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College of Business to Study Feasibility of MBA Program in Santa Barbara

Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business will study the feasibility of offering graduate business degree programs in Santa Barbara beginning in fall 2010. According to Orfalea College Dean Dave Christy, there has been a steady rhythm of inquiries about the availability of Cal Poly's programs by individuals who live or work in Santa Barbara, and the time is right to consider this carefully.

[Read more about the feasibility study](#)

Cal Poly Signs Deal with Coca Cola

Cal Poly today announced that it will carry Coca-Cola products exclusively as part of a 10-year deal with Coca-Cola North America and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California. Cal Poly Corporation (CPC), which oversees all food and beverage services for the campus, will administer the contract. Following a comprehensive Request For Proposal process and detailed analysis by the CPC beverage search committee and comprised of campus constituents, the university embraced Coca-Cola as the new beverage vendor.

[Read more about Coke coming to campus](#)

Forbes Magazine Names Cal Poly One of America's Top Colleges

Cal Poly has been named one of America's top colleges and universities by Forbes magazine. The list, released this week, puts Cal Poly at No. 27 on the list of the country's 100 best public universities and No. 201 out of 600 colleges and universities. Cal Poly is the highest-ranked California State University campus on the list. It is the second year Forbes has produced the list. Cal Poly jumped from No. 369 on last year's list. "It's always good to be recognized as one of the best. Of course, the real evidence of Cal Poly's strength lies in what our alumni accomplish in their professional lives," said Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker.

[More on the Forbes ranking](#)



Cal Poly Wines Win Medals at San Francisco Competition and Mid-State Fair

Cal Poly captured medals with each of the four 2007 wines it entered in the San Francisco International Wine Competition in June. The Mustang Red wine (a blend of Paso Robles Zinfandel and Edna Valley Syrah) won a double-gold medal. Cal Poly also captured a gold medal for its Syrah and silver medals for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Pinot Noir and Chardonnay also each won a gold medal in the wine competition for the California Mid-State Fair, which ran July 22-Aug. 2 in Paso Robles. Cal



Poly plans to enter the 2007 wines in additional competitions and release them for purchase in the fall, during Homecoming. For additional information about Cal Poly Wines, log on to

<http://www.calpolywine.com>.

City and Regional Planning Honored for Community Development Projects

Cal Poly's City and Regional Planning Department has been recognized with statewide academic merit awards for two projects. The projects, the Downtown Delano Urban Design Studio and the Draft Benicia Climate Action Plan, continue the department's strong tradition of assisting California's communities to improve their cities through excellence in planning.

[More on awards](#)

Campus Q&A

Q: When will UU Plaza construction be complete, and when will Perimeter Road be permanently closed?

A: UU Plaza construction will be complete by spring 2010. Perimeter Road, between Grand Avenue and Cuesta Avenue, will be permanently closed except for service vehicles beginning Sept. 1. Tahoe Road will still be open for short-term deliveries and pick-ups.



Faculty and Staff



Academic Affairs Has A New Registrar

Academic Affairs appointed Cem Sunata as University Registrar effective July 1. Sunata replaces Tom Zuur, who retired in December. Sunata comes to Cal Poly from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and brings more than 10 years of experience to the position. Sunata is responsible for insuring the integrity of student academic records by requiring that students have a clear path to graduation. As registrar he plays a key role in attaining graduation, enrollment and retention goals consistent with Cal Poly's mission, academic programs and unique strengths. In conjunction with Sunata's appointment, Academic Affairs has changed the office name from Academic Records to the Office of the Registrar.

Professor Emeritus to Receive 2009 Accounting Exemplar Award

Cal Poly Professor Emeritus Mary Beth Armstrong received the Accounting Exemplar Award for 2009 on Aug. 2 at a luncheon for the annual Public Interest Section Ethics Symposium. The luncheon preceded the annual American Accounting Association meeting, which took place in New York. The Public Interest Section Accounting Exemplar Award is given to an accounting educator or an accounting practitioner who has made notable contributions to professionalism and ethics in accounting education and/or practice by serving as a role model and/or by making significant contributions to the profession in a manner which serves the public interest.

