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# THE MONARCH GUIDE: NAVIGATING YOUR JOURNEY AT CPP

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A resource created to empower undocumented students at Cal Poly Pomona. Whether you're exploring career paths, entrepreneurship, or academic opportunities, this guide is here to support you with tools, knowledge, and encouragement every step of the way.



STUDENT SUPPORT & EQUITY PROGRAMS  
Undocumented Students Services

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# Message from USS

This workbook was created with one purpose: to support you. Whether you're just beginning your journey at Cal Poly Pomona or preparing for what comes next, we hope this guide becomes a trusted companion along the way.

Whether you're new to Cal Poly Pomona or getting ready for life after graduation, we hope this guide helps you feel supported, seen, and empowered. We know that being undocumented, immigrant or immigration impacted student can be incredibly hard. But please remember: your strength is real. Your dreams matter. And you belong here.

Inside, you'll find tools, reflections, and resources to help you connect, grow, and plan for your future. Keep this workbook close. Come back to it when you need a reminder that you are not alone.

With deep gratitude to Areli Castro & Monica Villafana for their support in bringing this resource to life.

With care,

**Nicolle Hernandez**

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# DISCLAIMER

The Monarch Guide is intended to serve as a helpful informational resource for students. The content is provided for educational and supportive purposes only and is designed to assist students in identifying resources, services, and next steps.

This guide does not provide legal or tax advice. Undocumented Students Services staff and contributors are not attorneys or tax professionals, and the information included should not be interpreted as legal, tax, or financial guidance. Students with legal or tax-related questions are encouraged to seek assistance from a qualified attorney, accredited legal service provider, or certified tax professional.

Thank you





# UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS SERVICES (USS)

Undocumented Students Services (USS) at Cal Poly Pomona was established in 2017 thanks to the advocacy of students and allies. Since then, we've been committed to supporting the **holistic success**—academic, personal, and professional—of undocumented students and students with immigrant backgrounds. We believe in creating an **undocu-friendly campus** where every student feels seen, supported, and empowered.

## What Makes USS Unique

USS is tailored to the unique needs and lived experiences of undocumented students.

We provide:

- Culturally and identity-affirming support that acknowledges the challenges tied to immigration status.
- Financial aid guidance specific to undocumented students, including the CA Dream Act application for financial aid and scholarship navigation.
- Dedicated legal referrals to trusted community partners (e.g., CARECEN).
- Brave, community-building space where students feel seen, supported, and empowered.

## Our Services Include:

- One-on-one advising for academic, personal, and career planning.
- Financial aid advising specific to undocumented students (CA Dream Act, scholarships, emergency funding).
- Legal referrals to outside organizations such as Pre-Health Dreamers
- Referrals to key campus partners, connection to liaisons
- Programs and initiatives that center undocumented voices and celebrate students' achievements.

# UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS SERVICES



## Connect With USS

**Location: University Plaza, Building 26, Room 101**

**Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Email: [dream@cpp.edu](mailto:dream@cpp.edu)**

**Phone: (909) 869-2728**

**Website: <https://www.cpp.edu/ssep/uss.shtml>**

**Instagram: [@cpp\\_undocubroncos](https://www.instagram.com/cpp_undocubroncos)**

*QR Codes for you .*

*(all clickable)*



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Inquiry Form**



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# Student Support and Equity Programs

As part of the Division of Student Affairs, Student Support and Equity Programs (SSEP) is the home of four critical unit areas dedicated to access, equity, and student success: the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Renaissance Scholars (RS), Project Rebound (PR) and Undocumented Students Services (USS).



## 1 Educational Opportunity Program

### Students must apply for EOP program

EOP is a comprehensive post-secondary access and retention program for historically low-income and first-generation college students. Applications are available upon application to the CSU for first-time applicants.

## 2 Renaissance Scholars

### Students must apply for RS program

Renaissance Scholars is dedicated to supporting current and former foster youth at CPP. Our student-centered approach aims to enhance access to campus resources, ultimately empowering students to practice self-advocacy, self-reliance and achieve their academic and graduation goals.

## 3 Project Rebound

### Students must apply for PR program

Project Rebound is a student support program at CPP that facilitates pathways to higher education for currently and formerly incarcerated individuals and supports the academic success, professional development and reintegration of participants.

## 4 Undocumented Students Services

### USS is not a program Students do not need to apply

Undocumented Students Services supports the holistic success (academic, personal, professional) of undocumented and immigration impacted students at Cal Poly Pomona. USS supports all CPP students including those who come from mixed-status families, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), refugee status and undocumented with or without DACA.

Website- [Student Support & Equity Programs](#)

# PROGRAMS FOR CPP STUDENTS

CPP has various programs that assist you through your journey here!

Listed below are just some programs at Cal Poly Pomona that might spark your interest. There are many more that may be of interest to you based on your academic and personal interests.

For each program, you'll find a QR code linking to its website along with a quick overview of eligibility requirements. Explore these resources and see which ones can support you in achieving your goals!



## **MEP (MAXIMIZING ENGINEERING POTENTIAL)**

Must be an enrolled student at Cal Poly Pomona in the College of Engineering. Designed to support students who are first-generation, low-income, or historically underrepresented students in engineering.



## **KELLOGG HONORS COLLEGE**

Must be enrolled or accepted at Cal Poly Pomona. Requires a strong academic record and a commitment to academic excellence.



## **I AM FIRST**

Must be enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona and identify as a first-generation college student. Provides community, mentorship, workshops, and resources to support first-generation students .



## **READING, ADVISING, & MENTORING PROGRAM (RAMP)**

Must be enrolled or accepted at Cal Poly Pomona. Meet residency requirements, and have an academic need for services. Students must also be first-generation, low-income, or have a documented disability.