

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Savoring Moments, Nourishing Souls

As a young girl, I remember walking down to the store hand-in-hand with my mother and grandmother. I remember wandering down the aisles, carefully picking out the produce I would later help wash and prepare in our family's kitchen. I remember the smells and sounds of our collective cooking. And most of all, I remember the stories and lessons passed down to me through the love we poured into every meal.

We associate so many of our happiest memories with food. From intimate meals with friends to birthday dinners with loved ones to those special occasions that we capture in photographs and look back on years later, food plays an essential part in our lives, happiness and well-being.

Without food, without farmers and chefs, food scientists and restaurateurs, sommeliers, and supply chain experts, our lives would simply be less joyful. Our homes, less happy. Our birthdays, less celebratory.

I, along with the entire Cal Poly Pomona community, understand the importance of food and hospitality and we look forward to sharing these stories with you in this issue of CPP Magazine. Our students, graduates and members of the Cal Poly Pomona family not only feed our state and nation, but unite us in making memories that last a lifetime.

Thank you all for being a part of our flourishing Cal Poly Pomona family.

Sincerely,  
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# CALIFORNIA TASTEMAKERS

## Broncos Elevate Food & Beverage Culture



SingleThread  
HEALDSBURG



Roche Winery  
SONOMA



Gentleman Farmer  
NAPA



Longevity Wines  
LIVERMORE



Din Tai Fung  
ARCADIA



Plant Based Paradise  
SAN DIMAS



Sycamore Vineyard & Winery  
CRESTLINE



Scoops on Tap  
COVINA



Beyond Meat  
EL SEGUNDO



Al Pastor Taquería  
MONTCLAIR



Klatch Coffee  
RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Whether it be wine, fine dining, coffee or ice cream, Cal Poly Pomona alumni and students have long served as tastemakers in the world of California food and drink.

A sibling duo operates a family-owned taqueria in Montclair, while a pair of sisters is growing a Southern California coffee chain. In downtown Napa, an alumni couple combine their love of winemaking and food to create an unforgettable "studio" experience.

Bronco tastemakers use their education and career experiences in business, hospitality and dining to make an impact on global restaurant brands, such as Din Tai Fung, as well as home-grown startups. They are blending their talents, new ideas and desire to serve others to create the perfect recipe for success.