 6, users should wait and submit requests in the new system.

All expense reports must be submitted and approved by Friday, March 27. Reports not completed by that date will need to be recreated in the new system after April 6.

Questions: travel@cpp.edu.

• CPP Years of Service Recognition Recipient List Inquiries – Due April 3rd

Recipient List
Inquiry Form

We are excited to continue the tradition of recognizing our dedicated employees for their years of service to Cal Poly Pomona! The 2026 CPP Years of Service Recognition honors faculty and staff who have reached milestone anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 50 years at the university.

Action Required: To ensure accuracy, we kindly ask you to review the 2026 Recipient List, which includes service time for State, ASI, and Cal Poly Pomona Enterprise employees.

If you believe there is an error in your years of service or have any questions, please submit an Inquiry Form by Friday, April 3rd.

• Campus Alerts Under Senate Bill 98

Senate Bill 98
Full Article

Cal Poly Pomona announced how it will implement Senate Bill 98, a new state law requiring universities to notify campus communities about confirmed immigration enforcement or routine compliance activity on campus. Alerts will be sent by email from SB98notify@cpp.edu and posted on the university's Immigration Resources web page, where they will remain archivedfor the academic year. Notifications will

include the date and time, campus location and a link to resources, but will not contain personally identifying information. Activity must be confirmed by University Police or designated officials before alerts are issued. CPP will continue to follow CSU guidance, protect privacy and support affected students. Read the full article to learn more about when alerts are issued and what resources are available.

• Workplace Know Your Rights Act

Workplace Know Your Rights Act, Senate Bill 294
Voluntary SB 294 Designation Form
Department of Industrial Relations Website
SB 294 FAQs
HR Policy Employment Notices Website

The **Workplace Know Your Rights Act**, Senate Bill (SB) 294, was signed by Governor Newsom on October 12, 2025. The law requires employers to provide a template notice, which includes information on many areas of workers' rights under state and federal law, by February 1, 2026 and thereafter on an annual basis.

The law also requires employers to allow employees to designate an emergency contact to be notified if the employee is arrested or detained at work or during work hours, and the employer has actual knowledge of the event. This part of the law must be implemented with current and new employees by March 30, 2026.

If you would like to make your voluntary SB 294 designation, please complete the form. Please note, the person you designate as your contact for this form may be your Primary Emergency Contact or a different person.

More detailed information can be found on the Department of Industrial Relations website and the California Workplace – Know Your Rights poster. The poster is currently available on the Department of Industrial Relations website in English and several other languages.

For SB 294 related questions, please visit SB 294 FAQs on the HR Policy Employment Notices web page or contact hrpolicy@cpp.edu.

• CSUBUY Procure-to-Pay (P2P) System Now Live

CSUBUY P2P Website

Cal Poly Pomona has officially launched its new CSUBUY Procure-to-Pay (P2P) system, which went live Jan. 26. CSUBUY P2P replaces the former purchasing process with a single, modern platform that brings purchasing, approvals, ordering, receiving and payment together in one place. The system simplifies workflows, reduces manual steps, improves transparency and helps ensure compliance with CSU policies. This implementation is part of a CSU systemwide effort to streamline and standardize procurement and payment processes across all CSU campuses. For training materials and resources, visit the CSUBUY P2P website.

• Mileage Reimbursement Rate 2026 Updates

The CSU has updated the standard mileage reimbursement rate for business travel in accordance with IRS guidelines. For business travel occurring on or after Jan. 1, the reimbursement rate will increase from 70 cents to 72.5 cents per mile. Concur Request and Expense have been updated to reflect the new rate, so no additional action is needed from travelers. Mileage driven for moving purposes will remain unchanged from 2025 at 21 cents per mile. For more information, visit the University Accounting Services website or email travel@cpp.edu.

• New Zoom Backgrounds

CPP Brand Hub Website

Liven up your virtual meetings with new Zoom backgrounds that showcase your Bronco spirit. Choose from stunning campus views, CPP-themed designs or special-edition month backgrounds, such as Black History Month. View and download the images from the CPP brand hub . Have a suggestion for a future Zoom background? Send your idea to brand@cpp.edu.

