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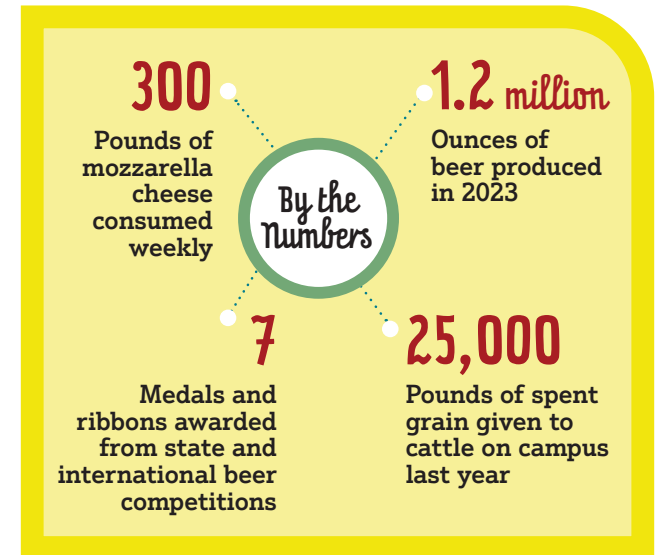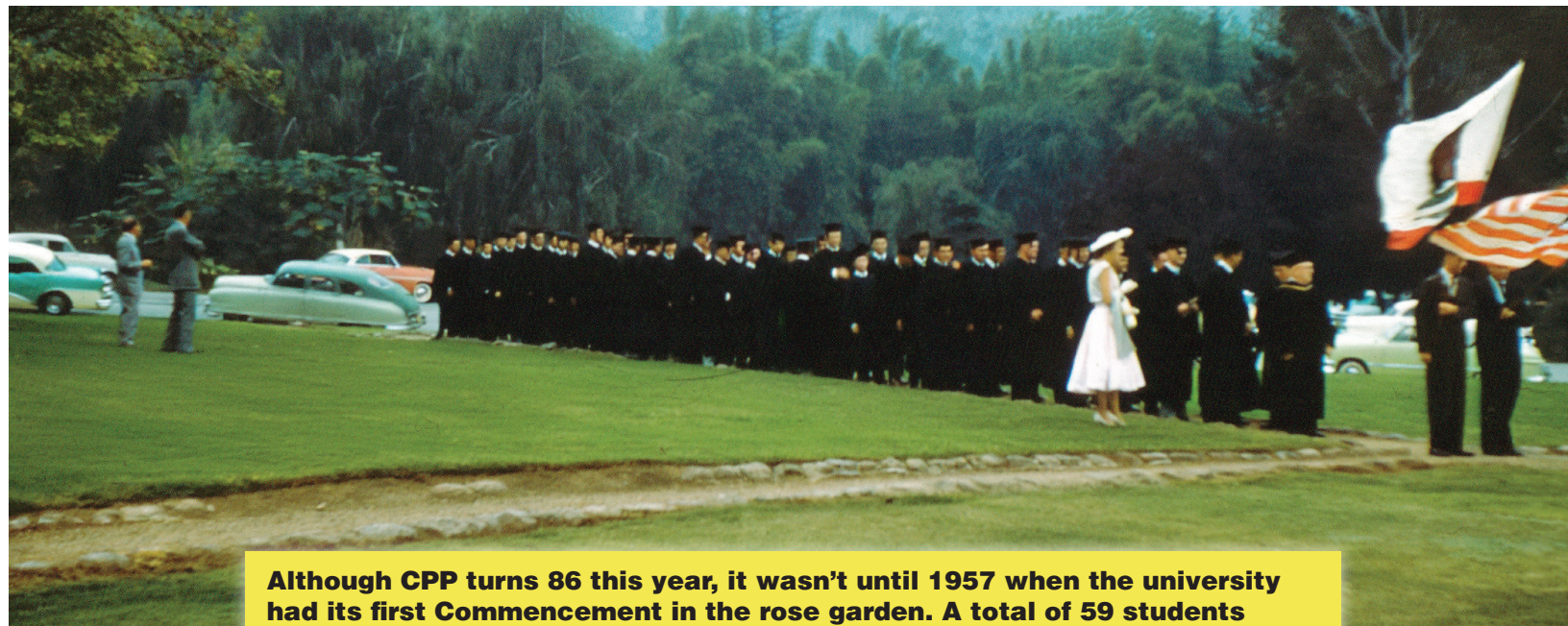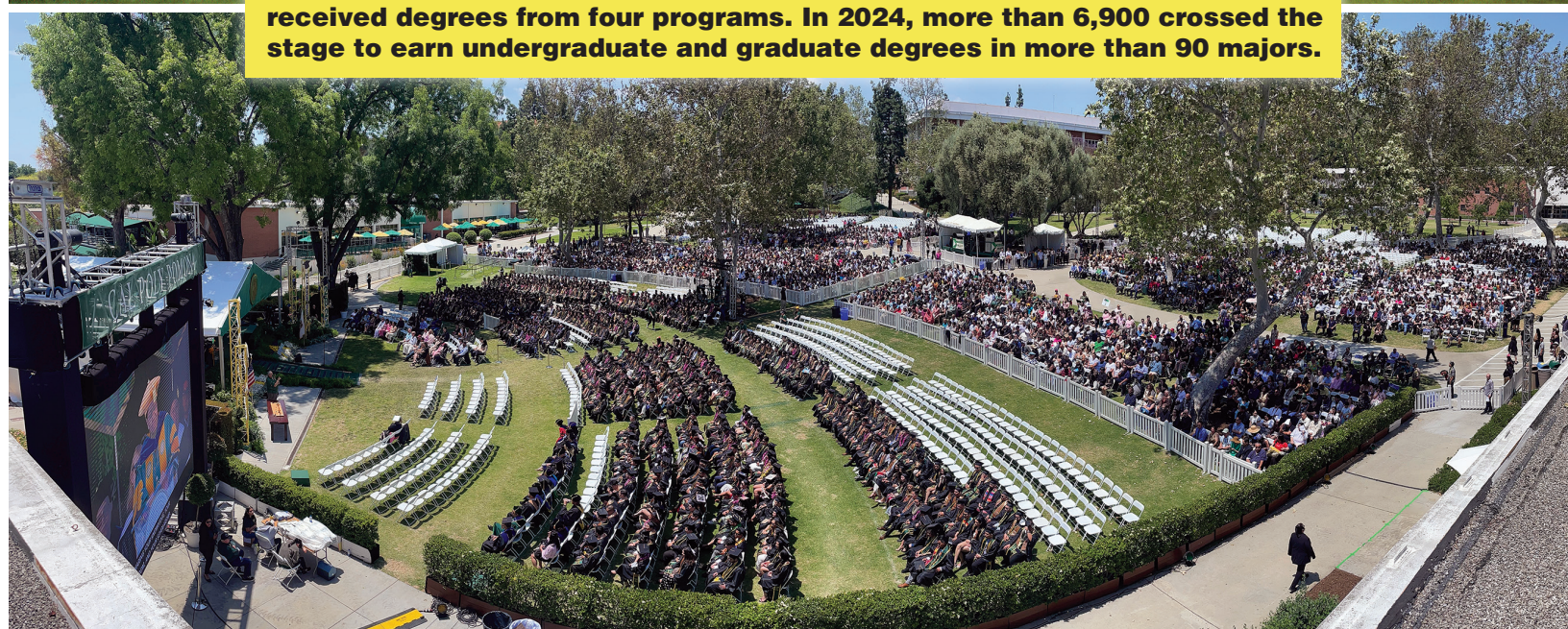
## Innovation Brew Works



