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News

Cal Poly is Best in the West for the 18th Year in U.S. News Rankings

For the 18th year in a row, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master's university in the West by U.S. News & World Report, in its 2011 America's Best Colleges guidebook.

[More on the US News rankings](#)

Cal Poly Moves Up on Forbes Magazine's List of Best Colleges

Cal Poly ranks No. 177 on Forbes magazine's list of the 610 best colleges and universities in the U.S. for 2010, up 24 places from 2009. The list, released last week, puts Cal Poly at No. 21 among 50 California colleges and universities featured. And just as last year, Cal Poly is the highest ranked California State University campus on the list. It is the third year Forbes has produced the list. Cal Poly appeared at No. 369 on the inaugural 2008 list and then at No. 201 in 2009.

[More on the Forbes ranking](#)



Local High School Students Go to Edge of Space Thanks to Cal Poly BalloonSat Program

Cal Poly Engineering provided a thrilling, hands-on learning experience for two Arroyo Grande High School students this summer. The students, Allison Servey and Bill Shires, recently completed Cal Poly's first-ever BalloonSat Summer Intern Program, which culminated in a high-altitude space imaging mission using a weather balloon, a recovery parachute, a digital camera and a GPS tracking system.

[More on BalloonSat Program](#)

Cal Poly Team Invited to Compete in Division I Rugby League in 2011

Cal Poly has been invited to participate in the 2011 USA Rugby College Division I Premier Championship league. Cal Poly is one of 32 teams from around the country that will compete in the new intercollegiate league, according to the invitation letter from USA Rugby. The teams will be grouped into four divisions of eight squads. Cal Poly will compete in the Pacific Division along with UC Berkeley, UCLA, Central Washington, Claremont, San Diego State, St. Mary's College and UC Davis.

[More on the rugby league](#)

Annual Ranch Horse Sale is Set for Aug. 28



Cal Poly students will hold the annual Performance and Ranch Horse Sale on Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at noon at the Horse Unit on campus. Fifteen Cal Poly students have spent several months training 22 young Quarter Horses and Appaloosas to get them ready for the sale. The horse sale is one of many “enterprise projects” in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Students spend their time raising everything from horses to sheep to tomatoes to poinsettias, and making everything from jam to chocolate to honey under the supervision of a faculty adviser.



[More on the horse sale and enterprise projects](#)

Cal Poly Tables Santa Barbara MBA Program Plans

At the request of the California State University Chancellor's Office, Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business is permanently suspending plans to offer a Santa Barbara MBA program. The CSU instead will look to its Channel Islands campus to serve the Santa Barbara market for an MBA program, given its closer proximity to Santa Barbara. Prospective students who filed applications for admission to Cal Poly's Santa Barbara MBA Program will receive a refund of the application fee.

[Details on the decision](#)

Faculty and Staff

Victor Brancart Named University Budget Director

Victor Brancart has been named director of the Budget and Analytic Business Services Department. Victor will oversee all the functions associated with the Cal Poly budget office as well as campus-wide support for the PeopleSoft financial applications. Victor has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cal State Fullerton and Cal Poly, respectively. He joined the Cal Poly Finance organization as an accountant in 1994.

Campus Announcements

Health Insurance Available to Dependents Up to Age 26

In response to health care reform legislation, CalPERS announced that children of CalPERS health benefit subscribers will soon be eligible for dependent health coverage up to the age of 26. Children must be enrolled or re-enrolled during this year's Open Enrollment period, Sept. 13 through Oct. 8, 2010. Coverage is effective Jan. 1, 2011. At this time it is unknown whether this coverage will be extended to include dental and vision. Further information should be received prior to the Open Enrollment period.

Dependent children up to age 26 may be added even if they are married, do not live with you or are not students. Social Security numbers, as well as copies of birth certificates will now be required to add any dependent children to health plans.

Visit the [Human Resources Benefits web site](#) for FAQ's regarding benefit updates and links to more information about the recent health care reform legislation. Health plan rates for 2011, plan details and enrollment materials will be announced in September.

New Location for the ITS Service Desk

To improve workflows and services, the ITS Service Desk is now located in the Natatorium across from Spanos Stadium (Building 46, Room 100). Hours of operation remain the same: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with parking available for visitors. For more information, call the the service desk at ext. 6-7000.

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs

International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach for the Winter 2012 Australia Study Program, the Spring 2012 Thai Study Program, and the Summer 2012 London Study Program and Summer 2012 Peru Study Program. Applications are available on the [International Programs web site](#). The application submission deadline is Dec. 1.

Share the Ride!

The university vanpool has openings in the Paso Robles and North Coast vans. For more information, contact Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.

Kennedy Library Accepting Requests for Fall Quarter Course Reserves

The Kennedy Library is accepting requests for fall quarter course reserves, including electronic course reserves for Blackboard. Faculty with five or fewer items to place on reserve can complete the submission form located on the [Library course reserves web site](#). Faculty with any number of items can also e-mail a list to reserves@lib.calpoly.edu. To learn more about course reserves, visit the [Library course reserves](#) page or contact Karen Beaton, the Course Reserves coordinator at kbeaton@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2535.

