Cal Poly Pomona

One of only seven polytechnic universities in the United States, Cal Poly Pomona is recognized for its nationally ranked hospitality management, architecture, engineering and environmental programs. On the cusp of its first comprehensive fundraising campaign, the university expects to raise in excess of $150 million to advance excellence in myriad academic and student programs.

High Magnitude Economic Impact

Cal Poly Pomona’s annual impact on the Inland Empire region and the State of California is enormous:

- Annual spending related to Cal Poly Pomona ($550 million) generates a total impact of $319 million on the regional economy and nearly $916.5 million on the statewide economy.
- This impact sustains nearly 3,500 jobs in the region and more than 7,500 jobs statewide.
- Per year, the impact generates nearly $19.5 million in local and $58 million in statewide tax revenue.
- More than $2 billion of the earnings by alumni from Cal Poly Pomona are attributable to their CSU degrees, which creates an additional $3.5 billion of industry activity throughout the state.

Cal Poly Pomona improves California’s economy with research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

- The College of Agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona has transformed into a modern, urban, inclusive program that operates a 700-acre farm surrounded by three freeways and 13 million people. The study of the food industry enables the college to embrace everything, literally, from the farm to the plate.
- Ensuring that the California hospitality industry remains strong requires the availability of a highly trained workforce. The Collins College of Hospitality Management at Cal Poly Pomona is continually ranked among North America’s premier programs. Students often are offered full-time positions before they have completed their degree requirements.
- Pomona is one of four CSU campuses actively engaged in agricultural research, working on projects such as botulism prevention, development of a hybrid lettuce, and foods that lower the risk of cardiovascular disease.
The College of Environmental Design’s Landscape Architecture program is recognized by Design Intelligence with “High Distinction” as a program that is considered one of the best in the world.

Cal Poly Pomona is ranked second in the nation for the best Urban & Regional Planning programs without a Ph.D. among all private and public schools, according to Planetizen, the leading online publication for the urban planning, design and development community. The same publication credits the programs with the most diverse student body in the nation.

Cal Poly Pomona has the largest undergraduate civil engineering program in the nation. The College of Engineering is tied for 15th in the nation for top undergraduate programs in engineering among all private and public schools, according to the U.S. News & World Report 2010 College Rankings. One of every 12 engineers in California is a Cal Poly Pomona graduate.

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CSU campuses consistently earn national accolades for the quality of their teaching programs. Cal Poly Pomona, in partnership with the L.A. County Office of Education, runs an accredited comprehensive high school that emphasizes international studies.

California’s biotechnology industry is among the largest in the world. Cal Poly Pomona is one of only two CSU campuses to offer an undergraduate degree in biotechnology.

“A University for All Californians—
A university education in California should be open to the broadest spectrum of the state’s population. Cal Poly Pomona is a national leader in awarding bachelor’s degrees to underrepresented communities, ranking first in the nation in architecture, fifth in agriculture and engineering, and sixth in business, management and marketing. The university is the largest producer of underrepresented minority engineers in California.

“My association with Cal Poly Pomona began in 1963. It wasn’t easy for me back then. I had no money, my family was overseas, and I had to work my way through school. When I graduated, my employers were impressed with the scope of my knowledge. Now, as an employer myself, I am not impressed by big name schools. When you’re hungry for knowledge, Cal Poly Pomona will feed you.”

Khaled Hassen
Cal Poly Pomona Class of 1968