

# BLACK RESOURCE GUIDE

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# PROGRAMS

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## **RESIDENTIAL INTENSIVE SUMMER EDUCATION (RISE) - [CPP.EDU/RISE\\_PROGRAM](http://CPP.EDU/RISE_PROGRAM)**

The RISE program assists rising high school sophomores, juniors, seniors, and incoming first time freshmen with navigating the college transition and/or application process. Students will explore majors and careers while connecting with current students, faculty, and staff during a FREE five day, four night stay-over experience on campus. The RISE intensive summer program centers the experience of Pan African students, but ALL are welcome to apply!

Students participating in Rise Up or Rising Senior must be going into their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. A minimum of a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher is required to apply.

Students entering Cal Poly Pomona as a first time freshmen will automatically be enrolled in the program. First time freshmen should accept the offer sent via email to confirm their participation.

## **BLACK ACHIEVEMENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT IN SCIENCE (BASES) SCHOLARS PROGRAM - [CPP.EDU/BASES](http://CPP.EDU/BASES)**

The Black Achievement Success and Engagement in Science (BASES) Scholars program builds a community of support for Black/African American student scholars by providing financial, academic, and mentoring resources throughout students' first year.

BASES scholars promote Black Excellence through curriculum that is responsive to the legacy of the African and African American diasporas taught by faculty of color within a cohort model. The partnership between the classroom experience and Black Resource Center fosters a community that shares an interest in the historical, intellectual, and political traditions of Black Americans, and engages with the Black community at Cal Poly Pomona.

BASES is rooted in Cal Poly Pomona's mission to be an inclusive polytechnic university, and is open to all majors. Highly motivated first year incoming Black/African American students are encouraged to apply!





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## **MALE SUCCESS INITIATIVES (MSI): BLACK MEN OF EXCELLENCE - [CPP.EDU/MSI](http://CPP.EDU/MSI)**

The Black Men of Excellence program is focused on the retention, graduation, and sense of belonging of all Black identified men at Cal Poly Pomona. This program will grow and develop our Black men in Leadership, Undergraduate Research, Mentorship, and Career Readiness.

## **DIVERSITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

Founded in 1999, the Diversity Ambassadors Program supports Cal Poly Pomona's mission to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice to prepare students for lifelong learning and careers in a changing multicultural world. The program was formed to educate Cal Poly Pomona students about the significance of the Civil Rights Movement. Diversity Ambassadors are students who travel on an alternative educational spring break. The program's goal is to have students of diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds travel to the east coast of the United States to visit historical monuments, museums, Black colleges, churches, and institutions related to the emergence of the Civil Rights Movement.

The program strives to cultivate student leaders who are focused on social injustice and bettering their community through their involvement.

## **BLACK SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE (HOUSING PROGRAM)**

The University Housing Services Black Scholars in Residence (BSR) program is dedicated to serving Black students and confronting anti-Blackness to create spaces where Black students can learn, discover, create, heal, and thrive. BSR offers cultural, educational, and social programming and workshops for Black people, by Black people.

# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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## **BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)**

The Black Student Union is an organization focused on and dedicated to the personal and academic advancement of the African American student. Through various charitable, political and social university events, BSU reinforces and promotes the standard of excellence upheld by Cal Poly Pomona that is necessary to survive, grow and succeed in a rapidly changing world. The Black Student Union exists for the betterment of the CPP and Associated Students, Inc., as a whole to:

- Promote the virtues of productivity, discipline, general and academic excellence, work ethic, kujichagulia (self-determination), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose) and umoja (unity).
- Develop dynamic leaders who will impact the campus community, and subsequently the world, in a positive manner.
- Provide an awareness of the heritage of African Americans and their contributions to the building of our nation.
- Strive for equal educational opportunities for minority groups in the community.

Dues for this group are \$20 per academic year.



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## **NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)**

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is one of the largest student-governed organizations based in the United States. NSBE, founded in 1975, supports and promotes the aspirations of collegiate and pre-collegiate students and technical professionals in engineering and technology. With more than 600 chapters and more than 24,000 active members in the U.S. and abroad, NSBE's mission is "to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community."

## **NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at Cal Poly Pomona comprises three sororities and two fraternities (sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho; fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi).

Becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority is based upon the aspirant's possession of specific qualifications. Individual chapters are guided by standards that promote the building of strong and effective chapters. Students that are interested in Black Greek Letter organizations can learn about the history, aims and national programs of each organization by visiting the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

These historically African American organizations hold social and philanthropic events, incorporating the participation of their alumni members in citywide chapters. All nine of the national organizations (five are currently chartered at Cal Poly) are very active in community service activities. The membership intake procedures for NPHC chapters take place during the fall, winter and/or spring quarters.

# BLACK FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES

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## **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

### **Xi Xi Chapter**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on Jan. 13, 1913, by 22 women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The first public act performed by the Delta founders involved their participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C., in March 1913. Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated in 1930.

Since its establishment, Delta Sigma Theta has clearly established itself as a public service organization that strives to confront the problems of African Americans and, hence, all Americans. A wide range of programs addressing education, health, international development and strengthening of the African American family have emerged and evolved over the years. In realizing its mission, Delta Sigma Theta provides an extensive array of public service through its Five-Point Program Thrust of physical and mental health, educational development, economic development, international awareness and involvement, and political awareness and involvement.

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## **SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED**

### **■ Pi Rho Chapter**

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority aims to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically and economically. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on Nov. 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind., by seven schoolteachers: Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin and Cubena McClure.

The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on Dec. 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University. Soaring to greater heights of attainment around the world, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., as a leading national service organization, has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through sisterhood, scholarship and service.

## **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA**

### **■ Sigma Rho Chapter**

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by black college women. Its roots reach back to Howard University in Washington, D.C., where the idea for formation was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Mo. After its incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college-trained women improved the socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and the world.

The national program "THE SPIRIT OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA" embodies five target areas: education, the black family, health, economics and the arts. In addition to these five targets, the Ivy AKAdemy serves as a comprehensive center for all the educational and human resources development experiences for most community services programs provided by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Participants are youths and adults from the entire community.



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## **ALPHA PHI ALPHA**

### **MOVING ALPHA PHI ALPHA FORWARD**

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity runs on the leadership of its members. The board of directors, committee chairs, and brothers work diligently at the chapter level all over the world and give up time and talent to help the fraternity run.

'Men of Distinction' has long been the monicker of The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and embodies the presence, accomplishments, and reputation exuded by our Brothers.

## **PHI BETA SIGMA**

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

## **OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college.

On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates — Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul", the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto.



# INITIATIVES

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## **BLACK THRIVING INITIATIVE (BTI) - [CPP.EDU/BTI](https://cpp.edu/bti)**

Cal Poly Pomona's Black Thriving Initiative recognizes and responds to anti-Blackness as an existential threat to our mission as a public university. Anti-Blackness stifles our ability to educate, discover, create, heal, and thrive. As a result, this campus-wide strategy recognizes that our future as a university must be linked to the success of Black communities and demands racial healing, building capacity and consciousness, and accountability of all.



# BLACK RESOURCE CENTER

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## BLACK RESOURCE CENTER

The Black Resource Center (BRC) is committed to assisting African/African American/Black college students in successfully completing their degree programs. The center provides retention and outreach programs by providing academic, personal, and professional services and culturally-relevant programming.

## VISION

The BRC seeks to strengthen the understanding of the Black diaspora.

## VALUES

- Empowerment
- Respect
- Accountability