



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Launching Pad for a Lifetime of Success

Each year, the educational technology firm CollegeNet releases their Social Mobility Index, an analysis of which colleges and universities attract an economically diverse student body and propel them into a lifetime of success. In the most recent report, Cal Poly Pomona not only ranked as the No. 6 institution in the country, but we were far and way the No. 1 polytechnic university in the nation.

In other words, Cal Poly Pomona is a launching pad.

Through our comprehensive commitment to experiential learning and seemingly limitless opportunities to learn and grow both inside and outside of the classroom, Cal Poly Pomona propels our students into their careers and into their futures. Not unlike a rocket launching toward space, Cal Poly Pomona provides a

foundation for our students to take-off in search of their goals and ambitions.

A critical component to this launching pad is the host of scholarships available to support students during their Cal Poly Pomona journey. In this edition of CPP Magazine, you meet a few of your fellow Broncos and see how scholarships make a direct and immediate impact in the lives of our students. As the cover story notes, this is a collective effort made up of donations large and small that when tallied together result in life-changing opportunities for our dedicated students.

More than ever before, the support of our friends and more than 170,000 living alumni play an essential role in perpetuating the Cal Poly Pomona legacy. Thank you for your commitment and for being part of that launching pad for our students.

Sincerely,

Soraya M. Coley, Ph.D.
President

PAVING THEWAY TO FINANCIAL SECURITY

By MELANIE JOHNSON

The financial road to degree completion is not an easy one for many Cal Poly Pomona students.

But at CPP, student success isn't just an individual goal. It is a collective effort, and donors play an enormous role in ensuring that students get the foundation they need to succeed in a career and life with as little debt and financial distractions as possible.

For the 2020-21 fiscal year, around \$2.95 million was awarded in scholarships and, of that, \$2.1 million came from scholarship funds created with philanthropic gifts. About 70 percent of the university's students receive financial aid, with 44 percent awarded Pell grants and 22 percent taking on federal loans.

Cal Poly Pomona donors, whether they create an endowment or chip in a little bit at a time with a payroll deduction, make a tremendous difference in the lives of students.