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New Café to Open at Cal Poly Pomona's Bronco Student Center

Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc. (CPPF) will host a grand opening for Saddles Café in Cal Poly Pomona's (CPP) Bronco Student Center on Thursday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saddles was founded as a tribute to the equestrian heritage of the Cal Poly Pomona campus. The name for the café was chosen through a student naming contest, and the overall concept and design was developed based on student input and the latest dining trends.

Saddles Café is part of the "We Proudly Serve" program by Starbucks serving the entire beverage menu accompanied by pastries, grab n' go items and a specialty panini program. The specialty panini menu will be posted on a chalkboard daily and will include fresh Cal Poly Pomona produce straight from the College of Agriculture and CPP Farm Store. Some of the produce that will be used in the panini program will include tomatoes, arugula, spinach, mushrooms and more.

"Saddles Café features subtle elements of our campus heritage and showcases our rich campus resources and in-house culinary talent," says Aaron Neilson Director of Dining Services.

"Emblematic of our dining master plan, we continue to develop concepts like Saddles Café that leverage the agricultural abundance of Cal Poly Pomona and the talents of our culinary team."

The new dining unit will serve breakfast paninis including a steak and eggs panini and a bacon, egg and sun-dried tomato panini. Other paninis will include an eggplant and portobello mushroom panini, smoked ham and manchego cheese panini, a spicy Italian panini and more. The sandwiches are handmade by a Cal Poly Pomona chef and his staff with an artisanal look and taste, making it the perfect gourmet on the go snack.

"We are looking forward to providing exceptional service complimented by an amazing menu," says Sandra Cain multi-unit manager at the Bronco Student Center.

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