NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2009 OUTSTANDING STAFF EMPLOYEE DUE JAN. 16

The deadline to submit a nomination form for the 2008-2009 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 16. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time, non-faculty employees of the university, Corporation, or ASI who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31, 2008. Former recipients of the award are ineligible.

To be considered for the Outstanding Staff Employee Award, an employee should be truly dedicated and loyal; exhibit expertise in job performance; demonstrate a willingness to assist others enthusiastically; take initiative in making his/her department more efficient and productive; maintain an excellent relationship with co-workers, faculty members, and students; and make contributions to both the university and the community. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form and Reference Form can be found at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/forms.asp?form=20.

ON/OFF RAMPS CLOSED OVERNIGHT THROUGH JAN. 16

The on/off ramps on Hwy. 101 near Cal Poly between California Boulevard and Monterey Street will be closed during the overnight hours through Friday, Jan. 16 from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., weather permitting. These closures will also result in the closure of the No. 2 (slow lane) and the right shoulder of the highway. This re-paving and widening
of ramps is part of a project to rehabilitate Hwy. 101 south of Los Osos Valley Road to Monterey Street. For more information, visit
http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION VIEWING EVENT SET FOR JAN. 20
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University Housing, The MultiCultural Center and ASI will host a viewing party of the Presidential Inauguration on Jan. 20 starting at 7:30 a.m. in UU 220 and San Luis Lounge. The live television presentation will be projected onto a large screen inside the room, alongside free food, coffee and juice. The event is free for students, faculty and community members. The room will be transformed into a festive celebration of the American democratic process. For more information, contact Michelle Curro at ext. 6-2324, or mcurro@calpoly.edu.

STATE FACULTY SUPPORT GRANT PROPOSALS DUE JAN. 20
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The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the next academic year is Jan. 20. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site at http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/sfsg.html or call ext. 6-1508.

LEADING IMMUNOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT CAL POLY JAN. 22
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John D. Clements, chair of Microbiology and Immunology and vice dean for Research at Tulane University School of Medicine, will speak on the topic “Novel Adjuvants and Delivery Systems for Transdermal Immunization,” on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11:10 a.m. in Fisher Science Hall, Room 285.

Clements’ research programs focus on development of vaccines against infectious diseases. He was the first to successfully purify and characterize the cholera-like, heat-labile enterotoxin of E. coli, a leading cause of childhood diarrheal disease world-wide. His laboratory has extensively studied the use of attenuated bacteria as vaccine-delivery systems and was among the first to employ this technology with recombinant antigens. For more information about Clements, visit http://www.som.tulane.edu/departments/microbiology/clements.htm.

EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE TO PRESENT MUSIC OF MISSIONS JAN. 24
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The Early Music Ensemble will present works of the California missions at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center. The concert, titled “Masters of the Mission,” will feature works that were reconstructed from the original sources in the missions by music professor and noted California mission music scholar Craig Russell. The Early Music Ensemble will be joined by a small instrumental group, including Russell on baroque guitar. Music Professor Thomas Davies will conduct the performance. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/December/missions.html.
WORKPLACE DIVERSITY RECOGNITION RECEPTION SET FOR JAN. 28

Career Services will recognize employers for their commitment to diversity at an upcoming reception, “Inclusive Excellence: The Power of Workplace Diversity,” on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 5:30-7 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road. The evening will include keynote speakers, awards presentations, and an opportunity for students to interact with employers. Speakers Denise Campbell, Division of Student Affairs, and Ron Smith, Northrup Grumman Corporation, will share various perspectives on the implications of workplace diversity. The reception is open to the campus community. RSVP to careerservices@calpoly.edu.

