

University reviews remote options for upcoming fall

Following the CDC and health expert recommendations, the campus may remain closed for 2020 fall semester instruction

ASI approves Reproductive and Trans-Inclusive Healthcare Resolution

By **NICOLAS HERNANDEZ**
Staff Writer

The Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors unanimously approved a student-authored resolution on April 30 that, among other actions, encourages the university to bring the Family Planning Access Care Treatment (F-PACT) program onto the campus.

The Resolution in Support of Reproductive and Trans-Inclusive Healthcare, authored by student representatives of the campus' Feminist Fight Club (FFC), outlines specific actions that ASI should take in lobbying the university to implement family planning services as part of the F-PACT program as well as hormone replacement therapy.

F-PACT is a state program administered by the California Department of Health Care Services' Office of Family Planning. F-PACT provides low-income, eligible California residents with free family planning services.

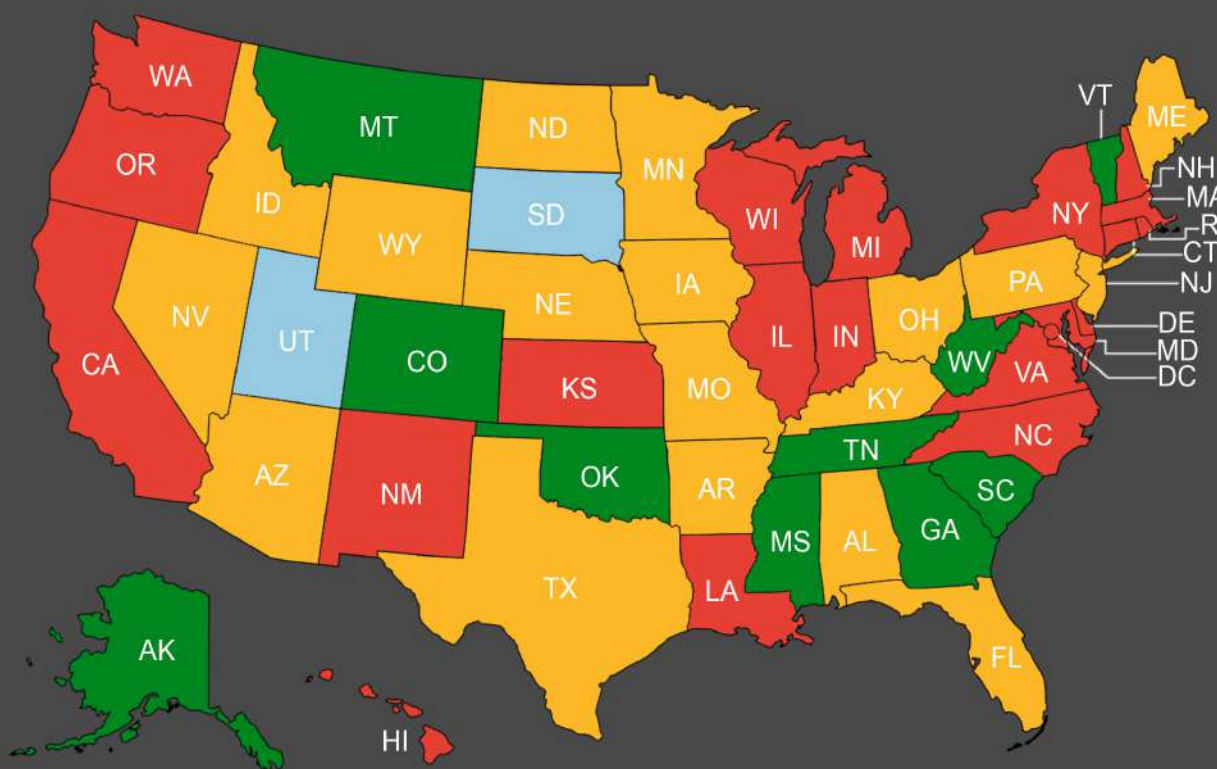
According to the F-PACT website, the program services its clients through a "network of public and private providers." The approved resolution encourages the university to apply for F-PACT funding and become one such provider.

Co-author of the

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Plans to reopen economies, by state

■ No stay-at-home order in place ■ Partial reopening planned
■ Currently partially reopened ■ Stay-at-home order intact



As of April 30, 2020
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An overview of the state's plans to lift restrictions and reopening economies, according to the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

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Students sue CSU over unused fees

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California State University (CSU) students sued the CSU system April 27 in a class-action lawsuit filed in federal court by students calling for refunds of mandatory fees for

on-campus services. The suit results from campus closures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The University of California system was also sued in a separate class-action lawsuit.

Sonoma State University student Akayla Miller filed

the complaint on behalf of students enrolled in the spring 2020 semester who "lost the benefits of the services for which their fees were paid, without having a pro-rated portion of those fees and costs refunded to them, in full and without

condition."

The complaint alleges the CSU system encouraged students to move off campus in light of the pandemic, and as such, students should receive fee refunds for any

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COVID-19: Global count of confirmed cases reaches over 3M

By **SARAH HAN**
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With ongoing concern and uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal Poly Pomona is considering a few possible scenarios for the upcoming fall semester, including returning to in-person instruction, partially remote/hybrid classes or proceeding with fully remote instruction.

According to the Office of Student Success, the university is following guidelines from health experts to make an appropriate decision. Though still in the process of finalizing a format for the fall 2020 semester, the Office of Student Success hopes to continue being flexible in response to the ever-changing situation while still providing a high-quality learning experience for students.

CPP is known for its “learn by doing” philosophy, however, fulfilling this standard has proven to be challenging during virtual instruction.

Students in activity-based classes still emphasize the need for the hands-on experience.

“If the virus goes away by then (fall semester), I wouldn’t mind having online lectures (for precautionary reasons) as long as I can practice what I’m learning through in-person labs,” said fourth-year biotechnology student Mariela Santillan.

In April, the U.S. Department of Education stated that CPP will be receiving \$30.9 million as part of the financial relief package from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, with around \$15.5 million designated for student emergency grants.

The university is currently in the process of finalizing methods for allocating the grants, according to a university-wide email sent by President Soraya M. Coley on April 30.

Under guidance from the federal government and the Cal State University (CSU) Chancellor’s Office, the university also announced two paid leave options for eligible employees, according to the Division of Administrative Affairs. Visit the CPP COVID-19 updates webpage for more information.

In response to students’ demand for partial tuition refunds, the university also stated that it will not be issuing a refund for students enrolled in courses for academic credit as fees are being used for the continuity of instruction through the virtual format, according to the CPP COVID-19 updates webpage. It added that it is following the “guidance of the CSU Chancellor’s Office governing tuition and mandatory fees.”

