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Appointment of Thomas Sekayan as the Associate Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer of the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation

The Cal Poly Pomona Foundation is pleased to announce that after an intensive search, Mr. Thomas Sekayan has been appointed Associate Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer of the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation. In this role, he will directly oversee the division heads for Bookstore, Dining Services, Kellogg West Conference Center & Hotel, and Marketing and will provide oversight to Agricultural Enterprise Programs (Farm Store, AGRIscapes) in conjunction with the College's executive leadership team. Mr. Sekayan is reporting directly to Jared Ceja, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation.

Thomas Sekayan is a process-oriented and results-driven Higher Education Business Practitioner with a background in Business Operations for Auxiliary Services. With over 15 years of experience in the higher education auxiliary field, Mr. Sekayan started his career in Student Affairs at California State University, Northridge, and ultimately arrived at California State University, San Bernardino to manage commercial business operations at the University Enterprises Corporation prior to working for the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation.

Thomas graduated from the University of West Florida with a Master of Education (M.Ed.), College Student Personnel Administration and from California State University, Northridge with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Music Teacher Education.

As a Certified Auxiliary Services Professional ("CASP"), awarded by the National Association of College Auxiliary Services, Mr. Sekayan has overseen third-party contracted services for campus dining and bookstore, executed RFPs, led contract negotiations, and is dedicated to streamlined processes. Mr. Sekayan understands the importance of his work at the Foundation and its commitment to Cal Poly Pomona. His promise to students, and the campus community, is to advocate for quality commercial services with a perpetual drive to enhance the Bronco life About the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation

Established in 1966, the Foundation provides a wide range of essential services for the campus community, including Dining Services, the Bronco Bookstore, faculty/staff housing, University Village housing, the Kellogg West Conference Center and Hotel, commercial real estate activities and Innovation Village. Additional support includes services provided to The Farm Store, Philanthropic Foundation, Sponsored Programs and more. The Foundation is the largest employer of students at Cal Poly Pomona, providing invaluable work experience to approximately 1,700 students each year.