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News

Strategic Plan Ready for Comment

The final draft of the Cal Poly Strategic Plan has been completed after two years of research and input from students, faculty, alumni, industry partners and university staff. It's ready for review, and the university is looking for public feedback. The plan's vision statement calls for Cal Poly to be "the nation's premier comprehensive polytechnic university, a nationally recognized, innovative institution focused on helping California meet future challenges in a global context."



President Baker is Parade's Grand Marshal

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker will serve as this year's Poly Royal Parade Grand Marshal. The parade will take place Saturday, April 17, as part of the university's 17th annual Open House. Baker, who has led Cal Poly since 1979, has announced his plans to retire once a successor assumes office sometime this summer. The parade begins at 9 a.m. April 17 at Grand Avenue and Perimeter Drive and ends on Dexter Lawn.

More on the Parade

New Home for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal Poly

Beginning in the fall, Cal Poly's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) will be administered by the Robert E. Kennedy Library, and classes will be held in the library. OLLI is a membership organization located at Cal Poly that provides a diverse and intellectually-stimulating array of non-credit lifelong learning programming for older learners (age 55 and older) in the San Luis Obispo area. Its programs are partially supported by an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

More on OLLI move

Faculty and Staff

Victor Brancart Named Interim University Budget Director

Victor Brancart has been named interim director of the Budget and Analytic Business Services Department. Brancart will oversee all the functions associated with the Cal Poly budget office, as well as campuswide support for the PeopleSoft financial applications. Brancart joined the Cal Poly Finance organization in 1994.

Wanted: Your Success Stories

The world wants to know about the cool things Cal Poly people are up to. And we in Public Affairs want to let everyone know about your success. Are you doing innovative research? Creating a new way of doing something? What success are our students involved in? Any awards lately? Grants received? Book published? Special lecture given? We're interested in stories we can share with donors, prospective donors, local media, trade publications and the campus community. Tell us what you know, and don't be bashful. Say it loud, and say it proud. Send your success story ideas to polynews@calpoly.edu, and we'll get the word out.

Campus Announcements

Summer Term 2010 Transitioning to a Self-Support Model

Cal Poly will offer Summer Term 2010 courses through Continuing Education and University Outreach. The program is financially self-supporting. Fee waiver applies to CSU general fund courses only. Courses in self-support programs MAY NOT be taken through fee waiver. This applies to both employee and dependent fee waiver. If you have questions regarding Summer Term 2010, refer to http://www.summer.calpoly.edu/. For information on Summer Term 2010 fees, visit http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/Student Accounts/pmtsched summer10.htm

Bella Montana Homes Available for Resale and Rent

Two- and three-bedroom Bella Montana homes are now available for faculty and staff with \$0 down necessary (<u>see resale list</u>). There are also homes available for rent (<u>see rental list</u>). Visit the Web site for more information at http://www.bellamontanahomes.com.

Women's and Gender Studies Scholarships Available

The Women's and Gender Studies Department announces seven scholarship opportunities for Cal Poly students. Nominations are now being accepted for the Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship, the James M. Duenow Scholarship, the Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship, the Steve Harmon Scholarship, the L. Diane Ryan Scholarship, the Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality and the Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. Visit the Women's and Gender Studies Web site for scholarship criteria and nomination instructions at http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/scholarships.html or contact Andrea Nash at anash@calpoly.edu. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 4.

Hula Classes Under Way

The Cal Poly Hawaii Club is sponsoring hula classes April 13-June 1. Classes are open to the public and the campus community. This is a non-credit class. Beginning hula classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Architecture Building, Room 225. Dance experience is not required. The cost is \$56 for students with ID, and \$72 for faculty, staff and community members. An \$11 per-class drop-in rate is available. Participants can register at the class and should wear comfortable clothing.