Students, however, filed a class-action lawsuit against the CSU and the University of California systems on April 27, demanding refunds on facility and on-campus service fees. CPP has not yet made any comments or modifications to the refund policies.

COVID-19 progress: Global

The global COVID-19 case count reached over 3 million — with the U.S. accounting for a third of all cases as of May 3 — according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

During a press briefing on April 27, President Donald Trump released a blueprint that aims to assist states in scaling up testing as they begin to lift stay-at-home orders. The blueprint outlines guidance on maximizing testing platforms and venues, the ability to timely monitor local outbreaks and the development of rapid response programs.

Trump added that he had a conference call with the governors and clarified that they had “everything they needed” in terms of testing and ventilators. According to the president, governors are delighted over the White House’s response to COVID-19.

“I would say that (the governors) are as thrilled as they can be, considering the fact that there has been so much unnecessary death in this country,” Trump said during the press briefing. “It could have been stopped, and it could have been stopped short. But somebody a long time ago, it seems, decided not to do it that way. And the whole world is suffering because of it — 184 countries at least.”

During the press briefing, the president also revealed that the administration is conducting “serious investigations” to hold China accountable for the spread of the

virus that “could have been stopped at the source.” Intelligence agencies — like the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency — are currently collecting data to investigate whether China and the World Health Organization (WHO) hid information during the earlier days of the emerging pandemic, officials familiar with the matter told NBC News.

On April 29, Trump told the reporters at the White House who asked about the investigation that information is “coming in” and that the administration is “not happy about it.”

“We are by far the largest contributors to WHO, and they misled us,” he told the reporters. “Right now, they’re literally a pipe organ for China. That’s the way I view it.”

On the same day, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus presented a timeline of the agency’s response to the pandemic since the report of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China on Dec. 30 of last year. In the media briefing, he explained that the WHO has acted quickly to warn the world.

“We sounded the alarm early, and we sounded it often,” Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. “We said repeatedly that the world had a window of opportunity to prepare and to prevent widespread community transmission.”

Though the investigations against China and WHO are ongoing, the U.S. intelligence community agrees with the scientific consensus that the virus was “not manmade or genetically modified,” according to a statement released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on April 30.

The intelligence community is continuing to further examine “whether the outbreak began through contact with infected animals or if it was the result of an accident at a laboratory in Wuhan,” according to the statement.

California

In California, there are 53,616 confirmed cases and 2,215 deaths as of May 3, according to the state Department of Public Health.

On April 28, Gov. Gavin Newsom

presented an outline of a four-stage reopening plan, urging all Californians to contribute in being a part of the solution. According to Newsom, the state is currently in stage one, practicing social distancing and working to increase testing capacity.

The governor said the state hopes to advance to the second stage in the next few weeks, which involves reopening some lower-risk workplaces with adaptations. In a press briefing, Newsom said the state is “a week or two away from significant modifications on our stay-at-home order” to begin the second phase in reopening the economy.

The governor also acknowledged a “learning loss” due to major disruptions in the education systems, and said the state is considering reopening schools for in-person instruction by late July. Newsom also suggested cutting the summer break short to begin the fall school year earlier than usual.

Newsom has also declared April 28, 2020 as “Workers’ Memorial Day” in California to honor frontline workers who lost their lives on the job. In the issued proclamation, the governor stated that the day will be a time to “renew our commitment to securing safe and healthy working conditions for all workers.”

Los Angeles County

In Los Angeles County, there are 25,662 confirmed cases and 1,229 deaths as of May 3, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. With more testing available, the curve has begun to flatten in the city, said Mayor Eric Garcetti during a press conference on April 27.

Garcetti also announced on April 29 that all L.A. County residents, with or without symptoms, may now be tested for COVID-19 at no cost.

“If you think you might have COVID-19, want the reassurance that you don’t, if you’ve been around people that you have seen with symptoms, get a test. We can do it,” Garcetti said during the press briefing.

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Resolution: Feminist Fight Club spearheads campaign for accessible healthcare

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resolution and co-president of the Feminist Fight Club Maya Aceytuno, a fourth-year communication student, explained her rationale for writing a resolution through ASI.

“We believed that an ASI resolution would show the administration that students want comprehensive reproductive healthcare and trans-inclusive healthcare,” Aceytuno said. “FFC has been working tirelessly to find solutions to our lack of services on campus. When we found out that other (California State Universities), like Fullerton, have a program for free birth control options, we knew that bringing this program to Cal Poly Pomona was necessary to provide students with the services they need on campus.”

As noted in the resolution, eight California State University campuses have already successfully applied for F-PACT funding including the nearby Fullerton, Los Angeles and San Bernardino campuses.

The resolution specifies if the university were to become an F-PACT provider, certain birth control services including Depo-Provera injections, Plan B emergency contraception and birth control pills would be free for eligible CPP students on campus.

Speaking on the importance of on-campus access to these services, Aceytuno said, “Redirecting healthcare services to off-campus care providers when these services can easily be provided on campus creates barriers for students trying to access reproductive and trans-inclusive healthcare.”

In addition to family planning services offered by F-PACT, the resolution also calls on the university to offer hormone replacement therapy, noting that all the University of California campuses have offered both hormone therapy and sexual reassignment surgery since 2013.

Similar to several provisions in the last resolution passed by ASI, this resolution generally compels ASI to advocate for campuswide change, but still relies on the university administration to implement it. However, this resolution does prompt direct action from ASI to market the Feminist Fight Club’s sexual education workshops and include those workshops as part of ASI’s student leader training.

The resolution was first discussed during an April 23 board meeting. In the meeting, Aceytuno spoke in favor of her resolution, saying, “I believe that expanding our reproductive health care services in student health care centers will promote student well-being and academic success.”

“Providing inclusive, comprehensive health care on campus will help keep our students safe and healthy. Increasing access to health care services will eliminate barriers that unjustly affect students of color, low-income students and first-generation college students,” Aceytuno said.

A week later, the resolution was up for a vote. Greek Council Senator-at-Large Rocio Antonio first motioned to approve the resolution and Collins College Senator and ASI President-Elect Lucy Yu seconded the motion. Finally, with no dissent from any



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ASI Senate members (pictured on Feb. 6) listened to students advocating for the university to implement F-PACT services in a meeting on April 30 via Zoom.

board member, the resolution passed unanimously.

ASI Attorney General and Vice President-Elect Manshaan Singh, a third-year environmental biology student, gave some insight into the process of passing a student-authored resolution.