PROFESSOR MAKES DEBUT AS DIRECTOR OF ORCHESIS DANCE COMPANY

Assistant Professor Diana Stanton makes her debut as director of Cal Poly’s Orchesis Dance Company with “Impact,” the company’s 39th annual concert. Evening performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31, and Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 5-7. In addition, a 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled on Sunday, Feb. 1. All performances will be in the Spanos Theatre. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/December/Orchesis.html

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR STUDENT EMPLOYEE AWARD

Faculty and staff can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2008-2009 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award. Nominees must have completed at least six months part-time student employment during the academic year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

The winner of the state competition will receive a plaque and small cash award. The regional competition winner will receive a plaque, $100 and be eligible for the National Student Employee of the Year competition. The national winner will be named during National Student Employment Week in April. Nomination forms are available at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/forms.asp?form=20 and are due to Luann McDonald, Financial Aid, by Tuesday, Feb. 10.

STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION ENTRIES DUE FEB. 17

The Research and Graduate Programs office encourages faculty and staff to notify their students of the CSU Student Research Competition to be held May 1-2 at CSU Los Angeles. Students may adapt their senior projects or master's theses for entry in the competition. The deadline to submit entries for Cal Poly's Feb. 28 campus-wide review is Feb.17. For more information, visit http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/src.

PROFESSOR TAKES PART IN RESEARCH ON REFORMING SCIENCE FOUNDATION
A Cal Poly professor has co-authored an article in the Dec. 19 edition of Science magazine that seeks to characterize an emergent education reform effort: the seeding of science departments with science faculty with education specialties (SFES). Seth Bush, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, worked with several colleagues from other CSU campuses and Purdue University. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/bush.html.

POLICIES PROTECT RESEARCH SUBJECTS, DEAL WITH FRAUD

The university has established policies and procedures for protecting people and animals involved in research projects and for addressing scientific fraud. All faculty, staff and students should be aware of these policies and follow designated procedures when conducting research.

Regulations and procedures for working with human or animal subjects in research can be found at http://www.calpoly.edu/~sdavis/human.htm and http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/animalcare.html. Policies and procedures addressing scientific fraud and misconduct can be found at http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/pdf/fraud.pdf. Information on how to comply with export control regulations can be found at http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu.

BELLA MONTANA CONDO RENTALS EXCLUSIVELY FOR FACULTY, STAFF

Each brand new condo offers a contemporary floor plan with a deck, garage and all appliances including refrigerator, washer, dryer and window coverings. Rents start at $1,500 per month and include a purchase option that offers the tenant the ability to lock-in today’s low price and receive a purchase credit equal to 75 percent of the rent paid during the first year. A one-year lease, one-month deposit, and good credit are required. Contact the Cal Poly Housing Corporation at cphc@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-5184 for a rental application. For sales information, visit http://www.BellaMontanaHomes.com.

CAMPUS MEAL DEALS AVAILABLE FOR UNDER $2

Try something new at City Deli, Green Street, Fusion Bowl, Slyders and Tapango’s located in The Avenue or from Tacos To-Go, previously Rockin Bar P-Q. A selection of the new menu choices includes Mini Sandwiches, Snack Wraps, Grilled Veggie Wraps, Asian Noodle Salads or Vienna Beef Pup Dogs, all priced to go for $1.49. Other fast, fresh and convenient meals are priced as low as $0.99 and not more than $1.99. Bon appétit.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on http://calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at http://www.calpolycorporation.org or call ext. 6-7107.

Irrigation Support Engineer/Specialist I/II/III, ITRC Hiring Pool, $38,012-$70,460/year, salary depends on experience. Requirements: B.S. in Ag Eng (in irrigation) or related, PE license and M.S. desired, 1-3 yrs experience and knowledge in on-farm irrigation design, management and evaluation, crop water req and salinity, water balances, supervisory control and data acquisition, and irrigation district modernization. Applications are kept on file until Dec. 31. Pool will be used to fill vacant positions as they become available.

Administrative Support Assistant II, CAD Research Center, $14.45-$20.65/hour. Requires high school diploma or equivalent and 3 years of general office support or administrative assistant experience and 1 year bookkeeping/accounting experience. Must type 40 wpm. College education may be substituted for up to 2 years experience. Excellent benefits.

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