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News



Cal Poly Rose Parade Float a Double Winner in 2010

"Jungle Cuts," the float built by students and volunteers from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the university's sister campus in Pomona, captured two awards at the 2010 Rose Parade Jan. 1 in Pasadena. Rose Parade judges gave the float the Bob Hope Humor Trophy. And on Jan. 2, the Tournament of Roses and KTLA TV in Los Angeles announced that the Cal Poly float had once again captured the annual Viewers' Choice Award. The float featured a lion getting a perm, a giraffe getting a beehive, and a zebra styling it out with a slick mohawk. The animation incorporated into the float included a toucan flying around a tree, monkeys dangling from trees, a giraffe climbing a tree, and an actual working waterfall.

[More on the Cal Poly Rose Float](#)

Faculty and Staff

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 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 6-1508.

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Nora Agapay

Nora Agapay, custodian in Facility Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Anyone interested in donating vacation and/or sick leave to help Agapay remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Geri Bolivar, Facility Services, at ext. 6-2321 or gbolivar@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Faculty and Staff Save 15 Percent on Food

While furloughs are in effect, Campus Dining is offering faculty and staff 15 percent off food purchases. Use Campus Express Club for reductions at the register. For more information or to add value to an Express Club card, visit <http://www.calpolycorporation.org/express>. Program ends June 30.

Campus Announcements

Employee Separation Policy Reminder

Human Resources asks that departments notify Human Resources or Academic Personnel immediately upon knowledge that an employee will separate from the university in order to meet legal requirements for settlement pay (Labor Code Sections 201 and 202). All employees must complete a Form PR 300, Employee Separation Form. Additionally, for employees who are resigning, staff and management must complete the Form HR 191, Employee Notice of Resignation. Academic employees must submit a letter of resignation to the appropriate department head/chair. Separation forms are available on the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/forms.asp?form=20#separation>. For more information regarding employee separation, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 or Academic Personnel at ext. 6-2844.

Federal Work-Study Update

Because of a significant drop in federal funding in the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, there are a limited number of students with FWS funds. We regret that no additional FWS awards will be made this academic year. Increases in existing Federal Work-Study awards will be limited. FWS was awarded to applicants with a high need who filed a FAFSA application before the March 2 deadline. Be sure to encourage students to complete the 2010-11 FAFSA now at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Because we were unable to grant additional requests for FWS in 2009-10, students on the FWS waiting list will be given priority for FWS in 2010-11, provided they meet the need requirements and file their FAFSA before the upcoming March 2 deadline.

Travel Reimbursement Rate Has Changed

Effective Jan. 1, the mileage rate for official university business travel has decreased from .55 to .50 per mile. For questions, contact John Sullivan at ext. 6-1717.

Staff Representative Sought for Presidential Search Advisory Committee

A search will soon be under way 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 California State University 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 Feb. 9 at Cal Poly 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 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 6-2236.

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 are 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.

Deadline to Nominate Faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award is Jan. 15

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 Jan. 15.

Deadline to Nominate Top Staff is Jan. 19

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2009-10 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 19. Nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, Corporation, or ASI who are in their third year of employment as of Dec. 31 and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Former recipients of the award are not eligible. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form can be found at: <http://outstandingstaff.calpoly.edu>

Attend the 13th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching

The Center For Teaching and Learning invites the campus community to attend the 13th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching, hosted by CSU San Bernardino on Saturday, April 24. The symposium is a peer-reviewed conference for teaching and learning and provides attendees with an opportunity to interact with faculty who are committed to excellence in teaching across the CSU system.

Proposals for conference presentations are welcome, and the deadline for submitting proposals is Feb. 8. For more information about the conference, registration and fees, travel and lodging and submitting a proposal, visit the conference Web site at <http://trc.csusb.edu/symposium2010/> or contact staff in the CTL at ext. 6-7002.

Nominations Sought for Student Employee Award

Faculty and staff can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's

2009-10 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six months of part-time student employment during the academic year – June 22, 2009 to June 12, 2010. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and CP Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

The winner will be announced in April and entered into the state competition with a chance to go to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced during National Student Employment Week, which is the second week of April. To print the 2009-10 OSEY nomination form, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/forms.asp?form=20>. Submit forms to Luann McDonald in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to remind students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly Scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. For questions, dial ext. 6-2927.

Cal Poly's Home Page Has a New Look

The Cal Poly University Home Page (www.calpoly.edu) has a new look. The new design includes more photos, graphics, stories and links. It's part of an ongoing university effort to promote Cal Poly to alumni, parents, prospective students, university supporters and the community at large. You'll still find links to the pages you need – such as the A-Z Directory, Maps and the MyCalPoly Portal. You'll also find more features, photos and links to fun Cal Poly pages such as the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences, Cal Poly Creamery, and more.

The "new" home page uses the "Splash Page" template designed by ITS. It's among the set of Cal Poly Web Page templates that are ADA-compliant and free for use to any college, department, office or other "official" Cal Poly Web site. Find out more about the templates – and download them free – at www.warc.calpoly.edu.

The Public Affairs Office is working with ITS on the "new" Cal Poly Home Page look. Public Affairs will provide fresh headlines, spotlight features and multimedia presentations regularly. For guidelines about what kinds of stories, links and photos can appear on the "new" Cal Poly Home Page, visit www.publicaffairs.calpoly.edu. If you've got a fun Cal Poly Web page, Web site, video or other Cal Poly information or photos you'd like to suggest, e-mail your ideas to Public Affairs at polynews@calpoly.edu.

Events

Another Type of Groove Presents HBO Def Poet Joaquin Zihuatanejo

The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's Another Type of Groove presents World Poetry Slam Champion Joaquin Zihuatanejo from 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Chumash Auditorium. Zihuatanejo has been featured on HBO's Def Poetry Jam and has competed and won at poetry slams on the national and international levels. He has published three collections of poetry: "Of Fire and Rain," "Barrio Songs" and "I of the Storm."

[More on Another Type of Groove](#)

Faculty Piano Recital Set for Jan. 8

Hear Cal Poly Music Professor W. Terrence Spiller in concert at 8 p.m. in Spanos Theatre. Spiller, a concert pianist and the Music Department head, will perform works of three great composers in his annual solo recital.

[More on Spiller's performance](#)

Temptations Coming to Cohan Center Jan. 11

Motown comes to SLO-town when the Temptations arrive in concert, marking the 45th anniversary of their first No. 1 hit. These Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers and multi-Grammy winners bring freshness and fire to the world of contemporary music with a non-stop suite of red-hot hits – “Papa Was a Rolling Stone,” “Just My Imagination,” and the iconic “My Girl” – plus a bright new mix of sounds, grooves and, above all, soaring voices.

[More on the Temptations concert](#)



Job Vacancies

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.

#101982 – Association of College & University Housing Interns, Helper Aid, Student Affairs, University Housing, temporary through Sept. 30, \$1,387-\$2,808 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 11.

#101987 – Temporary Emergency Clerical Pool, Temporary clerical positions, 90-day maximum. ASA I - \$12.05-\$18.08 per hour, ASA II - \$14.45-\$21.68 per hour, ASC I - \$16.20-\$24.30 per hour, ASC II - \$17.73-26.63 per hour. Continuous Hiring through June. 30.

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.

Irrigation Technician I, Irrigation Training & Research Center, part time, 20 hours per week, \$17.16-\$24.90 per hour DOE. Requirements: High school degree and one year experience with manipulating spreadsheets, and proficiency in electronics, irrigation design and management, construction and fabrication and computer equipment. 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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