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#### CAMPUS DINING AND BOOKSTORE DISCOUNTS OFFERED TODAY

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Join El Corral Bookstore and Campus Dining for specials and a storewide 30 percent off sale today from 5-8 p.m. They are having their annual PJ Party for faculty, staff and students. Come in your pajamas to dinner at Metro 19 and Backstage Pizza, and shop at El Corral Bookstore to receive 30 percent off on all Cal Poly clothing and gifts, Valentine's Day gifts, student supplies and much more.

#### DARWIN 200: BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SET FOR FEB. 12

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Join a Science Café celebrating Charles Darwin's 200th birthday from 3-4 p.m. in the Kennedy Library's second floor Learning Commons on Feb. 12. Enjoy conversation, cake, tea and coffee. "Darwin 200" will feature conversation about the Galapagos led by Cal Poly biology Assistant Professor Christy Strand, with Associate Professor Francis Villablanca moderating. You won't want to miss meeting a very special guest. For more information, visit [http://lib.calpoly.edu/learningcommons/science\\_cafe/](http://lib.calpoly.edu/learningcommons/science_cafe/) or call ext. 6-2345.

#### RELIGION CLUB TO HOST SCIENTOLOGY SPEAKER FEB. 12

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Due to Scientology's celebrity adherents, bits and pieces about Scientology are often heard, but what do they actually believe? The Theisms-A RELS club has invited a leading spokesperson of the Church of Scientology to talk about their worldview on Thursday, Feb. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Science Building North, Room 215. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475 or [slloydmo@calpoly.edu](mailto:slloydmo@calpoly.edu) or visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/February/scientology.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/February/scientology.html).

#### REMINDER: CHANGE OF CLASS SCHEDULE FEB. 13

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On Friday, Feb. 13, the campus will follow a Monday class and club meeting schedule. If it would normally happen on Monday, Feb. 16 (Washington's Birthday holiday), it will happen instead on the Friday before. Friday classes and events will not be held that day, being replaced by a Monday schedule. For more information, contact the Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education office at ext. 6-2246 or [acadprog@calpoly.edu](mailto:acadprog@calpoly.edu).

#### ROTC HOSTS US ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FEB. 13

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Cal Poly ROTC will host the U.S. Army Special Operations Van on Feb. 13, giving members of the campus community and the public the chance to experience flying and parachuting simulators, handle military gear and get a pair of their own dog tags. For more information, visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/February/ROTC.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/February/ROTC.html)

#### STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION ENTRIES DUE FEB. 17

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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>.

#### SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS DUE FEB. 17

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The Women's and Gender Studies Department announces seven scholarship opportunities for students at Cal Poly: Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship, James M. Duenow Scholarship, Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship, Steve Harmon Scholarship, L. Diane Ryan Scholarship, Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality, and the Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Feb. 17. Graduate students are also eligible. For scholarship criteria information, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/scholarships.html> or contact Andrea Nash at [anash@calpoly.edu](mailto:anash@calpoly.edu) or ext. 6-1525.

## HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD MEETING SET FOR FEB. 20

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The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting on Friday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning Feb. 13. For more information, contact Jim Reinhart, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

## SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAR. 2

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Cal Poly and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) are pleased to be hosting the 12th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching. The CSU Symposium is a peer-reviewed conference for teaching and learning. Cal Poly and CSU faculty are encouraged to submit their work for a conference presentation or poster session.

The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to Mar. 2. For more information about proposal submission and registration, visit <http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/symposium/index.html> or contact [ctl@calpoly.edu](mailto:ctl@calpoly.edu). Proposals submitted for the original Feb. 1 deadline will be reviewed on a rolling basis and notification will be sent within four weeks of submission.

## BUSINESS STUDENTS, PROFESSORS OFFER FREE INCOME TAX PREP

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Accounting students, supervised by professors, are offering free tax preparation help to low and moderate income families on Saturdays through Mar. 14 at Cal Poly and Allan Hancock College. A grant from Pacific Capital Bancorp will allow the Orfalea College of Business to expand its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program from a single site in San Luis Obispo to the Allan Hancock site in Santa Maria. For more information, visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/January/VITA.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/VITA.html).

## DEADLINE FOR EXTRAMURAL FUNDING PROPOSALS IS MAR. 30

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The Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time, and summer compensation for the next academic year is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 30. For application and submission instructions, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site at <http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu> or call the RGP office at 6-1508.

## PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR ADVISING NEW UNIVERSITY

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The Singularity University has invited Patrick Lin, technology ethicist in the Philosophy Department, to be one of its advisors. Lin joins other notable advisors and faculty from leading organizations such as Google, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego and Carnegie Mellon. For more information, visit <http://singularityu.org>, [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/February/Lin.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/February/Lin.html) and

<http://ethics.calpoly.edu>.

#### ITS ANNOUNCES BLACKBOARD UPGRADE FOR SPRING 2009

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ITS will upgrade the Blackboard learning management system from version 6 to version 8 at the end of winter quarter. Blackboard 8 includes new tools and enhancements such as Discussion Board, Grade Center, HTML editor, spell checking, and Announcement emails. Courses from Spring 2008 to Spring 2009 will be migrated to the new system. Blackboard users will receive email updates and instructions to prepare for this transition. For more information, visit the Blackboard Support Site at <http://blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu>.

#### INNOVATION CONTEST OPEN TO FACULTY, STUDENTS OFFERS \$30,000 CASH AWARDS

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Innovation Quest, a nonprofit foundation started by Cal Poly alumni, is sponsoring a contest for innovative projects and ideas open only to Cal Poly participants. IQ will provide three awards of \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 for the best submissions, with the cash awards being made on or about June 1. In addition, all finalists will receive \$100 awards. For more information, visit <http://www.innovationq.org/>, email questions to [IQ@innovationq.org](mailto:IQ@innovationq.org) or contact Christopher McCann, student director for the Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition at [cmccann@calpoly.edu](mailto:cmccann@calpoly.edu) or 310-508-1905.

#### GRADS USHER IN NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR US GOVERNMENT

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With the help of two alumni from the Graphic Communication Department, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) ushered in a new era in information systems. The GPO's new Federal Digital System (FDsys) gives the American people a one-stop site to authentic, published government information, including President Obama's official documents. For more information, visit [http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/February/gpo.html](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/February/gpo.html)

#### STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

#101849—Inventory Clerk, Administration and Finance Division, Fiscal Services, Property, half-time (.50), \$1,171.50-\$1,758.50/month. Closes: Feb. 20.

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