

PE-OYCR FORUM AGENDA 2026



March 13, 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Cal Poly Pomona Kellogg Conference Center

SB 823 Progress Report

8:00 a.m.	Refreshments
8:30 a.m.	Welcome, Dr. Renford Reese, Founder/Director, Prison Education Project, Professor, Cal Poly Pomona
8:35 a.m.	Moderator, Tyee Griffith, Associate Dean, Norco College, Consultant to the California Community College (CCC) Chancellor's Office
8:45 a.m.	Judge Katherine Lucero, Director, Office of Youth & Community Restoration, "Overview of OYCR"
8:55 a.m.	Panel #1: Facilitator, Melanie Cruz: OYCR Panel, Alani Jackson, Deputy Director, Dr. Michael Massa, Health Policy Division Chief, Angeles Zaragoza, Less Restrictive Programs Subject Matter Expert, "OYCR's Challenges & Achievements & 2026 Agenda with SB 823 Population"
9:25 a.m.	Panel #2: Facilitator, Tarik Ross: Chelsea Esquibias, Senior Advisor to the California Community College's Chancellor for Rising Scholars Programs & Strategic Operations, Crystal Navarro, CCC Regional Rising Scholars Coordinator, Sara Rodriguez, Regional Coordinator Rising Scholars, CCC Chancellor's Office, Isaiah Posey, Rising Scholars, CCC Chancellor's Office, Ashley Gerdo, Regional Coordinator, CCC Rising Scholars Coordinator, Inland Empire/San Diego, "Objectives of the Rising Scholars Network & the 2026 Agenda"
10:00 a.m.	Panel #3: Facilitator, Cynthia Chavez: Formerly Incarcerated Students & Graduates: Kenny Butler, Charles Biddle, Brett May, Eliena Ruiz, Paul Dickson: "The Transformative Power of Higher Education"
10:40 a.m.	Panel #4: Facilitator, Jessica Castillo: Project Rebound Directors, Irene Sotelo, Cal State Long Beach, Michael Griggs, Cal State San Bernardino, Priscilla Garcia, Cal Poly Pomona, Aaron Greene, Sacramento State "The Mission & Achievements of Project Rebound"
11:10 a.m.	Panel #5: Facilitator: Impactful Activities Inside Facilities and Post-Release, Dr. Thomas Kamara, San Bernardino Probation Department, Louie Salas, Kern County Probation Department, Chaz Siangco, San Diego County Probation Department, Erika Mutchler, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Scott Sanders, Former Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Probation, "Educational Programming with the SYTF Population"
11:45 a.m.	Panel #6: Tarik Ross, Michelle Sotelo, Elizabeth Siggins, PEP, Reintegration Academy, and Youth RA Coordinators, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Davis: "An Overview of PEP, Reintegration Academy, and Youth RA Activities"
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Business Card Exchange/Meet & Greet Session
1:30 p.m.	Panel #7: Department of Rehabilitation Panel, Regional Directors
2:15 p.m.	Panel #8: Mixed Panel Q&A: Facilitator, Tarik Ross. Dr. Michael Massa, Irene Sotelo, Erika Mutchler, Jessica Grove, Tyee Griffith.
2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks, Tyee Griffith, Dr. Reese
2:50 p.m.	Meeting Adjourns