Open forums set for Provost candidates
Finalists for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs will be on campus for interviews this month and next. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend and meet the candidates during the open forums to be held in UU 220, on the following dates:

- **James Applegate**, vice president for academic affairs, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, **Thursday, April 28, 3:10-4 p.m.**
- **William Durgin**, associate provost for academic affairs and vice president for research, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, **Monday, May 2, 10:10-11 a.m.**
- **Janice Schach**, dean of the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities, Clemson University, **Monday, May 9, 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

Candidates’ information, including their resumes, can be found at [http://academic-personnel.calpoly.edu](http://academic-personnel.calpoly.edu); click on Announcements.

Bella Montaña breaks ground Thursday
A celebration to mark the start of construction for the Bella Montaña faculty and staff residential development will be held **Thursday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m.** President Warren Baker, county supervisors Shirley Bianchi and James Patterson and San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Romero will speak, followed by a ceremonial groundbreaking and reception. The groundbreaking will take place at the Bella Montaña site near the intersection of Highway 1 and Highland Drive. Due to limited parking at the site, Cal Poly personnel are invited to take a shuttle, beginning at 1 p.m., from parking lot H-4 on the east side of the Foundation Administration Building. Those planning to attend should RSVP by contacting the Housing Corp. office at ext. 6-1131.

Professors to receive research awards
Mathematics Professor Estelle Basor and Management Professor Abraham (“Rami”) Shani will be recognized for outstanding accomplishments in their research endeavors during afternoon commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, June 11**, and during the university’s Fall Conference General Session on **Monday, Sept. 12**. This is the second year for the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity and Professional Development Awards. Basor was chosen for her work in the field of mathematical physics. She has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1976. Shani was selected for his seminal work on sustainable work systems. Shani joined the faculty in 1983.

**Replace PolyCards June 1-13**
New rules prompt I.D. changes
All existing PolyCards should be replaced with new cards by **Monday, June 13**, due to California legislation and CSU Chancellor’s Office directives prohibiting the university from using magnetically encoded Social Security numbers on the cards. A new, pre-printed PolyCard will be issued to faculty, staff, students and emeritus faculty at no charge beginning **Wednesday, June 1**, at the PolyCard office (Campus Dining Light House Atrium - Bldg. 19, Room 106F). **After June 13**, the old PolyCards won’t function for campus services such as vending machines, Campus Express Club and Kennedy Library. For additional information, visit [http://polycard.calpoly.edu](http://polycard.calpoly.edu).
**Time for scholarship nominations**
The Women's Studies Program is calling for scholarship nominations from faculty and staff for students who will be attending Cal Poly full-time next fall. The deadline is **Monday, May 2**. Nominations should be submitted to: Women's Studies Program. Letters may be faxed to ext. 6-2230 or emailed to womst@polymail.calpoly.edu. For more information, contact Andrea Nash at ext. 6-1525 or anash@calpoly.edu. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to women's equality issues and have a minimum 3.0 GPA overall. The scholarships are the Vicki & Darell Farrer Scholarship, a $775-award going to an engineering major or a chemistry, physics or statistics major and the Shirley H. Walker Scholarship, a $475-award for a student in any major.

**Register for the Shared Reading Program**
Preface, the Shared Reading Program launched in 2001, is expanding to include all new students and San Luis Obispo residents. They will come together to read and discuss the bestselling novel, "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. To sign up, complete the "Preface Volunteer Registration Form" at http://www.preface.calpoly.edu by **Friday, April 29**. Faculty and staff are invited to participate by reading the book (which will be given to participants), attending a short information session, and facilitating a 90-minute discussion with 12-18 new students during WOW Week on the morning of **Wednesday, Sept. 14**.

**Agriculture speaker to discuss obesity**
Judith Stern, distinguished professor of nutrition and internal medicine at UC Davis, will be the College of Agriculture’s Executive-in-Residence guest speaker on **Thursday, April 28**. Stern will present “Obesity Research Now and Future,” 11a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m., in the Erhart Ag Building, Room 206. Stern is an authority on obesity research and U.S. funding and public policy about obesity. She has published more than 250 professional and 150 consumer articles on weight management. For more information, contact Doris Derelian in the Food Science and Nutrition Department, ext. 6-6130 or derelian@calpoly.edu.

**Retirement reception for Andrea Kerns**
A reception will be held **Monday, May 9**, 2-4 p.m., in the Christopher Cohan Cebter lobby for Andrea Kerns, who is retiring after 27 years as an administrative assistant and budget specialist in Student Life & Leadership. University friends and well-wishers are invited to stop by and enjoy chocolate desserts and memories. RSVP by **Friday, May 6**. Call ext. 6-2014 or e-mail kaiwile@calpoly.edu.

**ASI kindergarten information night April 27**
ASI Children’s Programs is hosting a kindergarten information night on **Wednesday, April 27**, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the ASI Children’s Center. The discussion will focus on what the developmental kindergarten program offers as an option for parents seeking a full-day kindergarten or an alternative to a traditional classroom setting. For more information, contact Tonya Iversen or Patty Greig at ext. 6-1267.

**Triathlon extended one week**
The ASI Recreational Sports Spring Triathlon is back. Sign up at the Service Desk in the Recreation Center for the four-week, self-directed informal competition. The event ends **May 9**. Call ext. 6-1366 for details.