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News



Annual Cal Poly Poinsettia Sale Under Way

Cal Poly's annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 2,500 plants with 30 varieties and many colors, began Tuesday, Dec. 1 and will continue through mid-December at Poly Plant Shop. The holiday flowering plants are grown by students in the university's Poinsettia Agriculture Enterprise Project, which begins in the spring of each year.

More on the poinsettia sale

Cal Poly Recognizes Simpson Strong-Tie with Named Materials Lab

Cal Poly recognized a critical partnership with a longtime supporter recently with the naming of the Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Laboratory in the new Construction Innovations Center. The facility is part of the College of Architecture and

Environmental Design (CAED), which includes the Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture, and City and Regional Planning departments. The naming follows a generous donation of \$500,000 by Simpson Strong-Tie to help fund the laboratory and was announced at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting Nov. 17.

More on Simpson Strong-Tie

Cal Poly Ranks Third in Nation for Students Studying Abroad

According to a recent survey conducted by the Institute of International Education, Cal Poly ranks third in the nation for total study abroad enrollment among peer universities. The Open Doors 2009 Report on International Education Exchange found that Cal Poly sent total of 877 students to study abroad during 2007-08. Cal Poly is ranked in the category of "universities that offer master's degrees (non-doctoral universities)."

More information about study abroad program

Faculty and Staff

Professor Goes To White House to Support Youth Sports

According to Cal Poly Professor Brian Greenwood, the economic recession has taken its toll on youth sports. That message was delivered by Greenwood and others at a recent White House meeting, titled "The Critical State of Youth Sports in America." Greenwood was among an influential group of people representing organizations in the sports-based youth development field. The meeting was organized by Up2Us, a national coalition of practitioners and researchers dedicated to the role of sports in the lives of youth.

More on Greenwood's visit

Catastrophic Leave Drive Request for Teresa Lowry

Teresa Lowry, administrative support coordinator in the Evaluations Office, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate sick and/or vacation leave to help Lowry remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Patty Warnick-Wait, Office of the Registrar, at ext. 6-2733 or by e-mail pwarnick@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Barbara Andre to Retire

After 38 years of service to the university, Barbara Andre is retiring from her position as associate director of International Education and Programs, International Students and Scholars. International Education and Programs invites the campus community to a retirement reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni House. Please join us in wishing Barbara well in her new adventures. For more information, contact Susan Tripp at ext. 67535.

Read more about Andre's career



Join the Biology Department in celebrating Susan Elrod's 13 years of service to the university on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fisher Hall, Room 285. Elrod has been named Director of Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) in Washington, D.C. where she will lead PKAL in continuing its current programs focused on advancing "what works" in undergraduate STEM education and leadership development as well as in conceptualizing new initiatives that address challenges and emerging opportunities that face STEM faculty and campus leaders. Join us for a dessert reception to celebrate this new endeavor and send well wishes.

Roxy Peck to Retire

After an outstanding career at Cal Poly, Roxy Peck, associate dean for the College of Science and Mathematics, has decided to retire at the close of fall quarter. The College of Science and Mathematics invites Peck's friends and colleagues to a reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 9, from noon to 2 p.m. in Fisher Hall, Room 285. Peck joined the Cal Poly community in 1979 as a faculty member in the Statistics Department. She served as department chair for the Statistics Department from 1990-96 and as associate dean for the past 13 years. Peck is a recipient of Founders Award from the American Statistical Association in recognition of service to the profession, particularly in area of Statistics Education, and has been named a fellow by the American Statistical Association and the International Statistical Association.

Nancy Reynolds to Retire

After nearly 27 years of service to the campus, Nancy Reynolds is retiring from her position as assistant director of Fiscal Services. Reynolds began her career with the Cal Poly Corporation in 1983, later moving to work in Fiscal Services. During her career, Reynolds was instrumental in the successful conversion and implementation of several large-scale administrative systems on the campus and has been a key player in transitioning the university's Student Financial Services area from paper to electronic and Web processes. The Fiscal Services Department staff invites the campus community to a retirement reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 129. Join us in wishing Nancy well in her new adventures.