“The process for reaching out to ASI for a resolution is pretty informal,” Singh said. “As far as I know, the Feminist Fight Club reached out to a few people within ASI with a resolution they had already written, so we brought it to the Rules and Policies Committee and tweaked it there. Then, brought it to the Board of Directors where it passed.”

When asked for his thoughts on the resolution’s passage, Singh said, “I think (the Feminist Fight Club representatives) have shown a great example of organic student activism, and I will definitely reach out to clubs and organizations in my role next year in the hopes of seeing more of this.”

With the resolution now passed, it is up to the university to decide if it applies for the F-PACT funding by the May 28 deadline outlined in the resolution.

However, Aceytuno cast doubt on the

administration applying by this date.

“I do not believe the school is even remotely near ready to apply this year,” Aceytuno said. “Before (the COVID-19 pandemic), FFC had asked for a meeting with the health center director and other administrators to discuss the school applying for F-PACT. They did not get back to us. That is why we needed the help of ASI and the resolution.”

Still, Aceytuno maintained her hope for the next year. “FFC will continue to keep the pressure on the administration now that the resolution has passed,” Aceytuno said.

“Next year, we want to have the meeting we asked for this year and expect to begin a continuous dialogue with the health center. Our biggest goal now is to find a way to provide better healthcare for our trans peers. None of the CSUs offer trans-inclusive health care — we hope to find a way to change that.”

The agendas and minutes for the ASI Board of Directors that provide information on the meetings can be found at <https://asi.cpp.edu/student-government/meetings/board-of-directors/>.

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LAWSUIT: Chancellor’s Office refutes lawsuit



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Students sued the CSU system April 27, calling for refunds for unused fees after campuses closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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unused portions of campus fees. Further, the complaint states because the CSU system has not offered to issue refunds to students, “CSU is, in essence, profiting from this pandemic.”
Mike Uhlenkamp, senior director of public affairs for the CSU Chancellor’s Office, refuted the complaint in an April 30 email, stating it “misstates the facts,” asserting that services “such as counseling, advising, faculty office hours, disability student services, and even telehealth medical care” are still being offered remotely.
Benjamin Ha, a first-year transfer business administration and accounting student, agrees that students should receive partial fee refunds for the facilities and services no longer being utilized.
“I get the fees the school collected for us is used to pay for the facilities.... But we can’t use those

facilities such as the gym and there aren’t any student activities on campus as well, so why don’t we get a refund for that?” Ha said.
“Many students have been financially impacted and the refunds can help students make rent payment, buy food, pay for utilities, and other essential needs. Instead the school is more worried about the paying for the facilities, when the CSU system has money in (its) reserve for economic impacts like this,” Ha said.
CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White confirmed in an April 6 interview with CalMatters that campus health centers and recreation centers still have mortgages that need to be paid, and therefore, mandatory fees associated with those facilities would not be refunded.
The complaint filed echoes Ha’s concerns. “CSU’s decision to transition to online classes and to

instruct students to leave campus were responsible decisions to make, but it is unfair and unlawful for CSU to retain fees and costs and to pass the losses on to the students and/or their families,” the complaint states.
The lawsuit does not specify the amount allegedly owed to students.
Adam Levitt, co-counsel for plaintiffs, stated this information would be determined in the discovery phase.
According to Uhlenkamp, “CSU will vigorously defend against this suit.”
A copy of the full complaint can be viewed at <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/6879201/Miller-Akayla-FILED-Complaint-CSU-4-27-2020.pdf>.
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Christina Gonzales appointed Vice President of Student Affairs

By **ALEXANDRA WILDER**
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On April 20, Cal Poly Pomona President Soraya M. Coley announced via a campuswide email the appointment of Christina M. Gonzales as the vice president of student affairs. With over 20 years of experience, Gonzales is bringing a new perspective to CPP that will help the institution grow.

Since the end of the 2019 fall semester, a committee of students and faculty formed to meet candidates for the position and hear why they would be suitable for CPP. In the last month leading up to Gonzales' appointment, the committee held meetings via Zoom due to the precautions surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

"I am grateful for Dr. Sullivan's leadership since June and look forward to working for and supporting Vice President Gonzales soon," said Tari Hunter, director of the Office of Student Life & Cultural Centers.

Associated Students, Inc. President Pasindu Senaratne, a fourth-year business management student, was one of the students serving on the committee.

"I thought Christina had the best interview by far," Senaratne said. "From the beginning, she could tell you her goals and how she measures her success with results. That is the type of mentality that I prefer to have."

Gonzales will be replacing Dr. Eileen Sullivan who served as the interim vice president for student affairs. Sullivan has over 25 years of experience in higher education administration. The Poly Post reached out to Sullivan regarding her future plans, however did not receive a response in time for publication.

Gonzales, a first-generation college graduate, grew up in a rural town in New Mexico. Her parents worked hard with an eighth-grade education, and fought for equal rights, equal pay and equal benefits for others within their community. It was her father, a World War II veteran and copper miner, who had the most



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Christina Gonzales will start her new position as Vice President of Student Affairs on July 1.

influence on her going to college.

"He thought education was very important and going to school was important, even though he did not know what that meant," Gonzales said. "He was always supportive. He told me to get the education you need, and that will open doors for you."

After completing her Bachelor of Science at Western New Mexico University and receiving her Master of Arts in education management and development from New Mexico State University, Gonzales worked at Arizona State University (ASU), UC Berkeley, and University of Colorado, Boulder. Before working at ASU, her first job was at Rio Salado, a small community college in Arizona.

"I've had most jobs where I really worked my way up," Gonzales said. "I was (at ASU) for about 11 years,

and I had a lot of promotions and was given a lot of opportunities to do special projects. It gave me a lot of experience."

When the associate dean of students position at Berkeley was posted, Gonzales knew the change was good for her because it was a new chance to learn and move up.

Gonzales experienced a lot of activism on social issues and found it as a great opportunity to work with students to overcome their frustrations and issues. After Berkeley, she went to Boulder for a little over seven years, serving as the vice chancellor for student affairs.

"With CPP, the whole mission of learning and getting experience while you're a student is amazing," Gonzales said. "When I saw the vision that the president has set moving forward just in terms of student success, especially for first-generation students and low-income students, that really spoke to my heart."

As vice president of student affairs at CPP, her goal is to help and support students so they can finish their degrees and make their mark in the world.

Terri Gomez, associate vice president for the Office of Student Success, served as the chair of the committee for interviews.