[Read more about Armstrong](#)



Gee, Leone, Rodriguez Named Outstanding Staff

Vera Gee, administrative analyst/specialist in Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid; George Leone, equipment technician II in the Mechanical Engineering department; and Colleen Rodriguez, administrative support assistant in Fiscal Services-Payroll Services were

chosen to receive the 2008-09 Outstanding Staff Award. The President will recognize the recipients at Fall Conference on Monday, Sept 14.

Gee came to Cal Poly in 1986. She has worked in Admissions her entire 22-year career. "Vera is one of the most dedicated and loyal employees that I have had the privilege in working for and with," said a co-worker. "Her dedication to the Admissions office goes far and beyond what is asked of her."

Leone has worked as staff equipment support to the Aero Hanger since 2000 and worked with the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team for 20 years before he worked at Cal Poly. "George's dedication to the educational goals of the department is well known. He has always made himself available to students, helping with projects and sharing technical advice," said his co-worker. "He has put a great deal of effort into the review and update of shop safety policies and procedures."

Rodriguez has worked at Cal Poly for 29 years, greeting all new employees as they sign-up for work in the Payroll office. "Colleen is a truly wonderful individual and is a ray of sunshine on the first floor of the administration building," said her co-worker. "Colleen always goes the second mile, and her knowledge is dispensed accurately and patiently and with a kind word and smile."

Arizona State Professor Named to Lead City and Regional Planning

A nationally ranked department at Cal Poly has a new leader. Hemalata Dandekar has been named department head for City and Regional Planning at Cal Poly, bringing a strong interdisciplinary and international background to the position. Dandekar is currently professor of planning at Arizona State University. She served as director of the School of Planning at ASU from 2002-07.

[More on Dandekar](#)



Tong Named President of American Dairy Science Association

Phillip Tong, dairy science professor and director of Cal Poly's Dairy Products Technology Center, was recently named the 93rd president of the American Dairy Science Association. Tong was installed as the leader of the 103-year-old group at the organization's joint meeting with the American Society of Animal Science and Canadian Animal Science. Also, Cal Poly Dairy Science professor Rafael Jimenez-Flores won the International Dairy Foods Association Research Award in Dairy Foods Processing.

[More on Tong and Jimenez-Flores](#)

Did You Know?

Did you know that the California Office of the Controller has awarded Cal Poly's Financial Services operation the "Achieving Excellence in Financial Reporting" award every year for the past nine years?

Campus Furlough Information

Furloughs Launched at Cal Poly in August

Cal Poly faculty, staff and administrators began implementing furloughs in August along with the rest of the 23-campus California State University system and its Chancellor's Office. The two-day-per-month furloughs include all employees -- including all top management officials. On July 29, the CSU announced that the California Faculty Association (CFA) ratified an agreement with the California State University to implement the equivalent of a two-day-

per-month furlough beginning in August.

[Read the News Release](#)

[Visit the Human Resources Web site](#)

[Visit the Academic Personnel Web site](#)

Kennedy Library Furlough Closures Begin in September

Kennedy Library will begin special closure days in September. In order to maintain current hours – 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. with extended evening hours during pre-finals periods – the library has developed a plan to close on nine shared furlough days. Shared furlough days are scheduled around holiday weekends or during quarter breaks to minimize the impact on students or faculty.

Scheduled library special closure days are:

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Friday, Dec. 18

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Friday, Jan. 15

Friday, Feb. 12

Monday, March 22

Friday, May 28

Monday, June 14

In addition, the library is doubling the capacity of its popular 24-hour space this fall, as well as adding late night access to computers and a 24-hour study room. The library will work closely with its partners around campus to ensure minimal disruption to the ability of students and faculty to use the library's collections, services and facilities throughout the year. For questions, comments or concerns, contact Susan Bratcher at shenry@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2345.