Save the date: Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 4

State, Corporation, and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2009 will be honored at the Service

Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The theme for this year's event will be "Cal Poly Through the Years – Appreciating the Past." In keeping with the theme, we are looking back a decade - to 2000 Millennium prices - and offering tickets for \$10. Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 1. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of the Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

University Honors Program Announces Teaching Assistant Pilot Program

The University Honors Program is unveiling a teaching assistant pilot program in winter 2010. The goal of the pilot program is to capitalize on the power of the uniquely diverse student body in the Honors Program by providing an opportunity for Honors students, well into their degree program, to take a leadership role in the educational process of lower-division students. Faculty members and participating Honors students will be given freedom in their choice of teaching assistant duties. Possible duties should include those that give the Honors student the direct opportunity to interact with other students in a teaching capacity. We hope that this opportunity will be of benefit to both Honors students and Cal Poly.

For more details on the program, or to recruit an Honors student for your course, contact the Honors Program at: honors@calpoly.edu

Did You Know? Get Creative

Did you know you can learn all kinds of interesting crafts at the Cal Poly Craft Center? Learn how to blow glass, make pottery, make jewlery, shape a surfboard or simply repair your bike. The craft center is located on the first floor of the UU. For more information and class schedules, visit http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/craft_center.

Campus Announcements

New Draft of Strategic Plan Available for Review, Comment

Cal Poly faculty and staff members are invited to review and comment on the latest draft of the university's next Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan provides a road map for the university over the next half-decade, with values, decisions and a list of actions aimed at maintaining Cal Poly's standing as a premier, comprehensive polytechnic institution with emphasis on hands-on learning. The Provost's Office developed an initial draft Strategic Plan in Fall 2008 and distributed it for review and comment early this year. Feedback was collected from the campus community and from Cal Poly's external stakeholders. Several subsequent drafts have been prepared and presented to individual college leadership, university administrators and the President's Cabinet. The latest draft incorporates that combined feedback. Now, we need your input on this latest version. To read through the plan and offer your feedback, visit: http://www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/StrategicPlan/index.html. Comments on the latest draft of the plan will be accepted through December.



It's the Real Thing: Creamery's Annual Holiday Cheese Sale

The historic Cal Poly Creamery is once again offering gift packs of its student-made cheeses for the holidays. The seven varieties for sale are Gouda, Smoked Gouda, Mustang Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Chipotle Jack, San Luis Lace and reduced-fat Lace. The Gouda and San Luis Lace are award-winning cheeses. All are available for order through Dec. 12 at www.calpolycheese.com. Read more about the cheese sale

'Tis the Season for Cal Poly Eggnog

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Cal Poly is producing eggnog for the holiday season. The university will sell the sweet treat at all local Spencer's Markets and at Campus Market. Dairy Science Department Head Bruce Golden said the Cal Poly Creamery is trying to increase it's overall dairy sales by offering new consumer products. "We're looking at creative ways to utilize and capitalize on milk produced by our dairy herd."

Read more about Cal Poly Holiday Eggnog

Cal Poly Farm Hosts U-Pick Through December

The Cal Poly citrus, avocado and deciduous farm enterprise invites the public to come pick fresh and delicious Cal Poly mandarins every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 31. Other fruit is also available for purchase, such as Hachiya persimmons, Payne walnuts, and Lisbon lemons. To find us, follow U-Pick signs from the intersection of Santa Rosa Street and Highland Drive. The U-Pick and fruit sales will be held on the south side of Highland Drive. For more information about future U-Picks, call ext. 6-2224 and dial 2, or e-mail questions to cpcitrusandavo@yahoo.com

El Corral Annual Customer Appreciation Sale is Dec. 1-3

Save 30 percent on all Cal Poly clothing, seasonal gifts, general reading and reference books, art, office and student supplies, greeting cards, gift wrap, bags and shoes and much more. Staff and faculty can shop early Dec. 1 and 2 – the sale is open to everyone Thursday, Dec. 3. El Corral Bookstore is open daily until 6 p.m.

Nominations Due Friday for Distinguished Teaching Award

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Friday, Dec. 4. Any student or alum may submit one or more nominations on the nomination Web site, www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/dta.html. The nomination period began Monday, Oct. 26, and ends Friday, Dec. 4. Nominations should include the professor's name and department and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based upon the nomination criteria listed for this year's award.