• Employee ADA Requests

Employee ADA Resources Website

Under the American with Disabilities Act and Fair Employment and Housing Act, qualified individuals with disabilities must have equal access to all aspects of employment that are available to employees without disabilities. These Acts also require employers to afford such individuals reasonable accommodations that will allow them to perform the essential functions of their jobs.

Cal Poly Pomona is fully committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity for qualified applicants and/or employees with disabilities and engages in a timely, good faith, interactive process to determine effective reasonable accommodations.

Employees with questions about disability support and accommodation should contact the ADA Coordinator who has been designated as the campus authority to verify employee disabilities and to prescribe specific accommodations for employees with documented disabilities.

Please refer to the Interactive Process Guides below for both Supervisors and Employees:
- Employee Interactive Process Guide
- Supervisor Interactive Process Guide

• Employee Affinity Groups

Employee Affinity Group Website

Employee Affinity Groups (EAG) bring together Cal Poly Pomona employees who share common identities, interests, or goals. The purpose is to foster belonging, connection, and collaboration across campus. These employee-led groups create spaces for support, networking, and professional growth and help make CPP an even more inclusive and engaged community.

If you are interested in joining an existing group or starting a new one, visit our Employee Affinity Group website.

University & CSU Employee Engagement

• Broncos Give – March 18th & March 19th

Date: Wednesday, March 18th – Thursday, March 19th
Time: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Broncos Give Website

On March 18 and 19, Cal Poly Pomona invites you to support the scholarships, programs and causes you care about most. Your gift helps students thrive, discover their purpose and turn potential into possibility. Every Bronco has a role to play, and every gift moves us forward.

Engagement Events:

Happy Hour at Brew Works
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Location: Innovation Brew Works

Celebrate with complimentary bites, fun giveaways and kick off a $5,000 match together!

Chip in at our Coin Challenge
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: Bronco Bookstore Atrium

Drop by the Bookstore Atrium and help decide which CPP cause will win a $1,000 bonus. Cast your vote and grab a bag of chips for "chipping in" for Broncos.

• Help Shape Career Champions: Staff Focus Group – Due March 20th

Apply by – Friday, March 20, 2026

Application Link

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Location: TBD

Staff are invited to help shape Career Champions, a new initiative designed to integrate career readiness into the curriculum through a yearlong cohort model with coaching and shared resources. The focus group will gather input to ensure the model aligns with academic priorities and campus needs. Selected participants who complete the focus group requirements will receive a $500 honorarium.

• Author Submissions for Golden Leaves – Due March 27th

Submission Deadline – Friday, March 27, 2026

Golden Leaves Author Award Website
Submission Link

The University Library invites faculty and staff to submit their work for the Golden Leaves Author Award, an annual honor established in 1986, recognizing authors and editors of a published book of at least 49 pages from the past two years.

Submission details and eligibility guidelines are available on the University Library website. Award recipients will be recognized during an Awards Ceremony held as part of National Library Week.

• CSUEU Chapter Service Opportunities

CSUEU T-Shirt Wednesdays
Every Wednesday all chapter members are welcome to show solidarity and union pride by wearing your blue or white CSUEU T-shirts. If you don't have a t-shirt, then Dodger blue t-shirts are welcome as well. All CSUEU chapters will participate and show solidarity as we prepare for the strike this fall.

CSUEU Steward Lunch-and-Learn hosted by Jessica Dalton
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom

Every other Friday (Bi-Weekly)

All chapter stewards within the CSUEU are invited to attend this Zoom meeting. Hope to see you there!

Lobby Day 2026 - CSU Employees Union: SEIU Local 2579
Date: Monday, April 13th – Tuesday, April 14th
Location: Sacramento, CA

Meet with state legislators to advocate for the rights and interests of CSU employees. A powerful opportunity to make your voice heard and help shape policies that impact our work and future. Interested in joining this event, go to the CSUEU Communications email sent on January 21, 2026, and login to complete the short survey and apply to attend Lobby Day 2026.

