

Academic Senate Staff Report

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University Employee Events & Opportunities

• **Pumpkin Fest at Kellogg Ranch – October 10th to October 31st**

Date: Saturdays & Sundays, October 10 to October 31, 2026

Time: 10:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: Kellogg Ranch

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

[Pumpkin Fest Website](#)

A Cal Poly Pomona favorite fall tradition returns Saturday, Oct. 10! Pick a pumpkin grown on campus, navigate the corn mazes, take photos by the sunflower patch and meet the petting farm animals. Enjoy food trucks, vendors and themed weekends throughout the festival. CPP students can purchase discounted tickets and season passes at the Farm Store with a student ID.

• **Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos – October 15th**

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time: 12:00 to 5:00 PM

Location: Community Innovation Hub – Downtown Pomona

[Register Here](#)

Join the Community Innovation Hub and Hope Esperanza for a free, family-friendly Día de los Muertos celebration in Downtown Pomona. Honor loved ones and celebrate culture and community through a community ofrenda, themed crafts, giveaways and other activities. Everyone is welcome to participate in this celebration of remembrance and connection.

• **9th Annual Fall PolyX FYE Showcase – December 1st**

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major

[Register Here](#)

[Register Here](#)

[Alternative Transportation Committee \(ATC\) Website](#)

Celebrate student researchers and explore innovative projects developed through PolyX courses in partnership with the Innovation Incubator and First-Year Experience!

Employee News & Updates

• Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill – October 15th

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time: 10:15 AM

Location: Campuswide

[BroncoDirect Link](#)

[Emergency Management Website](#)

Get ready to drop, lock, cover and hold during the annual Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 10:15 a.m. CPP will also test its Safety Alert system by sending text and email notifications to students, faculty and staff. Make sure your contact information is current in BroncoDirect so you can receive emergency alerts. Visit the Emergency Management website for additional preparedness resources.

• Physical Search for Human Remains and Native American Cultural Items – Due November 1st

[Physical Search for Human Remains and Native American Cultural Items Results Form](#)
[Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act \(NAGPRA\) Website](#)

To ensure NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance, every employee needs to physically inspect all areas under their control and/or management for all human remains and Native American cultural items and report their findings using the online Physical Search for Human Remains and Native American Cultural Items Results Form by November 1, 2026.

At Cal Poly Pomona, that responsibility includes our ongoing work to fulfill the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA). These laws provide an important framework for the respectful return of Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native ancestral remains and cultural items to their descendant communities.

Today, Cal Poly Pomona stewards 176 Native American cultural items and no known human remains. We continue to work with Tribal Nations toward the respectful repatriation of these cultural items, and earlier this year, we completed the repatriation of a collection.

The CSU Systemwide NAGPRA Policy requires each campus to conduct a physical search to identify any Native American human remains and all Native American cultural items in its possession. We need your help in support of this effort. A short guidance video and helpful documents are available on Cal Poly Pomona's NAGPRA website.

• 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

• Cabinet Office Hours – October 15th to December 3rd

Dates: Thursdays, October 15-December 3, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

[Cabinet Office Hours Website](#)

Listening and dialogue are vital to how we work together, and the President's Cabinet is here for you. Members of the President's Cabinet typically host office hours Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon in SSB West. The next sessions will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 with Frances Teves, Vice President for University Advancement & CEO of the Cal Poly Pomona Philanthropic Foundation. These sessions are open to everyone and provide an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas or discuss concerns directly with university leadership. Because dates and times may occasionally change, view the latest schedule on the President's Office website.

• Project Rebound's Banned Books in Prison Week Book Drive – October 19th to October 23rd

Dates: Monday, October 19 to Friday, October 23, 2026

Help expand access to reading materials for incarcerated individuals during Project Rebound's Banned Books in Prison Week book drive, Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 23. Donations will support the LA County Library's Books for Jails program and the Claremont Forum's Prison Library Project. Gently used paperbacks are welcome, including fiction, poetry, self-help, spiritual and Spanish-language books. Hardcover, textbooks and explicit content cannot be accepted. Drop off donations at Project Rebound (Building 94, Room 101), Renaissance Scholars (Building 66, Room 120), EOP (Building 94, Room 121), the Centers for T.R.E.E. and other campus locations. Questions? Email projectrebound@cpp.edu.

• Coffee Chats with President & Provost – October 20th to December 1st

Date: Tuesdays, October 20-December 1, 2026

Time: 10:00 to 10:45 AM

Location: President's Office, SSB-121E, Suite 3511

[Coffee Chats with the President & Provost Website](#)

Faculty and staff are invited to stop by for coffee and conversation with the president and provost. Bring your ideas, questions and perspectives. Guests will be welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis and rotated throughout the session to give more people an opportunity to participate. View all upcoming dates and more on the Office of the President website.

• Active Transportation Plan Workshop – October 27th

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Location: University Library, Room 4829

[CPP Active Transportation Plan Website](#)

Share your experience getting to and around campus at this interactive workshop. The session will include a visual presentation about planned mobility improvements and a tabletop activity where students, faculty and staff can provide feedback on transportation needs and opportunities. Learn more at the CPP Active Transportation Plan website.

• **CPP Call to Action: End the Silence, Stop Domestic Violence – October 27th**

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major

Wear purple and join the campus community in raising awareness and taking a stand against domestic violence at CPP's Domestic Violence Awareness Month closing event. Hosted by the Office of Equity and Compliance and Counseling and Psychological Services' Survivor Advocacy Services, the evening will feature dinner, a guest speaker, poetry, interactive activities, a photo booth and a special appearance by Bronco Billy. Attendees who RSVP can receive a purple T-shirt while supplies last. Come together to promote awareness, support survivors and help build a safer campus community.