Campus Announcements

Employment Equity to Host Facilitator Training Aug. 20

Employment Equity Facilitator Training is available tomorrow, Aug. 20, from 1-2:30 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 290. Call Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 to reserve a spot.

ADA Funding Assistance Available Through Employment Equity

The Cal Poly Disability Accommodation Assistance Program (DAAP) provides funding assistance for Cal Poly employees that qualify under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Funding is provided to the employee's department to purchase assistive devices, auxiliary assistance, adaptive equipment, adaptive computer components and software that are required for the performance of job-related activities. Information about the program and the form to request funding are available at <http://employequity.calpoly.edu/daap.html>. For more information, contact Sumi Seacat in Employment Equity at ext. 6-7387.

Vanpool Openings Available on Los Osos/Morro Bay Van

Openings are now available for the Los Osos/Morro Bay van, which also serves Cambria and Cayucos riders. With gas prices creeping up, this is the time to give vanpooling a try. Call Commuter and Access Services at ext. 6-6680 or send an e-mail to srains@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for Sept. 18

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, Sept. 18, at 9:30 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 Sept. 11. For more information about this meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director, Cal Poly Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

Passings/In Memoriam

Passings: Professor George Clucas

Retired Cal Poly professor George Gordon Clucas, 88, passed away July 11, at home with his family. He came to Cal Poly in 1956 as dean of finance and development. He left Cal Poly to work for a time at the CSU Chancellor's Office in the 1960s. After earning his doctorate from USC, Professor Clucas returned to Cal Poly as director of Research and Development. He went on to become the first dean of what was then the School of Business and Social Sciences. Later he joined the faculty of the Political Science Department to teach Public Administration. He retired in 1982.

[Read the obituary in the SLO Tribune](#)

Memorial Scholarship Endowment Honors Disabled Cal Poly Architecture Alum

Friends and professors of Michael Shannon are honoring his memory by establishing an endowed scholarship at Cal Poly. The scholarship will provide support for students in architecture with physical disabilities. Shannon passed away at the age of 66. He received a bachelor of science in interior design in 1993 and a master of science in architecture in 1998, both from Cal Poly. Shannon made his way through both curricula despite having major mobility restrictions and being substantially hard of hearing after being hit by a drunk driver in 1987. His subsequent career was focused on writing about disability issues and helping retailers bring their establishments up to modern standards to comply with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through his firm Universal Design Consultants of San Luis Obispo.

[Read more about the scholarship](#)

Events



Collegians Alumni Band in Full Swing For Aug. 29 Dance Concert at Madonna Inn

The Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band will return to San Luis Obispo this summer to celebrate its 42nd anniversary reunion and give a free jazz and swing dance concert. The dance concert is set for 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in the Madonna Inn Ballroom. The public is invited to dance the night away to the big band sounds made famous by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Les Brown.

[More on Collegians dance concert](#)

State Employment Opportunities

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

REVIEW DATE EXTENDED TO Aug. 27

#101921- PHYSICIAN, Student Affairs, Health Services, \$8,731 - \$14,396/month.
Anticipated hiring range: \$8,731-\$9,110/month. Open Until Filled. Review begins: Aug. 27

*** CLOSE DATE EXTENDED TO Aug. 31***

#101942-Assitant to the Dean, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, College of Engineering Dean's Office. \$3,845-5,770/month. Closes: Aug. 31

INTERNAL RECRUITMENT

#101946-Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Agribusiness. \$2,808-\$4,212/month. Closes: Aug. 21

INTERNAL RECRUITMENT

#101944-Custodian, University Housing, Housing & Business Services. Up to 13 positions available. \$2,288-\$3,433/month. Closes Aug. 21

INTERNAL RECRUITMENT

#101948-Administrative Support Coordinator II, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, Food Science and Nutrition. \$3,074-\$4,615/month. Closes: Aug. 23

INTERNAL RECRUITMENT

#101949-Records Associate, Administrative Support Coordinator I, Academic Affairs, Office of the Registrar. \$2,808-\$4,212/month. Closes: Aug. 21

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