Outstanding Student Employee of the Year Ceremony Set for Thursday

On Thursday, April 15, President Baker will provide remarks at the Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award ceremony and reception. Thirty-five nominees will be recognized, and the winner will be recognized during a reception from 11 a.m. to noon at the University House Patio. Cal Poly student employees, supervisors and supporters of student employees are welcome to attend. Attendees will celebrate the important achievements, contributions and exceptional service student employees give to the university.

MATE Celebrates 50th Anniversary During Open House Weekend

Materials Engineering will celebrate its 50th anniversary during Open House weekend. Activities include an evening at Farmers Market; beer tasting; hiking; a dedication to William Forgeng; a dinner Saturday, April 17, at the Cliffs in Shell Beach; and brunch Sunday. All alumni are invited; registration is online. For additional information, visit http://mate.calpoly.edu/mate50/ or contact the department office at ext. 6-2568 or matedept@calpoly.edu.

Tax Deferred Savings Plans Events Set for April 20, 21, 29

Three one-hour Savings Plus Program (SPP) financial planning workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, in Building 36, Room 105. The workshops are: Enrollment from 10 to 11a.m.; Asset Allocation from 11 a.m. to noon; and Approaching Retirement from 1 to 2 p.m. The Savings Plus Program is a long-term savings program designed to supplement your retirement income. Eligible employees have two deferred compensation plans available to them: a Thrift Plan (IRC 401k) and a Deferred Compensation Plan (IRC 457). Both plans offer you convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. To be eligible to enroll in these plans you must be a State CalPERS member.

Call ext. 6-5436 to make a reservation or e-mail humanresources@calpoly.edu with "SPP Seminar " in the subject line. Detailed information regarding each workshop can be found at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html.

Presenter Greg Sabin will be available for individual appointments on Wednesday, April 21, in Building 36, Room 105. To schedule an appointment, e-mail sabing@nationwide.com or call 1-916-324-0532.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information regarding the Savings Plus Program, e-mail spptraining2@dpa.ca.gov, call 866-566-4777 or visit www.sppforu.com.

The 403(b) TSA Program is another way CSU employees can save for retirement with pre-tax investments. A representative from Fidelity will be on campus Wednesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 133, for individual appointments. To make a reservation visit www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations or call 1-800-305-5852.

Representatives from Valic, ING, MetLife and TIAA-Cref will be on campus to provide employees with information and consultations on Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 36, Room 105. For more information on how to enroll in the 403(b) TSA Program visit www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits.asp and select Tax Deferred Savings from the Navigation Menu. Investment selections are made with the fund sponsor, via their Web sites, and enrollments and changes are made via the online Retirement Manager.

For general information, see the Human Resources Benefits – Tax Deferred Savings page or call Benefits at ext. 6-5436.

Immigration Attorney On Campus April 22

International Education and Programs will host immigration attorney Adam Green at 4p.m. April 22 in the BRAE Building, Room 123. Green will give a free seminar for students and staff on obtaining Lawful Permanent Residence (green cards) and H-1B Work Visas. For information contact Judy Mitchell at jumitche@calpoly.edu or visit http://iep.calpoly.edu/intl students /events.html.

Nominations Sought for President's Diversity Award - Deadline is April 26

The President's Diversity Award is given to a student club and a campus unit that has exhibited commitment to the value of cultural diversity in one or more of the following ways: recruitment or retention efforts; improvement of student or employee understanding of the value of a culturally diverse climate; university or community service in support of diversity or multiculturalism; scholarly contributions in the area of multiculturalism or diversity; and advocacy of diversity. The commitment must support and be consistent with the mission of Cal Poly as an institution of higher education. Criteria for selection are: (i) direct impact on students; (ii) quality balanced with quantity (e.g., a larger impact affecting a smaller number of students, or a smaller impact affecting a larger number); and (iii) contribution above and beyond the unit or individual's normal scope of work.

