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Cal Poly Pomona Names Educator and Scholar Dean of the Collins School of Hospitality Management



Dr. Andrew Feinstein

POMONA, Calif. — Cal Poly Pomona President Michael Ortiz has announced that Andrew Feinstein, a highly accomplished educator and food service scholar has agreed to lead the Collins School of Hospitality Management as its new dean, effective Dec. 4.

Feinstein has a proven track record as a hospitality education administrator. He is a past chair of University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Department of Food and Beverage Management and currently serves as an associate professor and associate dean for Strategic Initiatives at UNLV's College of Hotel Administration.

“Identifying the right leader for the Collins School has been extremely challenging. But our efforts and patience have paid off with one of the best and brightest minds in hospitality education,” Ortiz said. “Andy’s leadership will expand the capacity of the Collins School, enabling us to increase our influence throughout the country.”

Feinstein earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in hotel administration at UNLV. He earned his Ph.D. from Penn State in Man-Environment Relations, with a minor in Instructional Systems.

He has published numerous articles and presented at dozens of meetings and conferences in the areas of instructional systems, simulation modeling and technology as it pertains to the foodservice industry. Feinstein has also published two textbooks, with multiple editions, in the area of hospitality purchasing; one of which is the most widely used textbook of its kind, being

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utilized at more than 250 colleges and universities.

Additionally, he applied and received nearly \$170,000 in grants from a variety of sources to fund a diverse mix of professional development and educational programs.

“The Collins School is one of the premier hospitality programs in the nation, thanks to a stellar group of faculty, staff and industry friends,” Feinstein said. “This is a great moment for me and my family, and we look forward to joining the Cal Poly Pomona community and pursuing new opportunities for students.”

Ortiz commends both David Klock, dean of the College of Business Administration, who has filled a dual role serving as the Collins School interim dean and Associate Dean Joe Casey, for their leadership during the transition.

“I want to extend my deepest gratitude to David and Joe,” Ortiz said. “They have both been crucial in supporting the faculty and staff, as well as addressing the day-to-day needs of our students. Their contributions have made a real difference.”

Currently celebrating its 33rd year of excellence, the Collins School is the largest and oldest hospitality program in California. Ranked among the top three undergraduate hospitality management programs in North America, the Collins School provides students with a superior education in a state-of-the-art facility, where hospitality management theories and concepts are applied to real-world settings.

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