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## News

### Student Club Wins National Gold Award for Service

The Cal Poly chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars has received the gold award from its national group for recruitment, induction and community service efforts. The society is the nation's only honors organization for university freshmen and sophomores. It focuses on members' involvement in their communities.

[More on the Cal Poly NSCS chapter's award](#)



### AmeriCorps Students Serve SLO Children's Museum on Sept. 11

More than two dozen AmeriCorps members from two programs that operate through Cal Poly gave a thorough cleaning to the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum on Sept. 11 as part of the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

[More on the Cal Poly members' volunteer work](#)

## Campus Q&A - WASC Accreditation

### What is WASC and Where is Cal Poly in the WASC Re-Accreditation Process?

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is a non-governmental regional accrediting organization. Accreditation demonstrates to the public and the educational community that Cal Poly's programs meet or exceed accepted standards of quality in higher education.

Cal Poly submitted a self-study proposal indicating that the university would address the following areas during the re-accreditation process: Polytechnic Identity, Integrated Student Learning, Learn-by-Doing and Teacher Scholar Model. Working groups comprising faculty, staff and students are researching these areas and reporting their findings. For more information about WASC and Cal Poly's re-accreditation process, visit

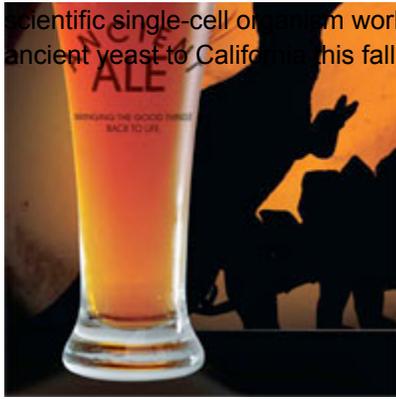
[http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/accred\\_progrev/wasc/current/intro.html](http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/accred_progrev/wasc/current/intro.html).

## Faculty and Staff



### Professor's "Fossil Fuels" Ancient Ale Gets Flowing

Professor Emeritus Raul Cano is famous for extracting ancient DNA from prehistoric amber - enough so that he's now something of a rock star in the



scientific single-cell organism from around the world. But he's also a microbrewer. Cano and partners are bringing beer brewed with ancient yeast to California this fall with their Fossil Fuels Brewing Co., made with 45-million-year-old yeast. The partners plan to barrel enough beer to bring it to California pubs and restaurants later this fall.

[Read the story on Fayetteville5 News](#)

### **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 recognized the recipients at Fall Conference on Monday, Sept 14.



## **Did You Know - SLO City Seeks Economic Collaboration**

The City of San Luis Obispo, in an effort to bolster economic development, has formally set as one of its priorities a collaborative relationship with Cal Poly. As part of the city's priorities-setting process for its two-year budget cycle (2009-11), the City Council established the following as its top budget priority: "In collaboration with Cal Poly, Cuesta and the business community, develop strategies to increase economic development including emphasis on head-of-household jobs and environmentally sustainable businesses." A working group of city and county officials along with representatives from Cal Poly and the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce are meeting to identify opportunities for collaboration. For more information, contact Susan Opava, dean of Research and Graduate Programs, at [sopava@calpoly.edu](mailto:sopava@calpoly.edu), or go to <http://www.slocity.org/finance/download/budget09-11/finalgoals2009-11.pdf>

## **Campus Announcements**

### **Corporation Offers Forms Workshops Oct. 14 and 15**

The Cal Poly Corporation will offer workshops on its updated travel forms and documentation. The workshops take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 135. The workshops are designed for staff members who prepare Corporation and/or Foundation Travel Requests and Travel Claims. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Call ext. 6-1451 for a reservation.

### **International Educator of the Year Award Nominations Due Oct. 23**

Nominations are being sought for the International Educator Award. The award recognizes a faculty member who has significantly contributed throughout his or her career to international education at Cal Poly. All Cal Poly faculty are eligible to nominate peers. Only faculty employed at least half-time in a teaching position are eligible for consideration. Nominations, including self-nominations, are being solicited from deans, department chairs and faculty members. To nominate a faculty member, three copies of both a letter of nomination and the nominee's curriculum vitae must be submitted to John Battenburg, director of International Education and Programs. For more

information, visit [http://iep.calpoly.edu/news\\_events/internationaleducator.html](http://iep.calpoly.edu/news_events/internationaleducator.html).