• Case Study Participation: Free Fitness Assessment & Personalized Exercise Plan

Submission Form

Interested in a free fitness assessment and a personalized exercise plan? Volunteer as a case study participant for students in the Master's Health and Human Performance program in the Kinesiology and Health Promotion department. As part of their coursework, students learn to conduct graded exercise tests and prescribe exercise while preparing for careers as exercise science professionals, health and fitness educators, or researchers. The course uses a flipped-classroom model with hands-on learning during class time.

Approximately 18 apparently healthy adults, or those with medically controlled diseases, who want to become more physically active are needed. Learn more and sign up by submitting a form.

Questions? Contact Dr. Zakkoyya Lewis-Trammell at zakkoyyal@cpp.edu.

• New "Points of Pride" Website for Sharing Our Story

Points of Pride Website

Strategic Communications is excited to announce a new way to help you showcase and celebrate our Bronco community. The Points of Pride website is your one-stop hub for content showing the very best of CPP. Explore a curated collection of images, rankings, student and alumni success stories, and more. You can use this content on your website, flyers, brochures or anywhere you want to exhibit our university's excellence.

• Submissions for "CPP This Week" Newsletter

Master Events Calendar

Please send submissions to cppthisweek@cpp.edu.

Submission Requirements:
1. Maximum length is 120 words
2. 4-to-8-word long headlines
3. Web link
4. Contact information
5. Description
6. Date *(if applicable)*
7. Time *(if applicable)*
8. Location *(if applicable)*
9. Add events to the university's master events calendar

Announcements may be edited and will run a maximum of four weeks (please specify if fewer). Accuracy is the responsibility of the person submitting the information.

• The California State University AI Commons

AI Commons Website

The CSU AI Commons website serves as the central hub for the California State University system's generative AI initiative. The site organizes resources by audience (faculty, staff, students, alumni), making it easy to find role-specific guidance on integrating AI into daily work and curriculum.

Here's what employees can find:
Professional Development & Training - The site offers multiple pathways for AI skill development. CSU Learn provides diverse courses on AI fundamentals, ethical considerations, and practical applications for business functions. Faculty and staff can access courses that cover AI terminology, hands-on tool exploration, content detection strategies, and help participants develop personalized AI use policies.

Guidelines & Security - The site provides comprehensive guidelines for safe and responsible AI use, addressing data security, privacy, intellectual property, and compliance. Employees learn about the CSU's enterprise contract with OpenAI that protects university data and ensures no CSU information is used for model training. The site clarifies which AI tools are approved and explains the procurement process for new tools.

Governance & Committee Work - Information about the Systemwide Generative AI Advisory Committee is available, which advises on operationalizing CSU AI policy across teaching, learning, scholarship, productivity applications, IT security, and intellectual property implications.

• New "CSU Voices" Platform

Learn more about CSU Voices here
Join the CSU Voices Community

The California State University has launched **CSU Voices**, a new e-advocacy platform that invites students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters to engage on key policy issues affecting public higher education. The initiative provides timely updates on state and federal developments and offers opportunities to take action when it matters most. By joining CSU Voices, you'll receive timely updates on policies that impact our students, alerts when your voice can help influence legislation, and stories that show the real impact of CSU in every community.

• UPD Perceptions Research Study Survey – First 1,000 Participants

Survey Link

Faculty and staff are invited to contribute to this 10-minute anonymous survey approved by the CPP Institutional Review Board about what campus community members think of the University Police Department. Study participation is open to all current CPP students, faculty, staff and administrators over

18 years of age. The first 1,000 participants will receive a $1 Amazon gift card. For questions, contact Peter Hanink at pahanink@cpp.edu.

• **Free Speech Event Fund** – AY 2025-2026

[Read more about the fund and apply here](#)

The Bronco Leadership Center is proud to announce the 2025-2026 Free Speech Event Support fund! This fund is open to CPP departments, colleges and student groups hosting events occurring in the 25-26 academic year with free speech component — such as a panel discussion, debate, open forum, guest lecture or similar activity. Qualifying events can receive up to $1000 for your event. The goal is to encourage dialogue, foster understanding and ensure that free expression thrives on campus. Whether your event is large or small, if it advances the spirit of open conversation, you may be eligible for support.