Gomez spoke highly of Gonzales, acknowledging that she has held critical roles at a number of institutions that correlate to CPP.

"She's a seasoned leader with a tremendous amount of experience," Gomez said. "She has served (at) a lot of institutions across the country, and I think that sort of depth of experience is going to serve our campus well."

Gonzales' goal when she gets to campus is to familiarize herself with the campus and student life to form a connection with CPP and help students to the best of her abilities.

Gonzales will start her new position at CPP July 1.

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AGRIscapes provides virtual field trips for students at home

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Spring is one of the busiest times of the year for AGRIscales. Hundreds of students, parents and teachers from local schools visit the AGRIscales Discovery Farm to explore and learn about agriculture in a fun and interactive way. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all field trips and events planned for the spring semester have been canceled.

AGRIscapes is an educational outreach branch of the Huntley College of Agriculture that aims to provide a hands-on learning experience for the surrounding community. According to an AGRIscales press release, “more than 10,000 schoolchildren and parents visited AGRIscales for field trips this past fall” and more visitors were expected this spring.

The agriculture outreach center’s popular spring event “Spring FUN on the Farm” — where visitors have the chance to pet farm animals, ride the antique tractor hayride, pick berries and visit the children’s garden — is usually hosted during March, April and May.



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AGRIscapes has made an effort to continue its tradition of promoting educational experiences for students amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the unusual circumstances, AGRIscales has managed to bring the field trip experience to children remotely. The program now offers “Virtual Field Trips,” an online learning and resource center for participants to enjoy at home.

Every week, a new lesson is uploaded on the website based on farm-related subjects from the Discovery Farm field trips. Each lesson is filled with fun, interactive activities about each week’s topic such as informational videos, quizzes, worksheets, games and coloring pages. Some activities include

downloadable sheets, such as word searches, bingos and crossword puzzles for students to print out.

There are six lessons in total and students receive a badge each time they complete a lesson. Once they have obtained all six badges, they become a certified junior farmer at Discovery Farm. Since their first lesson was posted on April 17, the “Virtual Field Trips” have attracted about 1,200 viewers.

So far, the outreach center has produced three lessons about insects, plants and farm animals. The center expects to post three more

lessons every Monday for the next three weeks.

If students and visitors want to learn even more, the program also includes additional resources on agriculture education.

“We hope children, teachers and parents enjoy using these materials,” said Craig Walters, the AGRIscales director. “And hopefully they’ll be able to come back to our Discovery Farm sometime soon.”

In addition to its field trips, AGRIscales has also canceled multiple popular events it holds during the spring, such as the egg hunt, strawberry picking and

spring harvest dinner.

The Farm Store, however, is still open for business. Shoppers must adhere to social distancing rules by staying six feet away from others and wearing a face mask. Visitors are asked not to bring reusable shopping bags and will be provided with disposable bags at no extra cost.

For more updates and information on AGRIscales, check out Instagram @cppagriscales or visit the website at cpp.edu/~agriscales.

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Students share their summer plans amid COVID-19 pandemic

Summertime days filled with new adventures are exactly what students need once social distancing is over. After a few months of quarantine, Cal Poly Pomona students eagerly make plans for the summer in hopes that life can feel normal again.



Kirsten Zesati | Second-year english student

“I was going to go visit my brother in South Korea, but due to COVID-19 I am no longer able to travel internationally, which is okay because I am very grateful that my family has been in great health. So hopefully I can do more local road trips with some of my close friends from home. I think a trip we are going to try doing this summer is camping in Central California. Hopefully once everything opens, we can book a camping spot.”



Emanuel Campos | Fourth-year history student

“I look forward to quarantine being over and being able to travel out of state. I want to travel within the U.S. and outside of it too. Before the school year starts in the fall, I want to travel to Mexico. I plan on going to where my parents are from and staying out there for about a week. My cousins and I are planning a trip there, so it would be nice to go see our grandparents and other family there.”



Jessica Youssef | First-year psychology student

“The thing I was looking forward to most this summer was going back to my country, Egypt. I wanted to visit my family, see the pyramids and revisit my childhood. Unfortunately, I don’t think that will work out because of what is going on. Now, I’m looking forward to the end of summer so we can go back to school in the fall.”



Amy Gilbert | First-year construction and engineering management student

“My plans for this summer include remodeling my room and learning how to cook. I think the space we spend most of our time in should reflect healthy habits – not staying in bed, keeping organized, etc. While buying new furniture is not exactly an option, I will be repainting and reformatting (my room).”



David Devereaux | Fourth-year communication student

“I want to go out and party. I want to go to the beach or a good car show, but mostly I want to burn my damn mask. Every mask, no matter how well designed, are a special kind of annoying, and I will not miss having to remember to bring it with me any time I go somewhere.”



Keshet Weinstein | First-year pure mathematics master’s student

“This summer I am looking forward to working for the Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM) program as a counselor/(teacher’s assistant) for their Los Angeles BEAM Discovery site. I get to work with mathematically gifted middle school students on their advanced math course work as a one-on-one tutor and as an in-class assistant while also being a mentor.”

What summer movie season?

By **ANDY FOREMAN**
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With theaters across most of the world closed indefinitely, the 2020 summer movie season is going to look much different than we all anticipated. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the way the film industry distributes its movies, and it could very well be that the standard movie industry that we all had grown accustomed to may never return in its entirety.

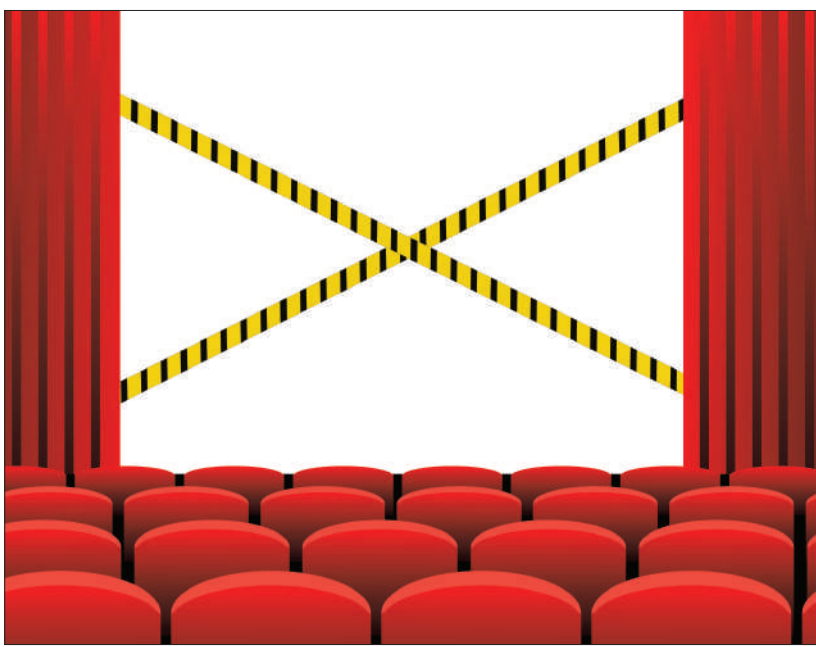
This year's biggest movie debuts have been pushed back to later dates, either in the fall or to the next year entirely. Films like "Black Widow," "Wonder Woman 1984" and "A Quiet Place Part II" have all been postponed, leaving the summer movie season as barren as the theaters they were going to be shown in.

