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Cal Poly Pomona Supports Students During COVID-19 Pandemic By Offering Helpful Resources

Pomona, Calif. As COVID-19 circles our globe, turning lives upside down and claiming the lives of many, college students across the nation are looking to their universities for resources. Cal Poly Pomona is among the universities to offer numerous resources to its Bronco family including: food resources, technological resources and more.

Food Resources

For CalFresh Ambassador, Jayla Littlejohn, being able to continue her employment for the CPP Basic Needs program during this time while simultaneously helping students get the resources they need, makes all the difference.

“My job offers so many useful resources to students year-around but especially during a crisis like COVID-19,” says Littlejohn. “One resource that’s been especially popular lately is our Food Assistance program that allows students to receive up to \$194 worth of free groceries, every month, through CPP’s Basic Needs Program.”

To apply for this benefit, all you have to do is go to [CPP Basic Needs](#) Instagram, click the link in their bio and click on “CalFresh Appointment”. It will then take you to their appointment scheduling website where you can pick a day and time that’s available for a virtual appointment with a CalFresh Ambassador.

Besides the opportunity to get free groceries, Cal Poly Pomona has really made the effort to support its fellow Broncos on all fronts.

Though the university has not made it mandatory for residents to move out of their dorm/suite, other currently enrolled students that are in need of housing are able to take advantage of CPP's Basic Needs "Emergency Housing" for up to 14 days. For students who still reside on campus, the university has allowed Centerpointe Dining Commons, Innovation Brew Works and the Farm Store to continue operations for pick-up only, to ensure residents are fed.

To apply for emergency housing, you would also need to go to [CPP Basic Needs](#) Instagram, click the link in their bio and scroll down to "Emergency Housing". The site will redirect you to Cal Poly Pomona's official emergency housing page where you will [fill out a form](#) discussing your situation. The Care Services Coordinator is required to meet with you (virtually) in order to proceed and will be in contact with you within a few days.

For information on dining hours for Centerpointe Dining Commons and [Innovation Brew Works](#), you can go to cppdining.com or follow them on [Instagram](#)!

Technology Resources

Fourth year transfer student, Mehrasa Mazandarani says how thankful she is that the university acknowledges that not all students have the privilege to own the necessary tools to academically succeed while at home.

"My school acknowledges that laptops and such luxuries are just that, luxuries. The Office of Student Success "Laptop Lending Program" has allowed me to be somewhat comfortable in the nationwide transition to virtual learning."

The Office of Student Success offers a limited number of laptops to students for them to use while they are enrolled. To apply, email Assistant Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for Student Success Cecilia Santiago-Gonzalez at ceciliagonzalez@cpp.edu or the Office of Student Success at studentsuccess@cpp.edu using your CPP email. Though not guaranteed a laptop, any currently enrolled student is able to apply.

Virtual Events

The university has made it a point to ensure that students don't just have food and technological resources, but that students have events to keep them busy as well. Campus cultural centers have taken their originally planned events and transformed them to virtual versions. The African American Student Center plans to host a series of events that adhere to different interests. Events

include: a virtual at-home workout, a Netflix Party streaming popular shows, a makeup tutorial event and plenty more!

Open to all who would like to participate, you can find the Zoom link to participate on the [African American Student Center](#) Instagram.

As we await to see what happens next in this unprecedented time, Cal Poly Pomona executives, staff and faculty continue to do what they can to ensure that students know they are supported!

For more campus resources and updates, follow [@cppbasicneeds](#) on Instagram.