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Cal Poly Pomona Class of 2008 Commencement Ceremonies June 13-15

POMONA, Calif. — June 2, 2008— More than 3,700 students are expected to take part in Cal Poly Pomona's 52nd annual commencement ceremonies June 13-15 in the University Quad.

The university holds eight different ceremonies representing each of its colleges and school over the three-day span. All ceremonies will take place in the University Quad, adjacent to the Campus Center Marketplace (Building 97). Parking is free throughout commencement weekend. Tickets are not required.

Of special note this year, Cal Poly Pomona and the California State University will present an honorary doctorate to Andrew Cherng, founder and chairman of Panda Restaurant Group, Inc., (PRG), the parent company of Panda Inn, Panda Express and Hibachi-San. The formal conferral will take place during the College of Business Administration ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 14.

Below is a list of the 2008 commencement ceremonies as well as recipients of the Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence and mace bearers. Similar to a valedictorian, McPhee Scholars are chosen for their stellar work throughout their college career at Cal Poly Pomona. Additionally, each college or school chooses an outstanding faculty member to carry out the honor of being mace bearer.

Friday, June 13

- 4 p.m. – *Collins School of Hospitality Management*
Heidi Jill Boyle, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. James F. Burke, mace bearer
- 8 p.m. – *College of Agriculture*
Jenna Becker, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. Marvin Klein, mace bearer

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Saturday, June 14

- *9 a.m. – College of Business Administration*
Jeanine Danelle Kolkman, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. Susan Peters, mace bearer
- *4 p.m. – College of Environmental Design*
Kevin Clausen, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. Julianna Delgado, mace bearer
- *7:30 p.m. – College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences*
Claudia Cervantes, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. Mary Danico, mace bearer

Sunday, June 15

- *10 a.m. – College of Engineering*
Nathan Michael Olson, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence (double major)
Dr. John Biddle, mace bearer
- *4:30 p.m. – College of Education and Integrative Studies*
Rita Antoinette Pollard, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence
Dr. Nancy Prince-Cohen, mace bearer
- *7:30 p.m. – College of Science*
Nathan Michael Olson, Julian McPhee Award for Student Excellence (double major)
Dr. Jonathan Baskin, mace bearer

For more information, visit the Commencement 2008 web site at

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~commencement/> or call the Visitor's Center at (909) 869-3529.

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ABOUT CAL POLY POMONA — Striking a balance between urban excitement and rural charm, Cal Poly Pomona is nestled in 1,438 rolling acres in the heart of sunny Southern California. With 3,000 faculty and staff to serve 21,500 students, Cal Poly Pomona's mission is to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice while preparing students for leadership and careers in a multicultural world. The university seeks to place learning at the center of every program, course, and activity on campus. Students can apply their knowledge through hands-on projects, collaborate with faculty members on research, and participate in valuable internships and service learning programs. Seven colleges (agriculture; letters, arts and social sciences; business administration; education; engineering; environmental design; and science) and one school (Collins School of Hospitality Management) offer 56 undergraduate and 23 graduate degrees, as well as 8 credential programs.