There are a few holdouts, with films like Christopher Nolan's "Tenet" and Denis Villeneuve's "Dune" maintaining their original release dates. However, the likelihood of these films actually keeping those dates has been thrown further and further into question as the pandemic rages on.

Even films that were scheduled for a fall 2020 release have been delayed, such as the "Venom" sequel starring Tom Hardy and Woody Harrelson. The film was originally scheduled for October of this year, but will now be released in June of 2021, according to Deadline Hollywood.

Many of the industry's biggest and most anticipated movies of the next few years have also been postponed, due to productions shutting down with the increased need for social distancing.

Matt Reeves' "The Batman," a reboot of the popular superhero franchise, was forced to shut down its production in the United Kingdom. Fans later learned the film's original release date, June 25, 2021, would not be met. Deadline Hollywood reports that the film is now expected to be released on Oct. 1 of the same year.



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For film franchises such as the Marvel Cinematic Universe, this has thrown an even bigger complication into their lineup of movies. Because the Marvel Cinematic Universe is so heavily steeped in continuity and the films are all tied so closely together in terms of plot, the release order of the movies is critical because they all build off of each other.

With the "Black Widow" delay, The Wrap has reported that Marvel has been forced to delay all of its forthcoming projects to accommodate it. Movies like "The Eternals," "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" and "Thor: Love and Thunder" have all shifted their release dates as a result. Some films have even been pushed back as far as 2022, such as Sam Raimi's "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness."

With theaters shut down and no new major films being released for the immediate future, many studios have turned to the streaming option as a way of distributing their movies.

Although they did have a theatrical run before the theater closures, films like "The Invisible Man" and "Bloodshot" became available for streaming within weeks of their release. This is much earlier than the traditional home

media and digital release, which often occurs a few months after a film's theatrical run. The release of "Trolls: World Tour" was also adjusted to accommodate for the theater shutdown, with the Verge reporting that the film has made nearly \$100 million in streaming and digital sales.

If this strategy of releasing tentpole films digitally proves successful, studios may be incentivized to consider downplaying the theatrical release or skip it entirely.

This would be a major blow for the theater industry, and a massive shift in how the audience experiences these films.

Even the Academy Awards are being adjusted due to the theater shutdowns. According to the Hollywood Reporter, films will not have to be screened in theaters to qualify for competition this season.

The longer the COVID-19 pandemic lasts, the more of an effect on the film industry it will have.

Depending on how long projects are delayed and how long productions are shut down, we could be looking at a very different film industry when all this is over.

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Getting ready for finals from home

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For the first time ever, Cal Poly Pomona students are preparing for finals week during a global pandemic. The library remains closed as social distancing regulations are still in place and CPP students are forced to find alternative ways to study away from campus.

The end of the semester is near, and this is no time to fall short. It's time to finish the semester strong and proud. Here are some ways students can study more effectively.

Make sure to eat healthy foods

Whether one believes that food plays a role in studying, the reality is it does.

According to the educational website Brainscape, "When it comes to studying for exams and optimizing your brain and body for exam day, consuming the right foods for the occasion is particularly important."

Eating a healthy and balanced diet is essential for the human body. Foods such as blueberries, spinach, almonds, bananas and sweet potatoes are among the noted foods known to provide benefits to the brain.

Caffeinate

Ideally, students should get enough sleep to take on a busy day, but that does not always happen. That is where caffeine comes in.

Based on an article on Healthline's website,

"Caffeine promotes central nervous system stimulation, making you feel alert."

Feeling alert plays an important role during finals week. If a student does not feel lively, the student is less likely to remember the information being studied. Perhaps a cup of joe, espresso, tea or any caffeinated beverage could contribute to enhancing vital study time.

Put together a study guide

A study guide should always be a staple in students' studying routine. If the professor does not provide a study guide, it is a good idea to create one. Writing out all the information that is needed to pass an exam should be the first step in studying for finals.

However, many professors do provide a study guide for students, giving an idea of what will be on the test. It is up to the student to make sure the study guide is complete with the correct answers to ensure useful study time.

You could also create flashcards or practice tests once the study guide is complete for extra practice.

Utilize Zoom study groups

Zoom has taken over colleges and schools everywhere. As students adjust to classes being transferred online, Zoom is the new classroom for many professors and students.

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Birthday celebrations under quarantine don't have to be so bad

By **AMBER LI**
Staff Writer

Spending birthdays stuck at home might not be what people had in mind when 2020 began. With the statewide stay-at-home order in place, celebrations must be carried out adhering to social distancing standards with other public health recommendations in mind.

While socially distant birthday celebrations might not be ideal, there are still plenty of ways to have fun from a safe distance.

"Improvising by maybe doing Zoom calls or other ways of online communication is a great way to share your birthday with friends and family," first-year mechanical engineering student Yongmin Lee said.

Lee's birthday is only two months from now, and he expects the shelter-in-place order to be lifted by then. However, in case he has to spend it at home, he knows he won't have to stress too much about parties.

"(I can) cook and eat dinner with my family and hang out with friends through Discord," Lee said.

Celebrating birthdays through virtual video formats is not an unusual idea during this time of uncertainty, but many are also celebrating by having their friends and family drive by their residences to share birthday wishes. However, with final exams coming up, some students may be too busy to focus on celebrations.

"To be honest, I think my friends are all stuck home because of finals, so it's chill



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since we talk online anyway," said Allison Chen, a second-year computer science student.

Chen is used to having her birthday in the midst of

finals season in May. With her birthday during exams season, her plans aren't changing very radically from before the stay-at-home order.

"I guess it sucks (that my birthday is spent in quarantine). But to be honest, I would probably celebrate nearly the same way because of finals," Chen said. "I'd probably just get cake and be done because finals are coming up and there's nowhere to go anyway."