University & CSU Professional Development

• A DiSC Discovery Workshop: How You Show Up – March 19th

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: SSB 121, Rm 1967-1969

[Register Here](#)

This interactive workshop uses the DiSC model to help you understand your communication style, recognize others' styles, and gain practical tools to adapt your approach for more effective connections.

Important: A personalized DiSC assessment is included and has a cost; please register only if you can fully participate, as attendance is expected after completing the assessment.

• Grounded & Visible Branding Without Burnout – March 19th

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: Building 6, Rm 211 OR Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Learn how to cultivate a meaningful personal brand without sacrificing balance at "Grounded & Visible: Branding Without Burnout." Gyasmine George-Williams, DHC Faculty Fellow of the Sports Critic podcast in Kinesiology/EWS, will explore strategies for staying authentic, visible and well while navigating professional spaces. Lunch will be provided.

• ACE Women's Network: Lunch & Learn – March 20th

Date: Friday, March 20, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: CSU San Bernardino Main Campus

[Registration Link](#)

This year's spring ACE Women's Network of SoCal Lunch and Learn will celebrate women who are reshaping the meaning of leadership and crafting pathways that reflect their values, voices, and visions. Our panel brings together leaders from the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges – each offering insight into what it means to lead authentically and on one's own terms.

• Parenting Student Ally Training – March 24th

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 2:00 PM
Location: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Cal Poly Pomona faculty, staff and students are invited to attend Parenting Student Ally Training, a virtual workshop focused on supporting the university's parenting student population. The session will provide information, resources and strategies for becoming an effective ally to parenting students. The training will also feature a panel of parenting students who will share their experiences navigating college while raising children at CPP.

For questions, contact Denise Urzua at daurzua@cpp.edu or Laura Ayon Lemunoz at lemunoz@cpp.edu.

• How to Turn a Hobby into a Business Workshop – March 25th

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM
Location: Community Innovation Hub, Downtown Pomona

Register Here

Learn how to turn your passion into profit in this interactive workshop led by business consultant Natalia Amador, featuring insider tips and real-world success stories. Designed for aspiring entrepreneurs, the session covers how to evaluate business potential, understand basic business fundamentals, and take practical first steps toward launching a small business, no prior experience required!

• Emotional Intelligence Lab Series – April 1st, April 8th & April 15th

Date: Wednesday, April 1st – Wednesday, April 8th – Wednesday, April 15th
Time: 11:00 to 11:30 AM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

Emotional intelligence isn't something you're born with; it's something you build. This series is made up of 3, 30-minute virtual sessions where we will explore the four core elements of EQ: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management. Through interactive activities and simple reflective practices, you'll start developing emotional insight and skills that support both your own well-being and stronger connections with others.

When you register, you will automatically be registered for all three sessions. If you attend all three in the series, you will earn a digital badge. This session is part of the Learning Lab Series, a dynamic, interactive space where professionals come together to share insights, try new ideas, and grow in today's ever-evolving workplace.

• CBA Innovation Symposium Explores AI Leadership – April 10th

Date: Friday, April 12, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Building 162, Room 1002

Register Here
CBA Innovation Symposium Website

The College of Business Administration Centers will host the second annual CBA Innovation Symposium exploring *Advancing Innovation: Leadership and Problem Solving in the Age of AI*. The event will feature a keynote presentation, panel discussion and interactive breakout sessions designed to encourage collaboration and creative problem-solving. Participants can earn a digital badge by actively engaging in the symposium and completing a breakout problem-solving activity organized by the centers. Lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at the CBA Innovation Symposium 2026 website.

Questions: contact Rita Kumar or the Singelyn Center for Innovative Analytics.

• The Brain on Change: Rest, Regulation and Resilience – April 16th

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Location: Student Services Building 121, Room 1965 – First Floor

Register Here

Change is hard, not because you're doing it wrong, but because your brain is doing exactly what it was designed to do. In this 90-minute session, we'll slow things down and explore how the brain and nervous system respond to transition and stress. Through reflection and simple regulation practices, we will learn ways to reset and recover intentionally. We will take time to reflect, share, and reconnect both with ourselves and each other. This session offers a pause in the pace, a space to come home to yourself, remember your capacity, and leave feeling more connected and clearer, and a little more ready to face what's next.