Information Security Forum Set for Sept. 2

An Information Security Open Forum is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 2 from 10 to 11 a.m. in UU 220. Topics for the forum include campus information security standards updates, how to secure campus Canon copier/printers, and how to secure campus networked printers. For more information, contact Chris Call at ext. 6-7622.

Is Your Department on Facebook or YouTube? Get on the Cal Poly Social Media List

Does your department or college have a Facebook, YouTube or Flickr page – and are you looking for more people to “like” you? Get on the [Cal Poly Social Media web page](#). Send Public Affairs an e-mail with the web address for the page, and let us know if it's intended for students, alumni, parents and friends or everyone. To be on the list, your department needs someone on staff at Cal Poly to be one of the administrators of the social media site. The list will make it easier for visitors to Cal Poly's web site to find you and like, subscribe to, or join you out in the world of Social Media. E-mail Public Affairs at polynews@calpoly.edu. See who's on social media sites for Cal Poly: <http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/social-media.html>.

Reminder: Volunteer Identification Form (HR-V1) Is Updated

Departments are reminded that an updated Volunteer Identification Form (HR-V1) must be completed and submitted to Human Resources prior to the start of the volunteer assignment. As of July 1, the previous version of the form is no longer accepted. For more information about the Volunteer Program or to fill the form, visit the [Volunteer Program website](#). For questions, contact Alana Lardizabal, Human Resources manager, at ext. 6-7428 or alardiza@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, Sept. 17 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 Sept. 10. For more information, contact Bonnie Murphy, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

Early Notice of Deadline for Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) Proposals

The Extramural Funding Initiative provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time and additional compensation for 2011 is 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. For full application and submission instructions, please visit the [Research and Graduate Programs website](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Events

Cal Poly Alumni Big Band Benefit Dance Concert is Aug. 28 at Madonna Inn

The Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band will play at its annual dance concert from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Madonna Inn Ballroom. The 20 Cal Poly Collegians – all alumni – bring the best of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Les Brown and more to San Luis Obispo every August. Today's alumni band members represent classes from 1948 to 1963. The all-male Collegians are the predecessor to today's University Jazz Bands at Cal Poly. Admission to the concert is free; voluntary contributions for the Collegians' jazz scholarship at Cal Poly are welcome.

[Find out about the Collegians on their web site http://www.cpcollegiansalumni.com.](http://www.cpcollegiansalumni.com)

Pop Arrives with Dan Hicks Sept. 24

Hear pop classic Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks Friday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. Long considered one of pop music's truly original figures and America's finest songwriters, Hicks serves up sharp, dry-witted lyrics and clever musical fashion, attitude, and swagger with an outlaw eccentricity and insightful charm for a unique sound.

Details on Hicks at www.calpolyarts.org

Calarts Graphic Design Professor's Work on Display Sept. 24-Oct.23

The University Art Gallery will host a display of the works of pioneering graphic artist Ed Fella Sept. 24-Oct. 23. After three decades as a successful commercial artist, Fella, at age 47, entered the MFA program at Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1985, opening the door for him to be recognized as a pioneer of postmodern graphic design. He has been a professor at California Institute of the Arts for the past 20 years.

Details on Fella at www.artgallery.calpoly.edu.

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.

#102138 – Multicultural Engineering Program Coordinator, Student Services Professional III, College of Engineering, Advising Center, \$3,834-5,462 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Sept. 3, 2010.

#102146 – Academic Progress Counselor, Student Services Professional II, Academic Affairs, Office of the Registrar, \$3,519-\$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Aug. 27, 2010.

#102149 – On-Call Marketing & Promotions Intern, Helper/Aid, Academic Affairs, Athletics, temporary, on-call through June 30, 2011, \$8-16.20 per hour. Open until filled: Review begins: Aug. 20, 2010.

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#102150 – Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Non-Exempt, College of Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, \$3,245-\$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Aug. 25, 2010.

#102158 – Director of Communications, Administrator I, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Advancement, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Sept. 9, 2010.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website 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.

#102142 - Full-Time Lecturer, Agribusiness, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-5001. Review begins: Sept. 15, 2010.

#102135 - Assistant Professor, Technical Communication, English Department, College Liberal Arts ext. 6-5850. Review begins: Nov. 15, 2010.

#102130 - Assistant Professor, Psychotherapy and Counseling, Psychology and Child Development Department, College Liberal Arts ext. 6-2456. Review begins: Dec. 6, 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.

General Merchandise Clerk, El Corral Bookstore, \$10.54-\$15.28 per hour, full-time, 12-month position. Requires high school degree or equivalent and a combination of two years experience in customer service, merchandising and inventory management.

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.

Food Program Assistant - Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center's food program, \$12.29 per hour, full-time plus benefits. Open until filled. Review begins: Aug. 19, 2010

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