

## **President's Weekly Video Message**

Monday, Nov. 24, 2014

Hello, everyone. The holiday is almost here, and I have plenty of news this week. Here we go.

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Cal Poly Pomona has a long history of changing the lives of students. A new "Social Mobility Index" confirms this fact. We rank No. 4 nationally among universities that help low-income students achieve financial success after graduation. The index, which was created by Payscale and CollegeNET, examines 5 criteria. They are: tuition cost, the number of low-income students, graduation rates, the salaries of graduates and the size of the university's endowment. This ranking is further evidence of the vital role Cal Poly Pomona plays.

For more information about the ranking, go to PolyCentric.

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The College of Environmental Design continues to make an impact nationally. The Department of Architecture ranks No. 18 in the United States and No. 5 in the West in DesignIntelligence's rankings for 2015. The Landscape Architecture program is ranked No. 12 in the country and No. 2 in the West. We are also ranked No. 10 in teaching construction methods and materials. Our Master of Interior Architecture program is ranked No. 2 in the West.

Congratulations on the great work everyone is doing in ENV!

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I have been honored to work with incredible faculty and staff for the last 11 years. You are the foundation of this university. This week, we launch the second annual Faculty and Staff Campaign to enhance learning opportunities and experiences.

When you give to the campaign, you are declaring that this university is worthy of support. We are shooting for 100 percent participation this year. The Annual Fund will be sending information packets through campus mail this week.

Thank you for supporting our students.

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Sacrifice and commitment are the hallmarks of the staff here. Last week, Staff Council hosted a reception for 19 individuals who have been granted emeritus status. These retired staff and management members have dedicated their careers to this campus. I want to congratulate each and every one of them.

#### **LIST NAMES IN GRAPHIC**

Terry Allen, University Police  
Edwin Barnes III, Administrative Affairs  
Barbara Brunson, Test Center  
Karen Brzoska, Media Vision  
Olga Campbell, Human Resource Services  
Thomas Delk, Facilities Management  
Lucila Garza, University Library  
Faye Hatley, Bronco Bookstore  
Roger Humes, Engineering Dean's Office  
Olga Johnson, Learning Resource Center  
Marta Juszczak, University Library  
Robert Karmann Jr., Animal & Vet Sciences  
Lisa Lucio, College of Extended University  
Richard Marquecho, Facilities Management

Patricia Medina, University Library  
Denton Mosier, I&IT Operations  
Kathleen Odenwald, Gift Processing  
Cori Spencer, Geography Department  
Melissa Stocking, Learning Resource Center

I would also like to recognize the winners of the Amelia Hammond Staff Scholarship. They each received \$300 to help them pursue higher education.

#### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Curtis Carpenter, Information Technology  
Dana Martin, Student Affairs  
Damien Trimbach, Student Affairs  
Pearl Viggers, College of Science

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Now, I'd like to tell everyone about a new web application called MyCPP. If you use the Internet, you'll quickly see the value of this new portal. MyCPP is a convenient tool that allows you to check a half-dozen sites with just one log-in. That's less typing and fewer clicks.

#### **MyCPP GRAPHIC**

BroncoDirect  
Blackboard  
myBAR  
Bronco Health Manager  
Career Center's BroncoConnection  
Lynda.com  
Email Preview

MyCPP connects with BroncoDirect and will display campus announcements, important dates, fee due dates, holds and a student's to-do list. This is a great time-saver for everyone.

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At Cal Poly Pomona, veterans are part our rich tapestry. Last week, faculty and staff spent a day in their shoes at the Boots to Broncos seminar. The workshop helped them understand the challenges and experiences that veterans face in transitioning to the classroom.

There are nearly 400 student veterans here, and our campus has worked hard to develop a network of supporters, including First Lady Betty Ortiz.

For more information about our Veterans Initiative, visit the website below.

[\[www.cpp.edu/veterans\]](http://www.cpp.edu/veterans)

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With a third-place finish at the NCAA Regionals, **men's cross country** extended its season and earned a spot at the Division II National Championships next month.

Mark Huizar led the Broncos by finishing third with a mile pace of 4 minutes and 58 seconds. It's the sixth-fastest 10K time in school history and the fastest in 24 years.

The championships will be in Louisville, Kentucky, on Dec. 6. I'll be sure to keep you updated with the results.

**Women's cross country** ended its season with a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Regionals this weekend. Our student athletes showed plenty of toughness throughout the year as they battled through injuries and adversities. We have a lot to be proud of this year. Go Broncos!

**Women's soccer** also closed out a remarkable season. They reached the third round of the NCAA playoffs. They tied the school record for shutouts with 13. At one point, they registered six shutouts in a row. Best of all, a terrific foundation returns for next season.

The nationally ranked **men's basketball team** is off to a solid 2-1 start against tough competition. They dropped a close one in the last seconds to UC San Diego on Saturday. Their next game will be against The Master's College tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Gym. Come out and cheer on the Broncos.

After a rough start, **women's basketball** has found its footing. They defeated Simon Fraser College on Sunday and are returning from Canada with an 89-80 victory. They'll break for Thanksgiving and resume play with two road games the first week of December.

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That's all for this week. I hope you all have Happy Thanksgiving with friends and loved ones. See you next week!