Academic Senate Staff Report

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University Employee Events & Opportunities

• **Common Read Book Club Series** – November 5th

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 12:50 PM
Location: Building 66, Room 126

Register Here
Common Read Website

Join RAMP's Fall 2026 Book Club for a discussion of *Solito* by Javier Zamora. Across four meetings, participants can share perspectives in a welcoming, judgment-free space while strengthening their critical thinking skills and exploring how the book connects to broader social issues.

• **Veterans Day Breakfast** – November 9th

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026
Time: 8:30 to 9:30 AM
Location: Centerpointe Dining Commons – Building 72

RSVP by Friday, November 6th at 12:00 PM

Register Here
Veterans Resource Center Website

Join the Veterans Resource Center team for a special breakfast honoring Cal Poly Pomona's military-affiliated community. This gathering celebrates the service, sacrifice, and contributions of veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, and military-connected students, faculty, and staff. Registration is required to attend, and seating is limited.

• **Veterans Day Celebration** – November 10th

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Location: Recital Hall – Building 24

Register Here
Veterans Resource Center Website

Join the Veterans Resource Center to honor Cal Poly Pomona's military-affiliated community. The celebration features CPP Wind Ensemble, Staff Council's card signing for troops overseas, and a birthday cake-cutting ceremony for the military branches. Registration is required, and seating is limited.

• **First-Gen on Tap** – November 10th

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Location: Innovation Brew Works

Register Here
First-Gen College Student Week Website

Connect with fellow first-generation students, faculty and staff at First-Gen on Tap on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Learn about CPP's mentorship program while enjoying a welcoming, social atmosphere at Innovation Brew Works. Plus, **20% of the evening's proceeds will go toward student scholarships**.

• Ring & Stick Game Workshop – November 12th

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Time: 12:00 to 2:00 PM
Location: Library 4th Floor, Special Events Room 15-4829

Register Here
CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA and Tribal Relations Website
Native American Student Center Website

Learn about and create the traditional California Indian Ring and Stick Game with Lazaro Arvizu (Tongva). All games will be used and given away at the Harvest Dinner on Saturday, November 21st.

• Beads of Community – November 16th

Date: Monday, November 16, 2026
Time: 1:00 to 2:30 PM
Location: Community Innovation Hub, Downtown Pomona

Register Here
CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA and Tribal Relations Website
Native American Student Center Website

Join the Community Innovation Hub, in partnership with Cal Poly Pomona Tribal Relations, for an engaging, hands-on beading workshop facilitated by Desiree Renee Martinez, exploring Native American culture, community connection, and creative expression through the art of beading. No prior beading experience is required, and all materials will be provided.

• Inaugural Culture of Care Summit and Luncheon – November 19th

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Bronco Student Center, Ursa Minor

RSVP by Friday, November 13th

Register Here
Community and Belonging Working Group Website

The Office of Community and Belonging, in partnership with the Community and Belonging Working Group, invites you to join us for **Cal Poly Pomona's inaugural Culture of Care Summit and Luncheon.** The luncheon's theme is "Building a Culture of Care through Action, Accountability and Impact."

This gathering is an opportunity to come together to reflect on what care at CPP means, why it matters to our collective well-being and institutional success, and how each of us can contribute to it through the ways we lead, teach, learn, work and support one another. We will also celebrate the creativity and spirit of our Bronco community with the announcement of the Culture of Care Sticker Contest winners.

• **Annual Harvest Dinner** – November 21st

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2026
Time: 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Location: Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major

RSVP by Monday, November 9th

Register Here
CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA and Tribal Relations Website
Native American Student Center Website

Celebrate the vitality of Native American communities at CPP's Annual Harvest Dinner, featuring Native American performances, games, food and a discussion on the importance of the harvest to Native American cultures. Attendees are encouraged to bring school supplies, personal care products, blankets or socks to donate to students at Sherman Indian High School for a chance to win a prize.

• **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

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

• ***Proposal in Real Time*** **at Kellogg Gallery** – Through December 3rd

Days: Mondays to Thursdays
Time: 12:00 to 5:00 PM
Location: University Library – Building 15, Fourth Floor, Room 4435

University Permanent Collection Website

Explore Proposal in Real Time, an evolving exhibition featuring artwork from Cal Poly Pomona's University Permanent Collection. Throughout fall 2026, student gallery assistants and the gallery curator will continue researching artworks and developing exhibition materials, while exploring plans for future installations in the Student Services Building, East.

• **The Manor House Winter Festival** – December 10th

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Manor House

Rose Float Deco Week Website
Staff Council Toy Drive Website

Celebrate the holiday season with fellow Broncos at the Manor House Winter Festival**.** Hosted by President Vanya Quiñones, the annual event will feature hot chocolate, popcorn, seasonal treats and Bronco-made gifts from campus organizations and programs, including the Farm Store, Rose Float, Apparel Merchandising and Management, and Bronco Bookstore.

Attendees can also give back by donating items to Rose Float Deco Week and the Staff Council Toy Drive. Join the campus community for an afternoon of festive treats, unique gifts and Bronco spirit at the Manor House.

Employee News & Updates

• Campus Closed for Veterans Day – November 11th

Holiday Observances Webpage

The university will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. We are grateful to the veterans and military-affiliated members of our campus community for their service, dedication, and contributions. Their commitment deserves our recognition and appreciation throughout the year.

• Benefits Information Session – November 17th

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Location: Virtual

Join the Meeting Here

Gain an in-depth understanding of benefits offered by the California State University system. Receive step-by-step guidance on enrolling and locating important benefits information. Attend this session to make informed decisions about benefit plan options and retirement plans best suited to your needs, goals, personal circumstances, and financial future.

