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Have you been thinking about:

- How to have conversations with those who seem different from you?
- How to have a difficult conversation that might upset your friend?
- How to reconcile that reasonable people can disagree and maintain a respectful relationship?

If so, here is an opportunity for you to consider. For the third time, Pomona College is partnering with [Biola University](#) to participate in a program called “Bridging the Gap” that teaches one how to have courageous conversations with individuals who may have significantly different viewpoints. Bridging the Gap, an organization founded by Simon Greer who developed “Courageous Conversations”, has paired [Pomona College](#), a secular liberal arts college with [Biola University](#), a [conservative Christian university](#). (*Pomona is extending the invitation to all 5C students to participate.*) Through this program students will engage in facilitated conversations and activities where opinions may drastically differ. It will give you a chance to meet college students from outside of Claremont, further develop your communication skills, and explore topics generated by the group of participants. **The program takes place April 4th – 6th. Students will spend the first night on the Biola campus and the second night here in Claremont. The weekend will begin on Friday at 4pm and conclude at 5pm on Sunday.** Participants must be available to attend the entirety of the weekend program. All meals, transportation, lodging and materials are provided free of charge for attendees.

If you are interested, please email avis.hinkson@pomona.edu to register by Wednesday, March 5th at noon.

An info session via zoom will be held on Wednesday, March 5th from 4:30 – 5:30 pm to provide more details and finalize participation. Once you register, you will be sent the zoom link for the info session.