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News

Nearly 800 Graduate in December Commencement

While the rain poured outside, some 800 students graduated in three mid-year commencement ceremonies in Mott Gym on Saturday, Dec. 12. Keynote speakers for the three ceremonies were Science Foundation of Arizona President and CEO William Harris, CEO Peter B. Wiley of publisher Wiley & Sons, and Anne Marie Bergen, a Cal Poly alumna now district science teacher and coordinator for Oakdale Joint Unified School District.

[More on the December commencement ceremonies](#)



Rose Float Club Looking for Volunteer Decorators



The Cal Poly Rose Float Club is looking for volunteers to help decorate the 2010 float for the Jan. 1 Rose Parade in Pasadena. Students ask parents, alumni and the community for help adding flowers and finishing touches every year during "Deco Week" in Pasadena. This year, decorating will start with dry materials Dec. 26 and will continue with fresh flowers until Dec. 31 in the Rose Bowl parking lot in Pasadena.

[More on Rose Float decorating](#)

Students Spending Break in United Arab Emirates

A group of Cal Poly students and faculty is spending part of winter break in the United Arab Emirates. The group will be examining issues such as sustainability in business, renewable energy, and women in higher education in the Middle East. The trip is part of Cal Poly's Alternative Breaks program, which allows students to spend an academic break traveling domestically or overseas to engage in volunteer work or otherwise experience a new culture. Five students and one professor are spending Dec. 14-22 in the UAE.

[More on the United Arab Emirates trip](#)

Cal Poly Report on Vacation for the Holiday Season

Cal Poly Report will not be issued Dec. 23 or 30. Report will resume Jan. 6. Please submit your items for the Jan 6 issue by 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4. Thank you and enjoy a safe and festive holiday!

Faculty and Staff

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.

Joan Kunkler to Retire

Join Kennedy Library faculty and staff in honoring Library Assistant Joan Kunkler on her retirement. A reception will be held in her honor, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 3:15 p.m. on the second floor of the library in the Learning Commons Café. RSVP to ext. 6-2345 by Monday, Dec. 14. Kunkler began working in the library in 1979 as a bindery clerk when the library was located in the Dexter Building. She transferred to "Learning Resources and Curriculum" as a copy cataloger and took over running that department in 2000. She has served as the library representative for Week of Welcome, Open House and the Preface program. Currently, Joan works as a cataloger in the Collection Management unit and provides reference service through the library's online chat.

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant proposals

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2010-11 is Jan. 22. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs Web site](#), or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Campus Announcements

Staff Representative Sought for Presidential Search Advisory Committee

A presidential search will soon be underway to find a successor to President Baker. A request was received from the Chancellor's Office for the name of one elected staff representative to serve on Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

The Board of Trustees policy for the selection of presidents specifies that one university staff member be elected to serve on the Search Advisory Committee, known as the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP). For this assignment, a staff member is defined as a represented or confidential employee. The name and contact information for the staff's elected member must be submitted to Chancellor Reed by Jan 20.

The ACTCSP will convene at Cal Poly on Feb. 9 for a brief organizational meeting. The remainder of the committee activities will occur in April and May. While most of these activities will be at Cal Poly, some travel may be required.

As indicated in the [Board of Trustees Policy](#), the campus support staff representative is to be elected by the staff. Staff members interested in becoming a nominee for the campus support staff representative must submit the

following:

1. A statement not to exceed 200 words indicating how he or she interprets the role and responsibility of representing the Cal Poly staff as a member of the ACTCSP, including any applicable experience or background that may apply. This statement will be included with the ballot material.
2. A nominating petition signed by twenty (20) current Cal Poly staff employees. Eligible signatories may not sign nomination petitions for more than one candidate.

