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News

Cal Poly Engineering Donor Endows Project-Based Learning

Paul R. Bonderson, Jr. is such a staunch supporter of Cal Poly's learn-by-doing focus that he donated $8 million to pay for the campus Bonderson Projects Center -- dedicated solely to student projects. Now, the 1975 electrical engineering grad has given Cal Poly an additional $550,000 to establish an endowment to support salaries for technicians who staff the center and grants for equipment and materials, faculty expenses and student academic team travel to conferences and competitions.

More on Bonderson's donation

Top Gun Again:

Cal Poly Students Win AIAA Design Competition

For the eighth time in the past nine years, Cal Poly aerospace seniors soared above the competitors at the national Undergraduate Team Aircraft Design competition. The students took both first and second places at the event, sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation (AIAA). The competition drew 34 teams from 12 universities, all tasked with designing alternate fuels and environmentally friendly aircraft systems.

More on the Cal Poly winners

Xanté Supports Cal Poly with a Gift of ILUMINA Digital Production Press

Xanté Corporation has given Cal Poly a Xanté ILUMINA Digital Production Press for use in the university's Graphic Communication Department. After exploring alternatives, Cal Poly selected Xanté's technology as the best of its kind to educate students on using digital technology in specialty printing processes related to color business documents such as letterhead, envelopes, and small format color fliers. Staying true to Cal Poly’s learn-by-doing philosophy, the Graphic Communication Department will use the Xanté press to teach students through hands-on learning in a laboratory setting.

More on the digital production press

Campus Q&A - Trademark Licensing

Q: Does Cal Poly have a trademark licensing program?
A: Yes. Cal Poly implemented a trademark licensing program to promote and protect the university's marks. Anyone seeking to produce any product with Cal Poly trademarks must use a licensed manufacturer. For more information about the program, contact Karen Webb at kwebb@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2171.
Faculty and Staff

Chief of Staff Dan Howard-Greene to Retire

Dan Howard-Greene, chief of staff for the president's office the past 16 years, has announced that he will retire Dec. 31.

In his retirement letter to Interim President Robert Glidden, Howard-Greene expressed appreciation for the "honor and privilege of serving such a fine university and the opportunity to work with outstanding presidential leadership and an extraordinary university community of dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors and volunteers."

Glidden praised Howard-Greene for his service, saying, "We'll miss the thoughtfulness, sensitivity and intellectual rigor that Dan brought to bear on so many issues.

"Dan has served Cal Poly exceptionally well over the years, and while he will be greatly missed, I'm happy that Dan will now have the time to pursue personal interests in his academic discipline, cultural anthropology, as well as his various civic interests," Glidden said.

An internal recruitment will begin immediately for an interim chief of staff. Details of the search will be announced in future editions of Cal Poly Report.

John Battenburg Teaching English in UAE

John Battenburg, director of International Education and Programs, is on leave to serve as head and professor of the English Department at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. He writes from the UAE: "I believe it is important to participate in education abroad opportunities, and I am fortunate that Cal Poly has granted me leave to better understand higher education in the Arab world."

Did You Know?

Did you know that Cal Poly has an emergency text messaging system? Named e2Campus, it was implemented in 2007 to provide timely emergency information text messages to anyone signed up for the service. Faculty, staff and students can sign up for e2Campus by visiting Administration and Finance's Web site. Register today. Enter your Cal Poly user name when registering. eg.: jsmith123@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

Get Your Green On!

A groundswell of spirit is taking place at Cal Poly. The university is encouraging students, faculty and staff to Get Your Green On! every Thursday. The goal is to celebrate Cal Poly's rich traditions, support all our student-athletes and show our pride for Cal Poly. We want to SEE a SEA of Green every Thursday and at every athletics event! Visit the Cal Poly Spirit Page, and stay tuned for more spirit events.

Free Legal Advice Available

ASI has contracted with San Luis Obispo attorney Jeff Radding to provide free legal advice to all currently enrolled Cal Poly students, faculty and campus staff. Radding provides free consultations the first and third
Friday of every month in the ASI Business Office conference room in the University Union. To schedule an appointment, call the ASI Business Office at ext. 6-1281.

**Cal Poly Open Enrollment Period Brings Changes to Your Benefit Plans**

Important benefit changes are coming that may have a fiscal impact on how much you pay for your benefit plans. The annual benefits Open Enrollment period is the time to learn about plan changes and make decisions about your coverage options. This year’s Open Enrollment period for Cal Poly state employees began Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 8.

Highlights include: health, dental and vision coverage for children of benefits-eligible employees is being extended to age 26 (previously terminated dependents must be added during Open Enrollment); and both San Luis Obispo County medical groups will be available for members of the more economical Blue Shield NetValue HMO plan.

Read the [Benefits Newsletter](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/10_reports/Sept_29.html) for premium rates, health plan comparison chart and benefit plan changes coming in 2011. Visit the [HR Benefits web site](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/10_reports/Sept_29.html) to review benefit plan details and download an Enrollment Worksheet. All Enrollment Worksheets requesting an Open Enrollment change must be received in Human Resources as soon as possible, but no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 in order to be processed. Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-5436.