The award is shared between a student organization and a unit of the university or an auxiliary (provided that deserving entities are nominated in each category). Any faculty member, staff member, student or campus unit may nominate a student organization and/or campus unit for the award, which carries with it a \$1,000 augmentation to the winning unit's budget for one year. Nomination forms with instructions may be downloaded http://inclusiveexcellence.calpoly.edu/iec/pres_div_nom.html. The deadline for nominations is noon Monday, April 26.

Passings/In Memoriam

Ray Macias

Ray Macias passed away in Santa Maria April 5 at the age of 71. He was born in El Paso, Texas. Macias retired as the director of procurement for Cal Poly after serving in the position for more than 15 years.

Joseph N. Weatherby

Joseph N. Weatherby, Jr. died in Brownwood, Texas, last week. Weatherby joined Cal Poly's Political Science Department in 1968. He served as chair of the Academic Senate, was a member of the Statewide Senate, advised the Cal Poly Model U.N. and

participated in the Cal Poly London Study Program. He was preceded by the death of his daughter, Anne, and is survived by his wife, Jane; two children, Holly and Jamie; and two grandchildren - all of Texas. Most recently, Weatherby was a faculty member at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Events

Remember Week Events Set for April 13-24

Cal Poly's Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) will host its eighth annual Remember Week from April 13-24, with events taking place on campus and throughout the San Luis Obispo community. Remember Week brings awareness and educational events to the community in an effort to end violence against women and men. Events include a self-defense workshop, the annual "Take Back the Night" walk in downtown San Luis Obispo, the Run to Remember 5k, a documentary screening, and the 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' event.

Details on Remember Week

See Rockapella at the Cohan Center April 14

Cal Poly Arts presents Rockapella in concert April 14 at the Cohan Center. Known as the "Kings of Contemporary A Cappella," this five-man powerhouse of vocal talent sweeps through continually sold-out venues around the globe. Every element of their sound is unique in each pitch perfect performance. For years, Rockapella enjoyed a daily run as the house band on the hit PBS TV show "Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?" Thanks to a heavy touring schedule, fans continue to share the

fun.

More on Rockapella

Art, Architecture Design on Display in 'reKinetic' at Kennedy Library Starting April 15

Cal Poly will host reKinetic, a collaborative exhibition that explores kinetic themes in architecture and art, April 15 – June 6 in the Robert E. Kennedy Library Learning Commons. The exhibition is free and open to the public during regular library hours. The exhibit is a group installation featuring the works of Cal Poly students and faculty and local community members. The works incorporate reclaimed materials to create innovative installations and sculptures that respond to their environment either by human interaction, internal mechanisms or natural elements. Visitors will be able view and interact with the displays. Cal Poly Architecture Professor Thomas Fowler and Kennedy Library staff created the event.

Details on reKinetic

NBC Entertainment President Speaking On Campus April 15

Vivi Zigler, a Cal Poly alumna and president of NBC Digital Universal Entertainment, will speak April 15 at Cal Poly for the College of Liberal Arts' 2010 Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held at 5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Café at the Robert E. Kennedy Library. The 1979 Journalism grad will present "The Art of Leadership," in which she will discuss her rise from local reporter to entertainment executive and candidly address the experiences and insights that brought her to the upper levels of one of the world's leading media and entertainment companies. A question-and-answer session will follow. More on Zigler



The GreatPacific Ocean Garbage Patch is Topic for Science Friday April 16

A thousand miles off California, the North Pacific Ocean Gyre contains one of the largest ecosystems on Earth--but it may be in danger from a deluge of accumulated plastic trash. Hear from two people who have visited the "Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch" during the Science Cafe discussion from 1:30-3 p.m. at Cal Poly's Kennedy Library. Hear a scientist and a teacher who recently traveled to the Garbage Patch as part of a graduate-student led scientific research expedition.