The above completed information must be received by Barbara Melvin, executive director for Human Resources, Administration Building Room 110, no later than Wednesday, Jan 6. Ballots and information on the voting process to elect the staff representative will be available shortly thereafter. Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

Village Market Holiday Sale - Receive 50% off Select Holiday Items This Week Only

Stock up on half-price holiday gifts, treats and stocking stuffers at the Village Market. Sale runs Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 16-18. Don't miss out! Village Market hours this week are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

'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 its 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](#)



University Police and Information Center Holiday Hours Updated

Starting winter Quarter 2010, the front desk at the University Police Department (for non-emergency & routine business transactions) and the Grand Avenue Information Center will close at 7p.m. Monday through Thursday. Both areas will remain open from 7a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and during Academic Breaks. During the holiday break, the Grand Avenue Information Center will be closed beginning Monday, Dec. 21 and will reopen Monday, Jan. 4. If you need assistance with Parking Information, Sponsored Guest permits or have other parking questions, contact the University Police front desk at ext. 6-6654.

Effective Teaching and Learning Applications Due Jan. 8

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will offer a faculty learning community (FLC) focused on "Effective Teaching and Learning" in winter quarter 2010. A sub-theme of the FLC will be to address pedagogical issues related to the new CSU reality, e.g. larger classes, increased teaching loads, use of technology, etc. Participants in the community will work collaboratively to build individual and group learning outcomes related to effective teaching and learning.

Selected participants are led by a facilitator and will receive a payment of \$500 upon successful completion of their role as community members. All Cal Poly faculty (tenured and tenure-track) and lecturers (part-time and full-time)

are encouraged to participate. Weekly sessions will take place in the Kennedy Library, Room 510-B from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Scheduled meeting dates are: Jan. 14, 21 and 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25; and Mar. 4. Applications due by 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the CTL. E-mail applications to ctl@calpoly.edu. For an application and more information, visit http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/faculty/effective_teaching_learning_flc.html.

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.

Read the WASC Self-Study

What are the distinguishing challenges of being a highly rated, comprehensive polytechnic university? Is learn-by-doing different at Cal Poly than at other institutions? How successful are we at implementing the teacher-scholar model? How do we more effectively integrate the educational experiences of our students? These are some of the questions posed by Cal Poly's self-study, a draft of which was made available to the campus in November. The first report has just been sent to WASC; read it online at <http://wasc.calpoly.edu/cpr/index.html>. The visiting team will be on campus Feb. 10-12.

Cal Poly Farm Hosts U-Pick Through December

The Cal Poly citrus, avocado and deciduous farm enterprise invites the public to 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.

Events

'Night Before Christmas' Dances Across Spanos Stage Dec. 18 & 19

The Studio of Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande is proud to announce the fifth annual production of "A Night Before Christmas." The production is based on the 1800s American poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and includes ballet, tap, jazz and vocal routines performed to all your favorite holiday songs. The performers range in age from 3 to adult. Narrated by local radio host Chad Stevens.

[More on 'Night Before Christmas'](#)

Cuesta Master Chorale Holiday Concert is Dec. 19

The Cuesta Master Chorale performs two Holiday favorites: Handel's "Messiah" (Christmas Portion) and J. S. Bach's second cantata from "The Christmas Oratorio" with the Cuesta master Chorale Orchestra and Guest Soloists, all under the direction of Dr. Thomas Davies. Performance time is 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on Cuesta Master Chorale](#)

Sing Along with the Forbes Organ Dec. 20

A traditional holiday show with an interactive twist! Featuring memorable performances by the Vocal Arts Ensemble and the Central Coast Children's Choir. Also featuring University Organist Paul Woodring on the magnificent Forbes Pipe Organ playing a collection of holiday carols while audience members sing along. A benefit show for Youth Outreach for the Performing Arts Center (YOPAC) and the two participating community choirs. Performance time is 3 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on the Forbes Organ Concert](#)



Spend New Year's Eve with Comedienne Judy Tenuta at the PAC

Looking for a way to ring in the New Year with some much needed laughter? Join headliner Judy Tenuta along with three of the country's top stand up comedians for a rollicking night of bubbly and belly laughs Dec. 31. This big New Year's Eve party, complete with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and champagne, is just the ticket to kick off 2010 with a bang! (Ages 21+ only.)

[More on New Year's Eve at the PAC](#)

Job Vacancies

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.

Custodial Assistant Supervisor - Campus Dining, Hiring range: \$13.43 - \$16.46/hour. Requires high school degree or equivalent with two years custodial experience and one year as supervisor. See Web site for a complete position announcement. Excellent benefits provided including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays.

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