For now, her plans are to focus on finals and celebrate both the end of the semester and her birthday by sleeping for a week. Spending birthdays while sheltering in place can be a way to strengthen the bond with family members without an extravagant celebration.

"I do know a small handful of people who had their birthdays during quarantine," second-year computer information systems student Matthew Anderson said. "Despite the restrictions, they all seemed not to (be) disappointed. They all mostly had small family stuff at their homes."

Celebrating at home can be just as fun through video calls, Netflix parties, virtual museum tours and drive-by festivities.

For those who are yearning for a night out in the city, the best thing to do would be to wait until after the stay-at-home order is lifted to celebrate.

"It's not like quarantine will last forever — I hope," Anderson said.

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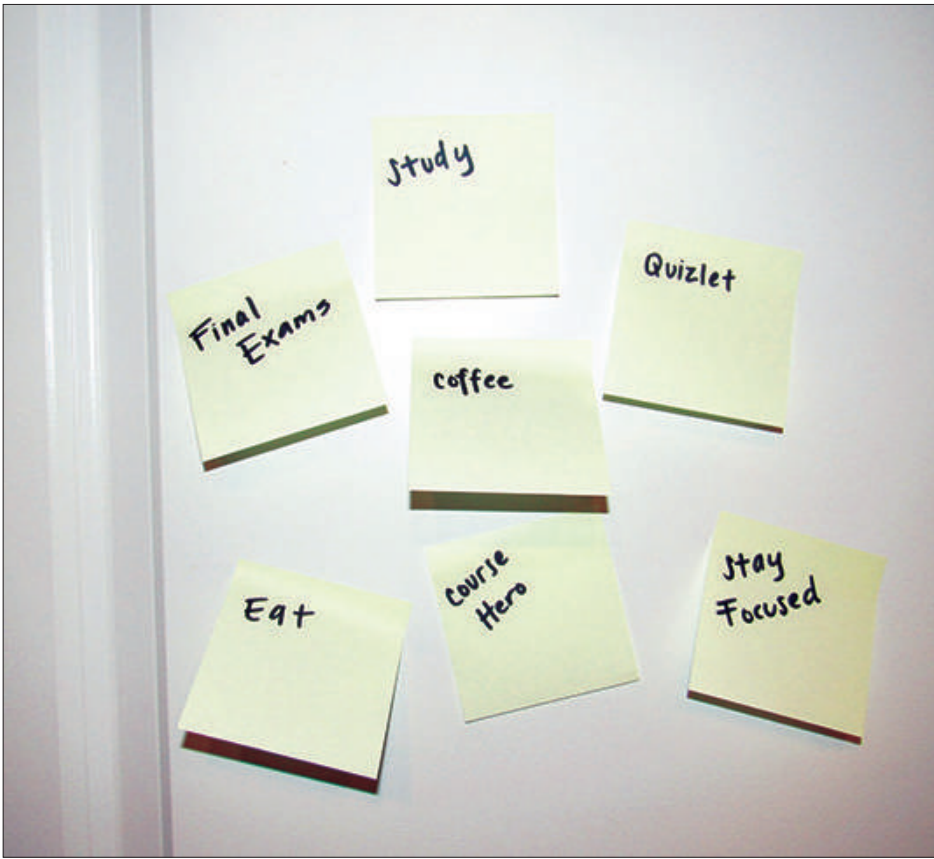
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Finding the right study habits that work for you to practice during this time can make a huge difference in your performance.

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As social distancing regulations are still in place, students are unable to meet with study groups in person to enhance the study experience.

This platform provides students with the opportunity to share their screen, making it easier to study in groups.

Use Quizlet as a resource

Quizlet is a great way to study for upcoming exams. There are many ways to practice the information needed to ace those upcoming tests. Quizlet offers virtual flashcards, multiple choice practice tests and much more.

In order to utilize this site, students have to make an account and input their study material to create the virtual practice tests, flashcards and more.

Practice Repetition

There's nothing quite like repetition. Think about not knowing any words to a new song on the radio but then the song is played continuously, the words become implanted in your brain, making them hard to forget.

Making flashcards and studying them over and over is an old study trick. The information needed to pass that final becomes common knowledge when it is repeated.

Take breaks

Remember to take breaks in between studying to avoid overloading the brain with too much information at once. Grabbing a bite to eat or taking a quick walk in between study times can be an essential way to recharge the brain for more studying.

Third-year history

student Haley Schmidt has been adjusting to the new social distancing requirements and quarantine regulations. She normally studies for finals in the library during the extended hours offered for finals week, but this semester will be a new experience for her and many other CPP students.

"I will have to make a change in my studying plan, because this time I'm on my own. Studying at home is not the same as studying at the library," Schmidt said.

Finals week can be stressful, especially during such an uncertain time. With these finals week suggestions, students should be able to find a good start to ending the semester strong.

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Money matters during COVID-19 pandemic

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Prior to the COVID-19 global pandemic, life was simple. I lived a simple routine that included work, school, spending time with friends and family, and occasionally treating myself. And by treating myself I mean placing several Amazon orders (of things I don't really need), buying drinks at bars, going out to eat and buying video games.

As a contract worker, working at a country club has never felt slow or put me in a position where I was desperate for more hours. As long as the sun was shining, there were consistent weddings, corporate events or parties going on. The hours, flexibility and pay were exactly what I needed to sustain my simple lifestyle and schoolwork.

That was before COVID-19.

Once social distancing orders were put into place, the work stopped. All events were canceled to remain compliant with the state ordinance. My coworkers and I were left without gigs and for some of us, without income. It has been over a month since my last paycheck, and I was not eligible for a stimulus check.

Given the circumstances and the severity of COVID-19, I see the bigger picture and understand the reasons social distancing orders have been put in place, but I have come to realize that even my simple lifestyle wasn't sustainable at the rate I spent money back then.

After being home for some weeks now, I realized I could and should have been saving a large chunk of my paychecks. I was in a position (thankfully) where saving money would have not lessened my quality of life or health, yet I still failed to realize how important it is to be smart with money.

The COVID-19 outbreak has taught me how to live a minimalistic lifestyle and save all my pennies.

The majority of my spending happened at dine-in and drive-thru restaurants. Whether it was pizza several times a week, burgers, steak or seafood, I realized most of my checks went to food. I've learned over the past weeks that I can make the majority of food that I pay for at home for a fraction of the cost.

As the stay-at-home orders continue, I am learning new ways to save money and make do with what I have. The world changed, and I wasn't ready. I learned it is never too late to start saving, and it is important to save money, especially for those who can do so very easily.

