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News



California Contractors Support Cal Poly Construction Management

Contractors statewide know that good construction begins with a solid foundation – especially in the form of an excellent education. With that in mind, the California Contractors State License Board recently presented the Cal Poly Construction Management Department with a check for more than \$41,000 – money collected from voluntary donations from contractors. [More on the donations](#)

Presidential Search Committee Launching Feb. 9 on

Campus

The California State University Board of Trustees is beginning the search for a new president for Cal Poly. The new president will succeed retiring President Warren J. Baker, who has served since 1979. The first meeting of the search committee will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cal Poly's University Union. This is the first meeting of the search group -- and the only one that is an open meeting. CSU Trustee Roberta Achtenberg will chair the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President. The other trustee members of the selection committee include Carol Chandler, George Gowgani, Glen Toney, as well as Herbert Carter (chairman of the Board of Trustees) and CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

[Details on the search and meeting](#)

Faculty and Staff

Ethnic Studies Professor Co-Authors Book

Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Professor Kathleen Martin has co-authored the book "Indigenous Symbols and Practices in the Catholic Church: Visual Culture, Missionization and Appropriation," due Feb. 1 from Ashgate Publishing. The text focuses on Native American and indigenous people and their relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. It illustrates the effects of appropriation of indigenous symbols, as well as the political, educational and economic oppression of indigenous peoples the authors contend were the result of Christian organizations. The book will be available in El Corral Bookstore beginning Feb. 19 and will be used as a text in the course "Native American Cultural Images."

[Read more about Martin's book](#)

Retirement Reception for Kent Morrison Set for Feb. 25

Kent Morrison is retiring after 32 years of service to Cal Poly. The Mathematics Department invites the campus community to a reception in his honor on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 285. Kent joined the Math Department as a lecturer in fall 1977, accepted a tenure-track position in fall 1979, and served as chairman from September 1999 to August 2008. He will continue to teach part-time at Cal Poly and will be associated with the American Institute of Mathematics in Palo Alto as a visiting researcher.

Campus Announcements

Sage Hosts Social Hour - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Before Selected PAC Performances

Come to Sage Restaurant before going to a show at the Performing Arts Center. Enjoy unlimited appetizers and two glasses of wine for \$25 per person. Sage Restaurant is located across the street from the Performing Arts Center. Call ext. 6-1204 or visit <http://www.sagerestaurantslo.com/specialevents> for more event information. Social Hour is open prior to the following PAC shows this term: Saturday, Feb. 6 before the David Singer Performance; Monday, Feb. 22 before Camelot; Thursday, March 4 before Avenue Q.

Van Pool Has Openings for the Santa Maria, Atascadero and North Coast Areas

Want to save at the pump? We have the solution. There are vanpool openings for Santa Maria, Atascadero and the North Coast (Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos, Cambria). Contact Susan Rains at srains@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6680 for more information.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for Feb. 6

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Bonderson Projects Center on campus. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.



Get a Ham Radio License - Testing Session Set for Feb. 6

The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club will host a Ham Radio testing session Saturday, Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Engineering East, Room 129. The exam is \$15, and attendees are asked to bring a pencil, their Social Security number and two forms of ID (one with a photo). RSVP for attendance to calpolyradioclub@gmail.com. Learn more about the Amateur Radio Club and the testing session at www.w6bhz.org.

Cal Poly's Polytechnic Identity: A Poster Session

WASC, The Western Association of Schools and Colleges will visit Cal Poly on Feb. 10-12 as part of the university's reaccreditation process. While on campus, representative will attend a poster session highlighting the efforts of various campus programs in regards to learn-by-doing, integration in student learning and student participation in faculty scholarship. Posters will be on display for campus review Feb. 8-19 in the Learning Commons, next to Julian's on the second floor of the library. For more information on WASC or the campus reaccreditation process, visit <http://wasc.calpoly.edu/>.

WASC Visiting Team on Campus Feb. 10-12

On Feb. 10-12, Cal Poly will host a visiting team from WASC, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This occasion is part of the process of re-affirming the university's accreditation, which assures the value of our degrees and our eligibility for federal funding. The visiting team wants to know what you think about Cal Poly and

its ability to provide a high-quality education. Open forums are scheduled for staff on Feb. 10, from 2:10 to 3 p.m. in UU 220, and for faculty on Feb. 11 from 10:10-11 a.m. in UU 220. The visiting team will also make a closing presentation, open to the campus community, on Feb. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to noon in room 06-124. Faculty and staff may also send comments to wasc2calpolyslo@yahoo.com. Comments sent to this address go directly to the team chair and will not be viewed by anyone at Cal Poly. For more information on the re-affirmation process and to read a summary of the report we recently submitted to WASC, visit <http://wasc.calpoly.edu>.