## Cal Poly Spain Study Abroad Program Seeks Faculty for Fall 2010 Program

The Cal Poly Valladolid Fall Program invites faculty to apply for the Resident Director (RD) and/or for faculty positions to teach the fall 2010 program. Interested faculty can contact William Martinez at ext. 6-1212 or [wmartine@calpoly.edu](mailto:wmartine@calpoly.edu) for applications and information materials. The deadline for RD applications is Oct. 15. Deadline for faculty positions is Oct. 30. For information about the program, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/spain>.



## We Need Your Opinion

The university has commissioned a professional survey company, Stamats, to gauge your opinion about Cal Poly's strengths and weaknesses. The survey will help us determine how best to communicate the benefits of the university to prospective students and donors. As part of this process, we're interested in knowing our community members' thoughts regarding the strengths and distinctive attributes of Cal Poly.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and we would greatly appreciate your feedback. All answers will be kept confidential. If you opened Cal Poly Report early and the link originally posted did not work, we apologize. We ask that you please refer to an email sent to you from Sally Olinger of Stamats and dated Monday, Sept. 28. For more information about this process, contact Associate Vice President/Communications Chip Visci at [cvisci@calpoly.edu](mailto:cvisci@calpoly.edu).

## ADA Employee Funding Available

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. For information about the program and the form to request funding, visit <http://employequity.calpoly.edu/daap.html>. Contact Sumi Seacat in Employment Equity at ext. 6-7387 for more information.



## Kennedy Library Unveils New Electronic Senior Project Submission Process

The Robert E. Kennedy Library announces the implementation of electronic senior project submission. The new system allows undergraduate students to upload adviser-approved senior projects to the [DigitalCommons@CalPoly](mailto:DigitalCommons@CalPoly), where it is automatically archived by the library. Once the document is archived, it can be made available to anyone with Internet access. The digital item is expedited for bibliographic access in the library's online catalog. A summary of the process and additional resources for students and faculty advisors are available at <http://lib.calpoly.edu>

[/seniorprojects/](#).

## Cal Poly's Events Web Site Gets a Makeover

Cal Poly's [Events Web site](#) got a makeover. The site, which is an online view of the campus master calendar, has improved navigation, updated links and search categories and a tutorial. View daily, weekly or monthly calendars for different types of events on campus (the site displays only those events for which event organizers have requested publicity in the master calendar). Check availability of campus spaces such as University Union rooms, lecture rooms and common lawn areas including Dexter Lawn and O'Neill Green. View photographs and detailed information on lecture rooms. View room layout options for spaces in the Performing Arts Center and the UU. Visit [University Scheduling](#) to submit an [online request form](#) for scheduling an event or activity or to learn more about using the [Master Calendar](#).

### Cal Poly Cat Program Holds Fudge Sale Fundraiser

The nonprofit Cal Poly Cat Program will hold a Fudge Sale fundraiser during the month of October. Enjoy a selection of nine fudge flavors and chocolate-dipped Oreo cookies, all made locally by the Morro Bay Fudge Mud candy shop. The treats make great holiday gifts. Fudge and cookies will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Contact Carolyn Barr, ext. 6-6236; Karleyne Binford, ext. 6-7645; Geri Bolivar, ext. 6-2321; or Mary Fiala, ext. 6-6006 to place orders. Proceeds go to the Cal Poly Cat Program for veterinary expenses and cat shelter supplies. For more information, contact Binford or Bolivar. For volunteer or adoption information, contact Edie Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220.



## Events



### Country Legend Merle Haggard in Concert on Sept. 30

Cal Poly Arts presents country legend Merle Haggard in concert Sept. 30 in the Christopher Cohan Center. In the ever-expanding array of country music stars, hit-makers and idols, Haggard walks in no man's shadow. A craggy troubadour known as "the father of country music," there is no one in contemporary country music who has created a more impressive legacy in a wider variety of styles. With special guests The Malpass Brothers.

[Merle Haggard Details](#)

### Farm Workers' Lives Documented in Kennedy Library Exhibit Oct. 1 - Nov. 30

A photojournalistic exhibit documenting the daily lives and struggles of California's farm workers will be on display at Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30. Presented in Spanish and English, the exhibit is free and open to the public. The exhibit details the challenges of a population the author considers "cast-off" by mainstream society. A gala reception launches the show on Friday, Oct. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

[Find out more about the photo exhibit documenting farm workers](#)

### Hear Imani Winds Perform Classics on Oct. 2

Cal Poly Arts presents Imani Winds and guest Stefon Harris in concert Oct. 2. The Imani Winds has carved a distinct presence in classical music with their dynamic playing, culturally poignant programming, and genre blurring collaborations. Special guest jazz vibraphonist Harris, joins the quintet for an extraordinary evening.

[More on Imani Winds](#)

## Job Vacancies

There are currently no new vacancies.

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