• **University Town Hall on CSU Promise – October 29th**

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026

Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Location: Building 121, Rooms 1967-1969

[Register to Attend Here](#)

[University Town Halls Website](#)

The first University Town Hall of the 2026-27 academic year will focus on the CSU Promise. Join university leaders for updates, context and an opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussion.

• **Bronco Experience Questionnaire – Due October 30th**

[Bronco Experience Questionnaire Link](#)

[Bronco Experience Questionnaire Website](#)

The Bronco Experience Questionnaire launched Monday, October 5th, and every Cal Poly Pomona student, faculty and staff member is encouraged to share their voice to help shape positive change on campus. "At CPP, we do not just want to talk about the community we want to be. We want to build it, measure our progress and keep getting better together," said Jonathan Grady, senior associate vice president of community and belonging. The results will help university leadership better understand the campus experience and prioritize initiatives, resources and programs. Participants may enter a drawing for prizes including an iPad, AirPods, Bronco swag and more.

• **First Bronco Launchpad for Staff Council – Opens November 1st**

[Better Together Fundraising Campaign Link](#)

[Bronco Launchpad Website](#)

Cal Poly Pomona Staff Council brings employees together through appreciation, service, advocacy and community-building. From Staff Appreciation Week and Hot Cocoa & Cookies to seasonal gatherings, the Staff Council Toy Drive and Years of Service recognition, these traditions create meaningful opportunities to recognize staff contributions and strengthen connections across campus. Better Together is about making sure the people who support CPP every day also feel celebrated, connected and valued. Your support helps Staff Council enhance these existing traditions and create even more welcoming experiences for CPP staff. Every gift helps create moments that bring colleagues together and show CPP staff how much their contributions matter.

• **CPP Active Transportation Plan Survey – Due November 20th**

[Survey Link](#)

[CPP Active Transportation Plan Website](#)

How do you walk, ride or roll to and around campus? Share your experiences through the Active Transportation Plan survey and identify where improvements could be made. Feedback will help inform the university's plans to improve micromobility and transportation options across campus. Take the survey by Friday, Nov. 20. Learn more at the CPP Active Transportation Plan website or contact Carmen Chan at carmenchan@cpp.edu.

• **Support Suited for Success — Give \$50, Get \$50**

[Make Your Donation Here](#)

Make a meaningful difference for graduating seniors at The Collins College of Hospitality Management. A \$50 donation to Suited for Success helps provide students with a complete, professionally tailored outfit for interviews and the start of their hospitality careers. As a thank- you, donors will receive a \$50 Lazy Dog Restaurant gift card. Help students step into their futures with confidence, professionalism and pride. This offer is available for a limited time while supplies last. Make your gift online.

• **Share a Meal — Share Your Story with the President**

[Join the List Here](#)

[Lunch with the President Website](#)

Interested in connecting with President Vanya Quiñones in a more casual setting? Lunch with the President brings together a small group of faculty and staff with Vanya every other week. Register to join the selection pool for an opportunity to share a meal, conversation and your perspective. Participants are selected at random, and registrations remain active for up to three months. Those who attend may participate once per academic year. Learn more and join the list on the Lunch with the President webpage.

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Your support helps Staff Council enhance these existing traditions and create even more welcoming experiences for CPP staff. Donations supplement university support by helping provide catering, refreshments, decorations, giveaways, recognition items and activity materials while assisting with venue costs when needed. Funding for catering also allows staff volunteers to participate more fully in the events they work hard to organize. Every gift helps create moments that bring colleagues together and show CPP staff how much their contributions matter.

• **Lanterman Assessment Survey**

[Survey Link](#)

[Lanterman Development Center Website](#)

Cal Poly Pomona is advancing Phase 2 of the Lanterman site market assessment and is seeking faculty and staff input. Phase 1 evaluated current and historic market conditions across Los Angeles County and nearby regions to understand long-term feasibility. Now, CPP community perspectives will help inform potential land uses that support housing needs, CPP's academic mission, research priorities and experiential learning opportunities. The 300-acre Lanterman property represents a once-in-a-generation

opportunity to shape the university's future through mission-aligned public-private partnerships. Share your input through the survey.

University & CSU Professional Development

• **Crucial Conversations – October 21st to October 27th**

Date: Wednesday, October 21 – Thursday, October 22nd – Monday, October 26th – Tuesday, October 27th

Time: Various Times

Location: Student Services Building 121-W, 1965

[Register Here](#)

Build skills for creating alignment and agreement through open dialogue about high-stakes, emotional and risky topics. Crucial Conversations helps participants learn to speak and be heard, surface strong ideas, make high-quality decisions and act with unity and commitment when stakes are high, opinions

• **Tech Thursdays at the Community Innovation Hub – October 15th to December 3rd**

Date: Thursdays, October 15-December 3, 2026

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Location: Community Innovation Hub – Downtown Pomona

[Register Here](#)

Bring your ideas to life at Tech Thursdays, a weekly opportunity to explore maker technologies at CPP's Community Innovation Hub. Experiment with 3D printers, sticker-making equipment and other creative tools while learning new skills and exploring innovative projects. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, all students and community members are welcome to drop in, create and connect.

• **Community Empowerment Series: Community Advocacy & Resource Fair – Thursday, October 22nd**

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: Community Innovation Hub – Downtown Pomona

[Register Here](#)

Build self-advocacy and community advocacy skills while learning to navigate public services and find resources supporting health, housing, education, employment, legal assistance and families. Co-facilitated by Dora Lopez and Gente Organizada in partnership with the Office of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies, the workshop will conclude with a Community Resource Fair featuring local organizations and service providers.