Why this matters: This session intentionally slows things down and gives them space to reconnect with themselves, each other, and their purpose. It reinforces resilience through human connection and positive emotion.

This session is eligible for the Curating Curiosity Campus Experience.

• Key Conversations by Empathia – April 16th

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
Time: 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

A key conversation is a discussion between two or more people where the stakes are high, opinions may vary, and emotions run strong. These conversations – when handled poorly or ignored – may lead to strained relationships and poor results.

Content includes:
- Common causes of conflict
- Benefits and examples of key conversations
- Planning for the interaction
- Specific steps for conducting the conversation

• OAI Summer Conference: AI in Higher Education – June 3rd & June 4th

Date: Wednesday, June 3rd – Thursday, June 4th
Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Location: Building 162, Rooms 1001 and 1002

Register Here
Promo Code Request Form

CPP faculty and staff may request a free registration promo code.

Registration is open for the 2026 Office of Academic Innovation Summer Conference, "Human at the Core: Navigating AI in Higher Education." Faculty and staff from Cal Poly Pomona and universities across the region will explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping teaching, research, workforce preparation and student success. The two-day conference features keynote presentations, panel discussions and collaborative sessions designed to spark new ideas and strengthen cross-institutional partnerships.

• Academic Applications of AI (AAAI) Microcredential for Faculty & Staff

CSU Canvas AI Courses Website

The Academic Applications of AI (AAAI) Faculty Microcredential (2.0) is a comprehensive program to enhance **faculty and staff** understanding of generative AI is now available systemwide. Whether you are a researcher, support staff, or simply curious about AI, this course offers valuable insights. This course was developed by SDSU.

[Self-Enroll here](#) - Click the button below, choose "CSU Employee & Student Login In," select your campus from the dropdown menu, and click the "Enroll in Course" button on the top right.

After completing this course, you will be able to:
- Articulate and differentiate how language-based and image-based generative AI tools actually work.
- Describe an action plan for ensuring student awareness of bias, privacy, and other ethical concerns inherent in using generative AI tools.
- Construct a syllabus statement on using generative AI tools appropriate to at least one of your courses.
- Understand the variety of popular generative AI options and selectively build a tailored toolkit appropriate to your academic work.
- Iteratively refine prompt results leading to effective querying of generative AI.
- Course Commitment: 2-10 hours online, asynchronous
- Digital Credential: [Academic Applications of AI Microcredential](#)

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be eligible for a badge/credential.

Course Updated: November 2025

• AI Tools for Higher Ed Staff and Professionals Microcredential

[CSU Canvas AI Courses Website](#)
[Course Testimonials](#)

This online course is offered systemwide and will help higher ed professionals learn the AI Tool Basics, including what they are, as well as why, when, and how to use them. The course was developed at Fresno State University.

Two Course Modality Options
1. **Facilitated by an Instructor** (Registration will open in December 2025)

   Course commitment: 4 weeks, approximately 20-30 hours
   Digital Credential: [AI Tools for Higher-Ed Staff Professionals (Facilitated)](#)
   Spring Schedule: February 23 to March 15, 2026 | March 23 to April 19, 2026

2. **Self-Paced without an Instructor -** [Self-Enroll Link](#)

   Course commitment: Approximately 6-8 hours
   Digital Credential: [AI Tools for Higher-Ed Staff Professionals (Asynchronous)](#)

By the end of this course, participants should be able to:
- Explain key concepts and concerns related to generative AI (gAI) and its potential applications in the workplace.
- Evaluate available gAI tools for relevance to professional tasks.
- Identify specific areas where gAI could be applied to streamline workflows or address challenges.
- Develop (facilitated course) and consider (self-paced course) or effective prompts for generating relevant and high-quality outputs using gAI tools.
- Explore (self-paced course) or discuss (facilitated course) critical issues related to ethical and responsible use of AI in the workplace.
- Critically assess the quality and reliability of AI-generated outputs for use.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be eligible for a badge/credential.

Course Updated: September 2025