Stay safe, healthy and save your money.

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Coronavirus can't take away my moment

By **JANNETT DIAZ**
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What a short, but long road it has been as a student at Cal Poly Pomona.

Being a senior and finishing my educational career without a ceremony to celebrate my accomplishment because of COVID-19 precautions is not what I expected.

I have waited for this moment like everyone else, who put in the time and work to complete all the required courses in order to reach graduation and the moment to shine. Will I get that moment? Yes; yes I will.

As a first-generation college student, I will have my moment to shine with my family and loved ones.

Everything I have accomplished to reach this point will not be taken away.

I will leave my mark here at CPP and take away all the learning experiences and friendships I gained along the way.

Being a transfer student from El Camino Community College, I had a plan to continue my educational career in order to obtain my bachelor's degree in communication.



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Logging into my portal in spring 2018 and finding out I was admitted was an incomparable joy because this campus opened doors for me.

At first, entering a new school as a junior made me feel a step behind by not knowing where each building was or how parking worked.

I asked myself, "Will I fail at being a university student?"

I doubted whether

I would be able to complete all my requirements and not lose my shot at being successful.

Eventually, I knew CPP was the right choice as I met peers with similar journeys as mine and I felt a sense of belonging.

College is not meant to be gone through alone.

After I graduate, my goal is to pass along my experience to college students who

are first-generation and unsure of college.

I leave feeling accomplished and knowing every moment that comes after graduation will be a reflection of my time at Pomona.

Without my degree, there will be no doors to knock on and no dream job to chase.

I will miss walking by the rose garden, always taking my lunch break at

the marketplace, walking over to university park to see what events were happening during U-hour and sitting down under a tree while listening to music, waiting for class to start.

But I leave carrying my green and gold memories with me with me because I am a Bronco for life even if graduation was postponed.

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The possible world after lockdowns

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The world never does go 100% back to the way things were after a huge crisis ends. Some remnants of the tough times linger and become part of the new normal.

As COVID-19 spreads, governments of the world have done everything they possibly can to slow it down while scientists study the virus and work on a vaccine for it. America is no exception since measures such as closing schools, nonessential businesses and international borders have been enacted.

And that's not even half of the actions being taken during lockdown.

America has never reacted so extremely to a pandemic. However, since America currently has the highest amount of COVID-19 fatalities, there is good reason for such reactions and safety measures. Dates are given for when restrictions will end, but those tend to be rescheduled depending on new COVID-19 developments. Although it's impossible to know when restrictions, lockdowns and quarantines will finally end, I do have some theories on what life will be like once it happens.

People will be required to wear masks when they are sick.

This is the one I hope will stick with us once the pandemic ends. It really does help to wear

these when you're sick. It may not keep you from contracting an illness, but it'll keep you from infecting anyone else. It's a safety measure that's encouraged in Japan and more regions in East Asia. I say it's about time it became protocol for America and everywhere else. Please let me be right about this one.

Social distancing will still be encouraged.

Although stores may stop requiring people to line up outside the entrance and be let in in groups, there will still be encouragement to keep a fair distance away from other shoppers. Currently, the distance is set at six feet, but I think it'll be lowered to either three or four feet after the pandemic is done. That puts enough distance between people to mitigate germ spread yet keeps them close enough together to prevent a line from getting too long.

Certain nonessential businesses will cease to exist.

This applies only to local stores that don't belong to a chain. I enjoy a great many of those places, so it makes me sad to say they could be gone by the time stay-at-home orders are lifted.

It depends on how financially stable the owners are (with or without the CARES act). If they were struggling, then I'm afraid the pre-lockdown times are the last we'll ever see of them.

Public establishments will have stricter occupancy limits placed on them.

One of the biggest reasons COVID-19 infected as many people as it did is because of high occupancy and crowded events. Many such events had to be canceled to avoid repeating this mistake. Anime Expo and San Diego Comic Con were two such events and when they return, they'll likely be required to severely limit the maximum attendance per day. If this one comes true, these events' management companies would be wise to extend the amount of days they're going to be held, or have them occur more than once a year. That way, anyone who wants to go will not miss out.

Schools should reopen in August.

The current term is on track to finish on the originally scheduled date despite switching to online classes.

This eliminates any need for the next term to start during summer vacation's usual time, as Gov. Gavin Newsom has suggested for K-12 public schools. Plus, starting in July is much too soon to pack students into a closed space just for education.

None of these should be taken as gospel, but we should nonetheless expect a new normal once lockdowns are lifted.

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Broncos prepare for upcoming fall season

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In the 2019 season, both Cal Poly Pomona soccer teams found success and finished strong in the CCAA. The men finished second in the CCAA standings. For the upcoming 2020 season, both teams look to replicate their success.

With an overall record of 13-5-3 and a national ranking at No. 25, the women's soccer team had one of its best seasons in years, finishing third in the CCAA. The men finished second in the CCAA with a record of 12-5-3 and secured the CCAA tournament championship. Both teams advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament.

Last season, the men's team welcomed first-year head coach Matt O'Sullivan. In his first year, his team won the CCAA tournament and made it to the NCAA tournament before falling in the semifinal match of the West Region Tournament.

O'Sullivan is graduating 11 seniors, including first-team All-American and Most Valuable Player Jimmie Villalobos, as well as All-Conference players Jason Ramos and Cyro Oliveira. O'Sullivan is hopeful to have a season in spite of these uncertain times during the coronavirus pandemic. He and his team are cautiously optimistic and preparing to have another successful season following the long



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Midfielder Eduardo Faria will be a senior in the upcoming season. He was the second-leading scorer during the 2019 season, with eight goals, earning All-CCAA First Team honors.



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The women's soccer team lost seven players to graduation but will have a total of 12 upperclassmen on the squad for the 2020 season.

winning tradition of CPP men's soccer.

Despite losing 11 seniors, O'Sullivan is bringing in 16 new players, half of them being upperclassmen. He will also have key players coming back from last season, as well as injured players who will be recovered by the time the season starts back up.

"We lost a lot of

starters, but we also have quite a lot coming back," O'Sullivan said. "Eduardo Faria, Garret Jensen and Omer Green played almost every minute. Jordan Aldama is a big player for us. He's our goalkeeper."

O'Sullivan thinks his team is in a good position. He is excited about the new players coming in next season

but believes the group in place right now is already strong.

"Unfortunately, we didn't get to see them really develop themselves in the spring because we didn't get a spring," O'Sullivan said.

Spring or no spring, their goal remains the same: they want to win the CCAA conference and make a run in the

NCAA tournament in the coming season.

