

THE
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Weekly Newsletter: November 2-6



It's finally here.

After a months-long election cycle, November 3rd is only one day away. Here's what to expect tomorrow: Polling consistently shows Joe Biden doing better in key swing states, but that's no indication of how many members of Donald Trump's base will show up to vote in person. While historic numbers of mail-in ballots may cause **vote counting to continue for weeks**, there are **crucial**

swing states expecting results tomorrow night. Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina will only count absentee ballots that arrive by Election Day, meaning results will be announced by the end of the night. If Biden takes any of those key states, his chances of winning the presidency skyrocket. If he loses them, he could still have a chance with other crucial states, particularly Pennsylvania, as more ballots are counted.

President Trump is in a similar position, hoping to hear good news from key swing states like Arizona. Are you voting tomorrow? Have questions about what to do, where to go, or how to stay safe? Reach out to the TPP team-- we're always happy to help.

What Comes Next

The process to get here has been long and stressful, and has taken a toll on mental health for many of us. Taking this into account, we are proud to announce a set of programs designed by numerous community members and groups for **Post-Election Community Connections and Support**. These programs are designed to foster community and healing, and are the product of hard work from community members across Pitzer. To learn more about the events, as well as to see the full calendar we couldn't include below, go to [this link](#).

Mark your Calendars

Nov. 3: Join **CASA Pitzer** as they continue their Fall 2020 **Speaker Series on Racial and Healing Justice** and speak with **Javier Hernandez** and **Angel Fajardo** about immigration justice in the Inland Empire. Happening **11am-12pm PST**. Event Zoom Link can be found [here](#).

Nov. 3: Join us all day long on our **Elections 2020 slack channel**. Find information below.

Nov. 4: From **2-3pm PST**, connect with the Office of Student Affairs' **Strive2Thrive program** and speak with Kristin Williams and Stephanie Hannant as they share resources, tips, and tricks to find wellness during this week and beyond. More info found [here](#).

Nov 4: Drop in to a **Qi Gong** class with Dr. Kathy Yep and the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. From **5:45pm-6:30pm PST**, they will be teaching simple practices to help people coping with difficult situations.

Zoom link found [here](#)

Nov. 5: Prepare a nourishing food of your choice and **practice mindful eating** with CAPAS from **5:30p-6:30pm PST**. The event will reflect on the 2020 election using the mindful eating techniques of Thích Nhất Hạnh, a Vietnamese Zen Master.

RSVP and join [here](#).

There are many ongoing wellness events that we could not include in this short space. We urge to you look at the above links for more ways to find community support.

Election Day Conversations

We wish we could be together on campus for this event.

In lieu of in-person events, TPP will be hosting a live Slack channel all day tomorrow. We will be providing ongoing updates about election results and providing spaces (both political and not) for students to connect and share with one another. We will be following a set of guidelines to promote community and to avoid harmful interactions; we ask that all are respectful of one another and acknowledge differing opinions. We look forward to interacting with you on the big day. [Join the Slack](#) here.

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