Innovation Brew Works is a craft brewery and restaurant that serves beer, pizza, salad and sandwiches. Some of the menu's ingredients, such as oranges, avocados and bell peppers, are grown on campus through the Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture. Students of all majors can gain hands-on experience in brewing beer and managing a brewpub.

**By the Numbers**

**300** Pounds of mozzarella cheese consumed weekly

**1.2 million** Ounces of beer produced in 2023

**7** Medals and ribbons awarded from state and international beer competitions

**25,000** Pounds of spent grain given to cattle on campus last year

## A Busy Election Season



Politics and public policy experts say that 2024 will be a chaotic election year. Political Science Assistant Professor **Jarred Cuellar**, working with colleagues from CSU Long Beach Center for Urban Politics and Policy and USC, shares a few insights from the California Elections and Policy Poll (CEPP) conducted in January to gauge voter sentiment.

**Latinos and Asian Americans are the Golden State's two fastest-growing racial/ethnic groups. What impact will they have on the election?**

These are the two fastest-growing racial/ethnic groups in the state, and they have much in common. These communities have the largest number of foreign-born voters, both have high rates of multilingual abilities, and strong cultural ties. However, when looking at the results they are behaving very differently politically. The impacts of generational status and having a college degree may help explain the discrepancy in vote choice, as Latinos are less likely to have a college degree than are Asian Americans, while holding a college degree increases one's chance of voting for the Democratic party.

