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Appointment of Joanne Mathew as Director of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer for the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation

The Cal Poly Pomona Foundation is pleased to announce that after an intensive search, Joanne Mathew has been appointed Director of Financial Services, effective November 2, 2020. In this role, Ms. Mathew will serve as the Foundation's Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for the oversight of all financial departments, including audit compliance, as well as keeping the Foundation current regarding fiscal policy and financial matters. She is reporting directly to Jared Ceja, Chief Executive Officer of 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.

Ms. Mathew brings the Foundation pronounced experience in multiple spheres of business, spanning four countries. She began her career with Kuwait Real Estate Company, a large real estate investment corporation, and later moved into the government sector with the Ministry of Transportation in Canada. Soon after, she realized her passion was in the field of non-profits, specifically working with youth. Ms. Mathew transitioned into working with non-profit organizations that dealt with humanitarian aid, advocacy, and community development domestically and internationally. Shortly before joining us, she worked with Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles in the capacity of Director of Finance & Risk Management, rounding off 20 years of experience in non-profits.

Ms. Mathew received a Master's degree in Commerce from Sam Higginbottom University in India and is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the state of California. Her expertise includes strategic planning, financial analysis, risk assessment, policy administration, investment planning and operations management.

Special appreciation is due to the hiring committee for vetting such a large pool of qualified candidates: David Laxamana (Chair), Jason DeBellis, Jenny Dennis, Doug Nelson, Karen Sandoval, Randy Townsend and Joice Xiong.

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