**Bella Montana Homes Available for Resale and Rent**

Two- and three-bedroom Bella Montana homes are now available for faculty and staff (see resale list). There are also homes available for rent (see rental list). For more information, visit the [Bella Montana web site](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/10_reports/Sept_29.html).

**New Salad, Soup and Hot Foods Bar at The Avenue**

There’s a new 17-foot salad, soup and hot foods bar at The Avenue with more than 33 different toppings to choose from. Through Oct. 1, everything at the bar is 50 percent, so come in and try it for yourself! (Discount excludes Grab & Go items.)

**Share the Ride!**

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

**Open Forum - New Policies and Updates from the Offices of the Provost and Registrar**

The Offices of the Provost and Registrar will be holding an open forum on Thursday, Sept.30, from 11 a.m. to noon in Philips Hall (06-124). Several new policies and updates to existing policies will be discussed, including: expected academic progress AP/DQ, change of major, prerequisites and priority registration. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend as these policies you, as well as our students.

**Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association Meeting Set for Friday**

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) is holding it first general meeting of the 2010-11 academic year at noon Friday, Oct. 1 in Ag Erhart, Room 227. Bring a lunch and ideas to the meeting and learn about the organization’s goals and projects for the year. Regular general meetings will be scheduled for the first Friday of every month.
The CLFSA was started in 2005-06. Among its goals is to “help foster an atmosphere of mutual respect, support, advocacy, understanding and ‘familia’ between and among Chicana Latino faculty, staff, students and the wider university community.” It is open to all faculty and staff.

To receive email notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

**Career Services to Host Career Week and Career Fair**

Career Services will host Career Week Oct. 4-8. Learn how to brand yourself online, dress for career success, build a competitive resume, and more. Visit the Career Services Fall 2010 event calendar for more information. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 13-14, Career Services will host its annual Career Fair in Chumash Auditorium. Networking takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and interviews are from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Visit the Career Fair web page for more information.

**Celebrate Ride Share Month on Oct. 6**

October is Rideshare Month! Please come by the Commuter Services booth at the Via Carta Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 to enter the “Commute for Cash” Challenge and have a chance to win prizes. We will have information on Vanpooling, Zipcar, Transit and Carpooling. Come join the fun!!

**Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic Set for Oct. 6**

A Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic for Faculty and Staff is set for Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UU 220. Both seasonal influenza ($25) and pneumonia ($50) will be available. The 2010-11 seasonal flu vaccine covers H1N1, H3N2 and B/Brisbane. Immunizations will be administered by health professionals and payment can be made with a check or cash.

To avoid long waits, we are scheduling immunizations in half-hour increments beginning at 8 a.m. Email Sumi Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu to schedule a time in the available half hour increment. Otherwise walk-ins are welcome on a first come, first served basis.

**Deadline is Friday 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. For full application and submission instructions, please visit the Research and Graduate Programs web site or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

**Events**

**Benise Performs in 'Spanish Guitar' Tonight**

Concert, performance and history blend in “The Spanish Guitar,” set for Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center. Recently filmed for PBS, The Spanish Guitar is a “Latin Riverdance” -- an epic tale that integrates live performance with brilliant choreography, orchestral pieces, and footage of the artist's voyage across the globe. An evening of passion, music and dance starring international guitar sensation Benise, this stunning concert features the enchanted Spanish guitar as the keeper of stories of glory and tragedy through times and worlds gone by. Details on Benise at www.calpolyarts.org.
Cal Poly Featured at Gourmet Taste Fest This Weekend

Cal Poly students, faculty and food will be in the spotlight at the first annual "Sunset - Savor the Central Coast" gourmet festival Sept. 30 through Oct. 3. Students and faculty from Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences are raising and donating broiler chickens and lamb for the festival, acting as sous chefs and selling organic produce and Cal Poly foods.

More on the Sunset event

No Joke: Steve Martin in Bluegrass Concert Oct. 6

Multi-talented Grammy and Emmy award-winning actor/comedian/musician and best selling author Steve Martin performs in the Cohan Center Wednesday, Oct. 6. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Martin continues to push his creative envelope, recently releasing a Grammy-winning, chart-topping bluegrass album. Touring with the Steep Canyon Rangers, Martin will shine with music from "The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo." Really. No joke.

Details on Martin at www.calpolyarts.org

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.

**REVIEW DATE EXTENDED**#102025 - Physician (Emphasis in Women’s Health), Physician, Student Affairs, Health Services, $8,731 - $14,396 per month. Hiring Range: $8,731 - $9,110 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 8, 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.

There are no new openings at this time.

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.

Cook, Campus Dining, $11.90 - $14.57 per hour, full-time, 10-month position. Requires high school degree and two years cooking experience in a food service or production position, preferably on a college campus. Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs.

Assistant Cook, Campus Dining, $9.30 - $11.41 per hour, full-time, 10-month position. Requires one year cooking experience,
preferably at a large volume University or College, hotel, or full service restaurant. Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs.

**ASI Employment Opportunities**

Candidates are asked to visit [http://www.asi.calpoly.edu](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 openings at this time.