Student Employee of the Year Nomination Deadline is Feb. 10

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, 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 L. McDonald in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for Feb. 12

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, Feb. 12 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 Feb. 5. For more information about this meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy, at ext. 6-1131.



Wilderness First Aid Certification Course Set for Feb. 13, 14

The Poly Escapes Outdoor Adventures Program will host a Wilderness First Aid class presented by the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) of NOLS. The course provides WMI Wilderness First Aid Certification and Wilderness First Responder re-certification. The class is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, in UU 220. Tuition is \$145 for students and \$195 for non-students and covers fees for the course only. Non-student participants can contact Nancy Clark at ext. 6-7007 or naclark@calpoly.edu for registration instructions. The two-day course is fast-paced and hands-on and covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. WMI's curriculum is unique and includes advanced topics that other programs leave out such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. WMI's course is pre-approved by the American Camping Association, the U.S. Forest Service and other governmental agencies. This course does not include CPR.

Deadline for Student Research Competition Entries is Feb. 18

The Research and Graduate Programs office encourages faculty and staff members to notify students about the CSU Student Research Competition, to be held April 30 and May 1 at San Jose State University. Students may adapt their senior projects or master's theses for entry in the competition. The deadline to submit entries for Cal Poly's March 6 campuswide review is Feb. 18. For more information, visit <http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/>.

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.

Passings/In Memorium

Thomas J. Young

Thomas J. Young, 52, passed away Monday, Jan. 11 in Arroyo Grande. For the past 13 years has worked for Cal Poly as an Information Technology Consultant. He started in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences in November 1996. He moved to the Academic Affairs Division in January 2008. He was an active member of Grace Bible Church in Arroyo Grande and used his vocal talents in the choir. He is remembered for his quick wit, love of travel and exquisite culinary skills. Thomas is survived by his wife, Anne; son, Clay; mother, Frances Cherro; father, Gil (Candace) Young; sister, Jackie and her family; and brother, John and his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the GraceFull Choir, Grace Bible Church, 100 Rodeo Drive Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

Events

Tickets on Sale Now for Craig Ferguson Benefit Show Feb. 13



Join Scottish-American stand-up comedian Craig Ferguson, the host of CBS's "The Late, Late Show," for a Valentine's Day benefit performance at the Christopher Cohan Center. Though he started his career in a Scottish punk rock band, by summer 1994 Craig Ferguson was established as one of Great Britain's leading comedians after a huge success at the Edinburgh Festival. In 1995 he moved to Los Angeles, where he now works as an actor-writer-director-producer-creator and host of CBS's ultra late night show. See him in Harman Hall; showtime is 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit local youth charities. [Details on Ferguson](#)

Annual Orchesis Dance Performance Premieres This Weekend

Orchesis, Cal Poly's dance troupe, will present 'Continuum' Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 4-6, at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. The performance is a fusion of edgy, contemporary dance genres with the lyric artistry of classical forms.

[Get more information on the Orchesis performance](#)



Hear the Spirit of Uganda Wednesday at the PAC

Cal Poly Arts presents "The Spirit of Uganda" Feb.3 in the Cohan Center. This riveting world music/dance program stars dedicated young Africans who are true ambassadors for Uganda's 2.4 million AIDS orphans. These children personify the resilience and promise of Africa's next generation as they promote awareness of Uganda's dual crises of AIDS and civil war, while raising funds to support themselves and others displaced in their homeland.

[More on the Spirit of Uganda](#)

Poet Shihan Performs Wednesday in Chumash

In celebration of Black History Month, the Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry proudly presents National Poetry Slam Champion Shihan on Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Chumash Auditorium from 7:30–10 p.m. Shihan was the National Poetry Slam Grand Champion in 2004. He has been featured on Russell Simmons' HBO Def Poetry seven times over of six seasons. He has performed on five national poetry tours, including the Tony Award-winning "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry Jam International Tour." Shihan is the only poet to have ever been named "Download of the Week" on iTunes.

[Details on Shihan](#)

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.

There are no new job openings this week.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment Web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#101990, Global Waste Research Director (Research Fellow), temporary (.50 time base), College of Engineering, ext. 6-7524. Closes: Feb. 22, 2010.

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. 6-1121.

Operations Manager, Campus Dining, \$48,568 - \$59,514 per year. Requires High School diploma or equivalent and five years food service experience, including two years as a manager. Will analyze financial reports for residential and retail operations, review financial measurements to ensure the achievement of all financial goals, and provide guidance and support in developing action plans. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills and knowledge of principles, techniques, terminology and procedures of managing. Will supervise up to 100 student assistants and 50 regular full-time employees.

Custodial Assistant, Campus Dining, Hiring Range: \$9.30 - \$11.41 per hour, 10-month position. Requires High School diploma degree or GED and one year custodial work experience. Must be able to lift and move 50 pounds. Valid driver's license and good driving record required.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job openings this week.