Details on the Ocean Science Cafe

You're Invited: Open House is Coming April 17

Cal Poly's 2010 Admitted Student Preview Day is set for Friday, April 16, and Open House is set for Saturday, April 17. Both are annual Cal Poly events that showcase the entire campus for new students and their families as well as alumni and the San Luis Obispo community. Open House will again include the Design Village student architecture competition, which draws teams from universities across the West. Favorites such as the robo-rodentia (mini-robot) competition, tractor pull, ornamental horticulture display and children's play area will be back. Open House is a great day to explore campus with Cal Poly friends. Details on Open House 2010



See Cal Poly Ballet Folklorico Troupe 'Imagen y Espiritu' Perform April 17

From the elegant and intricate dance style of Veracruz, to the fast-paced styles of Sinaloa, and many more! Imagen y Espiritu invites you to a night filled with cultural dance from various regions of Mexico. Performance is 7 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.



Student Musicians Featured at Cal Poly Open House Concert April 17

After an exciting day at Cal Poly's Open House, come and enjoy an evening of live entertainment by three of

the Music Department's finest instrumental ensembles. This year's Open House concert theme is "Shades of Blue." The blues is one of America's greatest musical treasures and is the foundation of virtually every major American music form born in the 20th century including jazz, rhythm and blues and rock and roll.

More on the Open House concert



All-State Music Festival Concert is April 18

Hear the All-State Music Festival Concert performance starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center on April 18. Some 150 of the state's finest high school musicians participate in this spectacular Open House event. Festival Symphony Orchestra Conductor is Julien Benichou, music director of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony and Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra in Maryland. Festival Jazz Band Soloist and Director is Dr. Charles Wood, professor emeritus of music from Santa Barbara City College, where he served as the director of bands and jazz studies for 15 years. Festival Wind Orchestra Conductor is J. Eric Schmidt, one of the busiest freelance composers in Los Angeles.

More on the All-State concert

Run to Remember is April 21 on Campus

The eighth annual 5k Run to Remember to benefit Cal Poly's Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER) will take place Wednesday, April 21. Run to Remember promotes running safely at night and honors survivors of sexual assault. The event draws more than 200 participants each year. Entry is \$15, and the community is invited. The run will be a loop around the campus, starting and finishing at Mott Lawn. Check-in at the event begins at 5 p.m. on Mott Lawn, with the run starting at 6 p.m.

More on Run to Remember

Theologian to Discuss Women as Ordained Priests in Catholic Church April 22

The College of Liberal Arts, Women's and Gender Studies Department and Religious Studies Program present Christian feminist theologian Rosemary Radford Ruether on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Ruether's talk, "Should Women Want Women Priests or Women Church?" expands the question of whether or not women should be ordained as priests in the Catholic Church to explore what impact women priests might have and whether or not women's ordination would actually lead to greater gender equality within the church. Ruether is the author of numerous books and more than 100 articles on Christianity. Her talk is part of a speaker series on women's ordination in Catholicism presented by the Women's & Gender Studies Department and the Religious Studies Program. For more information, contact Devin Kuhn at dkuhn@calpoly.edu, or ext. 6-2811.

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.

#102019 - ON-CALL CUSTODIAN, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing & Business Services, up to 75 positions available. Temporary on-call from June 1 to Sept. 30, 2010, \$13.20-\$19.81 per hour. Open until filled.

#102070 - INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN II, College of Science and Mathematics, Chemistry & Biochemistry, \$3,698-\$5,546 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: April 19, 2010.

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.

#102050 - Full-Time Lecture, Director of Brock Center, Agricultural Education and Communication Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2803. Review begins: May 23, 2010.

#102041 - Tenure Track Assistant/Associate Professor, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2378. Review begins: May 23.

#102067 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Dance Program, Theatre and Dance Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1465. Review begins: May 14.

#102074 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Theatre Program, Theatre and Dance Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1465. Review begins: May 14.

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.

There are no new job openings at this time.

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.

Assistant Coordinator-Information Technology User Support, \$47,101.60 per year. Open until filled, Review begins: April 16, 2010.

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