

Monday's Message – April 16, 2012

Happy Monday, All!

We are coming off a wildly interesting week, and I hope that you were able to take the time to take part in a number of diverse events. It's not every week, or every campus for that matter, where one can spend time with social justice advocate Angela Davis on one day and Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman on another.

We also welcomed back President Emeritus Bob Suzuki, who returned to campus for his first large-scale event since he retired nine years ago. His keynote address at the 20th Unity Luncheon before a large crowd in Ursa Major was well-received, and I want to personally thank him and Agnes for not only being part of the day, but for their leadership in building a culture of diversity at Cal Poly Pomona.

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Last September during my Fall Conference address, I asked our faculty and staff what higher education will look like in the coming decades. We are a learning-centered university, but are we prepared to teach and offer services built around the expectations of current and future students? That conversation from Convocation continued last Friday with the inaugural PolyTeach event. Over 150 faculty and staff took part in this conference, dedicated to the expanding use of technology in learning.

The half-day event featured bookend keynote speakers, but for me, the highlight was presentations by seven of our innovative faculty members on teaching practices ranging from the use of Skype to social media to digital animation. It's the type of dialogue that must continue, and I am proud of the work of everyone who made this possible. Cal Poly Pomona is the type of university that should be on the forefront of these practices.

The entire event was recorded by our team in MediaVision, so we will send out a message to everyone when it's up and running.

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I also want to celebrate the work of our Center for Community Service-Learning. Through its efforts, Cal Poly Pomona has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its exemplary commitment to neighboring communities. The university community logged more than 400,000 service hours last academic year on numerous projects. Three campus-community projects in particular helped the university earn the honor roll recognition: the design of a new bicycle path in Pomona, the annual Pomona Beautification Day, and a music education program at the Boys & Girls Club of Pomona.

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Don't forget to mark your calendar for this Thursday, when we host Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson as part of the continuing Kellogg Distinguished Public Lecture Series.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre. It is free and open to the public. Ms. Wilkerson will discuss her book, New York Times bestseller "The Warmth of Other Suns."

You must register in advance, so visit the link on your screen.

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~kellogglectures/>

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Speaking of Thursday, the Spring Career Fair is the same day in the University Quad. It will feature more than 120 employers from a variety of disciplines that are looking to fill full-time, part-time and internship positions. For the first time, the event has merged with the Ag Career Fair, bringing employers from the agriculture industries.

To help students prepare, we are also hosting a Resumaniac event on Tuesday. Employers will critique resumes of students and alumni from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Career Center. No appointment is necessary.

Also on Tuesday, the Career Center Clothes Closet will be open for students who need professional attire for the fair, an upcoming interview or for work. The closet is open year-round, and donations of gently used clothing are always appreciated.

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This upcoming Sunday, April 22, the Ahimsa Center Public Lecture Series will present: Gandhi and the Politics of Visual Representation. In the presentation, Professor Vinay Lal will examine the life and work of Gandhi in the light of various forms of visual representation, from cartoons and public statues to paintings and nationalist prints. The event is 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Ursa Minor

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The Southern California Tasting & Auction is just a few weeks away, Sunday, May 6 to be exact. So if you have not purchased your tickets, there is still time, but they are moving fast. It's really great event, with over 40 restaurant, wine and beer partners, live music as well as a voice and silent auction. It all comes together in the Japanese and Rose Gardens. Just visit polytaste.com (www.polytaste.com) for ticket information. The Tasting & Auction is always a huge success thanks to our large cadre of volunteers. If you have ever thought about it, now is the time to get involved. To sign up, visit the web site on your screen: <https://register.dsa.csupomona.edu/2012winetastingvolunteer>.

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Student Health Services has made it even easier for students to manage their health via the web. Go to their homepage on your screen (www.dsa.csupomona.edu/shs/) and click on "My Bronco Health Manager." This is a secure and confidential portal for communicating with Student Health Services. After entering your login information, discover how easy it is to fill out your medical history and other required forms. You will be able to send secure messages to providers and other staff, review any outstanding charges, and make, review, or cancel

appointments. Now, when you are awake at 2:00 in the morning, you can go online to make a same-day appointment. Just one more thing that we didn't have when I was in college.

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So that brings this week's message to a close. I will see you next Monday.