Student Community Services Hosts Holiday Gift Drive

Student Community Services (SCS) is kicking off its annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teenagers in San Luis Obispo County. Last year, SCS provided about 450 gifts for children and families in the San Luis Obispo community. The Holiday Gift Drive is open to anyone who would like to participate including students, faculty, staff and community members. SCS hopes to have all wishes fulfilled by Wednesday, Dec. 9. Stop Student Community Services in UU 217 to pick up a gift tag and help fulfill the holiday wishes of a



local youth. For more information, contact The Community CENTER at ext. 6-5883.

Cal Poly Corporation Board Meeting Set for Dec. 11

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

Nominate Faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Visit the Distinguished Scholarship Award Web site for more information. Nominations are due by January 15.

Events



Ring in the Holidays A Capella Wednesday

Cal Poly's a cappella ensemble, Take It SLO, will present its first Holiday Concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. The 15-member vocal student ensemble will perform a variety of songs to raise the holiday spirit, plus some new works and old favorites.

Read more about the A Capella performance

A Fiddling Family Christmas Wednesday

Cal Poly Arts presents "A Leahy Family Christmas" Dec. 2. Leahy is a Celtic Canadian powerhouse of eight siblings who are each a triple threat of fiddle-driven music, dance

and vocals. From sacred hymns, slow airs, and luscious Christmas carols to a smorgasbord of fiery reels and jigs, A Leahy Family Christmas covers the full spectrum of the holiday.

More on Leahy Christmas concert

'All is Calm' with Cantus in Mission SLO Friday

Cal Poly Arts presents Cantus in a special concert in Mission San Luis Obispo Friday, Dec. 4. "All is Calm" is an homage to the remarkable Christmas Truce of WW I – a day when both sides laid down their arms to embrace peace with a cease-fire. It features the stirring a cappella voices of the Cantus men's choir and Theater Latté Da. It's a holiday celebration to inspire the human spirit, performed in the acoustically-stunning sanctuary of the Old Mission.

More on Cantus and 'Calm' concert

Jazz Up the Season with Friday Concert

A young, fresh approach to one of America's great art forms – jazz – will be presented by the Cal Poly jazz ensembles at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly. The ensembles, two big bands and two combos, will show how jazz is being reinvigorated by the next generation.

Read more about this contemporary jazz extravaganza

State Agriculture Secretary Kawamura to Speak this Friday and Saturday

Cal Poly and California Certified Organic Farmers will host the eighth annual Sustainable Pest Management Conference in San Luis Obispo on Dec. 4 and 5. The conference agenda addresses hot topics in California integrated pest management including current insect threats to olives, the leafy greens marketing agreement, new certification standards in sustainable vineyards and weed management without synthetic herbicides. Day one of the conference concludes with a keynote address from AG Kawamura, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture Department.

More on the conference and Kawamura's talk

Choirs Present Annual Holiday Show Saturday

The Cal Poly Choirs present their annual holiday show "A Christmas Celebration" on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall of Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. Titled "Of Voices, Pipes and Brass!" the concert will be a variety of music to ignite the holiday season including performances by all of the Cal Poly vocal ensembles and a special performance by the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble.

Read more about the musical extravaganza

Job Vacancies

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Administrative Assistant - Upward Bound/Student Academic Services, \$14.45 per hour. Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent. Three years of general office support or administrative assistance experience. (Training at a vocational school or full-time college education may be substituted for two years of the required experience on the basis of one year of college education for six months of experience).

Unit Supervisor - Coffee Areas, hiring range: \$13.43 - \$16.46 per hour. HS degree or equivalent required. Two years minimum of relevant coffee experience in a high-volume environment including one year in a supervisory position.

Unit Supervisor - Tacos To-Go/Dexter Subs, hiring range: \$13.43 - \$16.46 per hour. HS degree or equivalent required. A two-year minimum of relevant food service experience in a high volume environment, including one year in a supervisory position.

Salad Maker, hiring range: \$9.30 - \$11.41 per hour. One year of full-time experience in a commercial food service operation and working knowledge of salads and general pantry work including banquets, buffets and garnish work.

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