

President's Weekly Video November 25, 2013

Good afternoon, Broncos.

I want to start off with some great news: Our men's cross-country team finished its finest season in 16 years, placing eighth at nationals in Spokane this weekend. And one of our own, John Carrell, was named an All-American. Congratulations to John and the entire team.

During the Thanksgiving season, it is customary to recognize our good fortune and give to those who are less fortunate.

This week, I share two items that reflect the spirit of giving at Cal Poly Pomona. These are just two of the many stories I am privileged to hear about each day.

Students and staff are working together to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

The [Asian & Pacific Islander Student Center](#), in collaboration with several student groups, has launched a donation drive to help send much-needed clothing, toiletries and canned goods to the Philippines. You can drop off your donations in any of the collection boxes around campus or at the Asian & Pacific Islander Student Center.

The [Credit Union](#) has also set up an account for cash donations through Angels of Hope, a nonprofit organization helping with the relief effort. Checks can be transferred to their account or brought to the credit union.

For more information, contact the API Student Center or the Credit Union.

Thank you to the hundreds who have contributed to the faculty and staff campaign. Through your donation, you are making a difference in the quality of life at Cal Poly Pomona.

In [this week's PolyCentric news](#), we feature two longtime staff members, Reggie Keys and Sam Berry, who work as custodians in Housing Services. Students who live in the Suites can attest to the many ways they make life easier, as well as the encouragement they have provided along the way.

For many years, each has quietly donated \$5 a month via payroll deduction to the Black Faculty & Staff Association Scholarship Fund. I think that kind of commitment merits recognition. From the entire campus community, thank you, Reggie and Sam.

This Thanksgiving, I also want to give my thanks to you: The students, faculty, staff, and supporters of Cal Poly Pomona.

I am grateful to my colleagues, who are the heart and soul of this campus. They make Cal Poly Pomona the great institution it is.

I am grateful to our students, who energize and inspire our campus. They will help build the future of California.

And I am grateful to your commitment to an excellent education – whether that means earning your degree or empowering our students to succeed.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.