• Campus Closed for Thanksgiving – November 26th and 27th

Holiday Observances Webpage

The university will be closed on Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 27. As we enter the holiday, we hope you will find time to rest, reconnect with loved ones, and reflect on the people who have made a difference in your life.

• Spirit Thursdays

Bronco Bookstore Website

Spirit Thursdays is a campuswide initiative celebrating Bronco pride, strengthening campus connection, and honoring our Bronco Herd. Each Thursday, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to wear CPP colors, green and gold, or their favorite Bronco gear.

You can also get **10% off your entire purchase** at the Bronco Bookstore on Thursdays when you wear CPP spirit gear at checkout! Share this invitation with colleagues and join in showing spirit across campus. Go Broncos!

• 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.vPlease 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

• **Personal Care, Blanket & Sock Drive for Sherman Indian High School** – November 2nd to 20th

Dates: Monday, November 2 to Friday, November 20, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Locations: Student Services Building 121 or Native American Student Center, University Plaza (26-105)

Support Native American students at Sherman Indian High School by donating personal care items, school supplies, blankets and socks through Cal Poly Pomona Tribal Relations and the Native Pipeline Program. Alcohol-free personal care products for all genders are welcome. Donations can be dropped off Nov. 2-20 at the Student Services Building East information desk or the Native American Student Center in University Plaza (26-105). Items will also be accepted at the Harvest Dinner on Nov. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bronco Student Center's Ursa Major.

• **Cabinet Office Hours** – November 5th to December 3rd

Dates: Thursdays, November 5-Decenber 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 on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon in SSB West. 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.

• **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.

• **Coffee Chats with President & Provost (Fall Term)** – December 1st

Date: Tuesday, 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.

• Join the Top 10 Challenge – By December 1st

Bronco Launchpad Website
Annual Giving & Stewardship Website

Celebrate the generosity of the Cal Poly Pomona community during the Top 10 Challenge, running through Tuesday, Dec. 1. The 10 philanthropic funds with the most faculty and staff donors who contribute $10 or more will each receive an additional $1,000. Support a campus cause that matters to you, including Bronco Launchpad projects, and help your favorite fund rise to the top. Every gift makes a difference! For questions, contact Grace Johnson at annualgiving@cpp.edu or 909-869-4963.

• First Bronco Launchpad for Staff Council – Through December 1st

Donate to the Better Together Campaign
Join the Volunteer Pool
Staff Appreciate Week Website

Cal Poly Pomona's Staff Council invites the campus community to support its Better Together campaign, which helps fund staff recognition, activities and events. Since 1962, Staff Council has represented CPP staff and supported efforts to celebrate the employees who help make the university a welcoming place. Consider donating to the Better Together campaign. Want to support in other ways? Volunteer to help with events or host a Staff Appreciation Week workshop.

• 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.

• 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. 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 Personal and Professional Development

• **Tech Thursdays at the Community Innovation Hub** – November 5th to December 3rd

Date: Thursdays, November 5-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.

• **Premiere Pro Basics & Caption** – November 9th

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026
Time: 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

Learn Adobe Premiere Pro's essential editing tools and AI-powered transcription features in this introductory course. Practice editing and correcting transcript text, converting transcripts into captions, adjusting caption timing, and exporting completed captions as an SRT file. This course provides a practical foundation for creating accurate, polished captions in Premiere Pro.

• **Visual Design and PowerPoint for Non-Designers** – November 9th

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026
Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

Improve the visual design of your PowerPoint presentations without advanced graphic design skills. This workshop introduces foundational design principles used to create aesthetically pleasing, engaging slides and helps you refine your designer's eye. Bring PowerPoint, ready to use. Skill level: novice to intermediate PowerPoint users seeking stronger, more polished presentations.

• **Webinar: A Bronco's Journey Into Research** – November 12th

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM
Location: Virtual

Register Here
Center for Customer Insights and Digital Marketing Website

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

• **Navigating Identity, Politics and Purpose** – November 12th

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Time: 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Location: Building 1, Room 214

Register Here
First-Gen College Student Week Website

Join a guided conversation exploring the experiences of first-generation professionals at Cal Poly Pomona. Participants will share perspectives, challenges and successes while discussing how identity and politics shape their experiences in professional spaces. The session will foster connection and celebrate the unique strengths and insights first-generation professionals bring to the CPP community.

• **Facilitation Skills Workshop** – November 13th

Date: Friday, November 13, 2026
Time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

Develop the confidence and skills to lead engaging meetings, training sessions, workshops, and group discussions. Learn best practices for planning and facilitation, increase participant engagement, use tools that encourage collaboration, and navigate common facilitation challenges and group dynamics. Strengthen your ability to lead meaningful discussions, learning experiences, workshops, and presentations.

• **Holiday Stress Workshop** – November 19th

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 10:00 to 11:00 AM
Location: Virtual

Register Here

Create a holiday season that feels relaxed, meaningful, and comfortable for you and your family. Learn to manage expectations, evaluate traditions, cope with holiday blues, and reduce stress. This session offers practical guidance for finding meaning, supporting parents, practicing stress relief, and navigating seasonal emotions with greater balance and confidence.

• **2027 Office of Academic Innovation Winter Institute** – January 13th and 14th

DAY 1
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2027
Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Location: Building 162, Room 1001

DAY 2
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2027
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Choose one location:

- Student Innovation Idea Labs (iLab): Building 1, Room 113
- Maker Studio: University Library
- Community Innovation Hub: Downtown Pomona

Register Here

Join us for a two-day Winter Institute exploring how entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial mindsets help Broncos recognize opportunities, experiment, collaborate, and create meaningful impact. On January 13, participants will connect ideas to real-world applications, followed by hands-on Innovation in Action experiences on January 14.