"We have certain expectations, and the program has a strong history of going a long way in the NCAA tournament," O'Sullivan said.

"We didn't go as far as we wanted last year, and I know the guys will be ready to take that challenge on again next

year."

After losing seven players, the women's soccer team welcomed six new players, four of which are freshmen and two transfers. The Broncos' head coach Jay Mason believes that his team's success next season will be mainly because of the group's experience and chemistry.

"We return three of our five All-Region selections as well as seven of our nine All-Conference selections, so I think the team now having the experience they have this year and building some confidence will benefit us to do great things next season," Mason said.

"I'm excited. We're going to be experienced. We're going to have 12 upperclassmen on the team so the leadership will be strong."

With the team being unable to train together, team captain and senior defender Taylor Rasmussen believes that the biggest struggle next season will be to bring everyone back into the right mindset.

She is embracing her role as a leader and is focused on helping her teammates get through the hard times.

"Communication is key, so I think that if I can increase that aspect of my play and keep that going forward, I think that will lift everyone's energy," Rasmussen said. "Overall, if I can lead by example, it's going to make everyone else want to do the same thing too."

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Volleyball team stays connected during COVID-19

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There is no official date as to when sports will return due to COVID-19; however, Cal Poly Pomona's volleyball team continues to prepare for the start of its season in the fall. Although the Broncos cannot practice with each other, they are working on themselves individually and connecting via online methods.

Head coach Traci Dahl has implemented many ways to keep her team mentally active and bonding so they do not drift apart from one another. She conducts a Zoom meeting every Monday to communicate with her team and has even celebrated a birthday through Zoom to keep spirits up and to have fun together.

"(The team's) spirits are better. They're in routine and really focused on their academics, so that's been nice to see," Dahl said. "I honestly think we could come out of this a better team, and when we do return to campus, it's almost like we never left because we spent so much time



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The women's volleyball team ended its 2019 campaign with a conference record of 6-11 and an overall record of 8-16.

together in the spring season on Zoom or on the phone ... just getting to know each other on a different level versus just volleyball."

Dahl assigned the book "The Power of a Positive Team" by Jon Gordon to each team member for the team to read during the week and discuss during the Zoom meetings. Dahl trusts that the book can help her team reflect and understand what a positive team desires and requires.

"It's kind of like a book club in a sense, but it's all about how

to build a really good, positive, accountable type (of) team and I think everybody's getting something out of it," Dahl said.

Even though the group has been practicing virtual team building, they are looking forward to getting back to the game.

"We want to be able to play our conference games, have a season and get back to some kind of normalcy," Dahl said. "I'm very confident in the team coming back. We're still really young, but we're really talented,

so it's going to be an exciting year."

From a player's perspective, sophomore outside hitter Jazmin Parrish has been practicing on her own and with her siblings to stay active. She said the team is building great chemistry through its calls and meetings and keeps each other updated by doing so. From her reading, she gravitated toward the quote, "Team beats talent when talent isn't a team" and is planning on taking that with her throughout the season. Parrish led her

team with 303 kills last season and is pushing herself to repeat this statistic and win more games for her team.

"I think the team that we have now without the recruits has good culture and when the recruits come in, I'm pretty sure we're going to keep that culture and are going to have a successful season," Parrish said.

"We might play a limited amount of games, so let's not take it for granted. My expectation is that we play our hardest, stay on our game and stay motivated

during this time."

Junior setter Kira Zimmerman says that the team is still communicating through social media outlets as well as weekly Zoom meetings. This is their way of staying connected during these unprecedented times.

Zimmerman hasn't let this quarantine stop her from working hard. She has been getting as much practice in as she can to make sure she is ready to go once they can return to playing. She is very excited for how her team will compete next season.

"The team is looking pretty good," Zimmerman said. "We had a lot of great players for our spring season this year, so we were sad to see that come to an end. But we are bringing in some very athletic freshmen to only further enhance what we have now."

Zimmerman stated next year's team will be very experienced and very strong. "I'm super excited for next season and everyone is preparing now so we can achieve all of our goals," Zimmerman said.

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High hopes for 2020 cross country team

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The 2020 California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) cross country season may seem far away right now, but the men and women's teams have already begun their preparation for the upcoming fall season.

Even with the season's future being uncertain due to COVID-19, the Cal Poly Pomona (CPP) cross country team hopes to not let the pandemic get in the way of its legacy.

The women's cross country team will bring back five out of its seven members from the 2019 squad, a team that finished third in the CCAA Championship, sixth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) West Regional Championship and secured a spot in the NCAA Championships.

The men's team has big aspirations as well. They finished fourth in the CCAA and second at the NCAA West Regional Championship, earning them a trip to the NCAA Championships. The men's team graduated three seniors.

Luz Garcia, a third-year psychology student, has made it a priority to take care of business and keep her team's goals in sight as motivation.

"Preparing for the upcoming season has been a challenge having to train alone. It has been important to stay positive despite the circumstances and keep the legs rolling," Garcia said.

Garcia said she is excited about returning with all but two of her teammates.

Vicent Sarino, a second-year kinesiology student, is making sure he does his part to prepare for the big goals



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The women's cross country team kicked off its 2019 season at the Cougar Challenge in San Marcos. The team placed fourth out of seven other teams.

his team plans to achieve in the upcoming season.

"My mindset is that if I can keep my routine when the motivation is low, then the transition into the busy season will be seamless," Sarino said.

"I'm always asking myself, 'What can I do to be better than I was yesterday?' and look at it as having a chance to refine my skills and toolset."

With high hopes going into the new

season, head coach Chris Bradford said he is taking advantage of the amount of time he has to recruit since under normal circumstances, he would still be in the middle of coaching the track and field season. He referred to this as a possible "silver lining" for the cross country team.

He has found recruiting this year to be a unique challenge but also found positive ways to recruit such as through Zoom meetings and virtual tours of the CPP campus.

"(Recruiting) is different, but the underlying things are still the same," Bradford said.

"We're still identifying great student-athletes and talking to them about the great university we have, the great program and just going through that process."

Besides recruiting, Bradford has tried to

plan and prepare as much as possible even with the high level of uncertainty for what is to come next season.

He emphasized that there is "a lot still up in the air," but he is still looking into the competitions the teams will attend.

All the preparations, such as training programs in the works, can change any day due to the coronavirus, but Bradford and his teams are keeping a bright outlook.

Practices are currently scheduled to start about a week to 10 days before the school year starts.

Bradford hopes the momentum for this strong team continues and expects nothing but great things for the Broncos' upcoming 2020 season.

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