Although CPP turns 86 this year, it wasn't until 1957 when the university had its first Commencement in the rose garden. A total of 59 students received degrees from four programs. In 2024, more than 6,900 crossed the stage to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 90 majors.



**Looking ahead to November, 80 percent of Latino Republicans back former President Trump despite his hardline immigration rhetoric. What is Trump's appeal for this group?**

In California, Latinos are the demographic group that appears to be most supportive of Trump, and the former president has gained support since 2020. It's likely driven by blue-collar Latinos who are feeling the burden of inflation. This is a common trend amongst the American electorate — to blame the president when the economy is down or when inflation is up.

What is interesting is that Trump gained significantly more Latino support than Mitt Romney had in 2012, which may be due to his ability to peel away blue-collar Latino workers. We can see that this has been part of Trump's strategy, given he met with the Teamsters [in January] and has tried to gain support among rank-and-file UAW members. While he will not win the Latino vote, he has had some success in gaining support amongst the Latino community.

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## Open a Restaurant

Cal Poly Pomona offers a unique experience at The Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch, where students learn about front-of-house and back-of-house operations. Some students may be inspired to own their own restaurant one day. Here's how to open a restaurant in six steps.

**1**
**Brainstorm a Concept**

Create a menu that will appeal to the public. Some owners are inspired by the food of their heritage, and others will focus on market demand.

**2**
**Look for Suppliers**

Conduct a cost benefit analysis and run projections. Find affordable sources for your ingredients, with perishability, seasonality and costs in mind.

**3**
**Scout for a Location**

Consider parking, renovations, location, and most importantly, price per square foot.

**4**
**Obtain Licenses**

Apply for a business license, liquor license, and operating license. Be sure to meet required standards and regulations.

**5**
**Hire Staff**

Recruit, hire, onboard and train the team.

**6**
**Grand Opening**

Launch your restaurant and gather input. Many restaurant owners prefer a soft opening to test the waters and adjust before fully opening to the public.

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## BRONCOS AT WORK

### Richard Ruiz
**'18, Animal Science**

**Associate Veterinarian, Bear Mountain Veterinary Associates**



**Tell us about your journey in the veterinary field.**

After high school, I was a veterinary technician at a small-animal clinic in Norwalk for about four years. That's where I first dipped my toes into veterinary medicine and figured out where I wanted to take my career. After that, I enrolled in Cal Poly Pomona's animal science program and then UC Davis' veterinary program. Today, I work in primarily dairy practice. A typical day includes going out on the dairies doing pregnancy diagnosis, seeing sick cows, performing surgeries and even consulting work. In addition to cows, I also see pigs, sheep and goats. There's a lot of variety in the work I do, and that's what I really like about this job.

**How did Cal Poly Pomona prepare you for your career?**

The animal science courses at Cal Poly Pomona opened my eyes and led me in the direction of large animal medicine. That's where I first got hands-on experience — through the beef cows and swine units on campus. Also, courses like animal parasitology and animal nutrition really helped me, especially when I got into vet school, where I was able to pick up where I left off.

**If you could be any animal, what would you be?**

I'd want to be a beef bull. They seem to have a really good life. They just walk around the mountains, eat pasture and breed. They have the life, for sure.

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## BRONCOS AT WORK

### Haleh Golestani
**'18, Master's in Biological Sciences**

**Associate Veterinarian, VCA Country Oaks Animal Hospital**



**Tell us about your journey in the veterinary field.**

As a kid, I always wanted to be a human doctor but had a change of heart when my family built an animal sanctuary in Iran, where I started doing rescue work in the summer. Being exposed to this work and being in such a unique position, I realized there aren't many Iranian veterinarians. So, while doing my master's at Cal Poly Pomona, I decided to apply for UC Davis' veterinary program. Currently I am a small-animal veterinarian at a Fear Free clinic in Sacramento.

**Tell us more about being a Fear Free clinic.**

They are few and far between, but as a Fear Free clinic, all staff are certified and trained to minimize stress for the animals as much as possible. Everything from the colors we wear to the pheromone sprays and handling techniques we use are based around reducing anxiety.

**How did Cal Poly Pomona prepare you for your career?**

Learning to research and gaining hands-on experience at Cal Poly Pomona was huge, especially during my master's in general biology when I taught human anatomy. It allowed me to go into vet school knowing so much about similar animals' anatomies.

**If you could be any animal, what would you be?**

Definitely a cat. My medical director at the clinic where I work at says I'm a black cat, and I agree with her! Black cats are very extroverted and make friends quickly, and I'm the same way.