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News

Hands-On Learning Bonanza: NASA Contracts with Cal Poly for CubeSat Program



NASA has signed a \$5 million contract designating Cal Poly as the provider for a broad range of mini-satellite services for NASA's CubeSat program. The contract will ensure out-of-this-world, hands-on opportunities for Cal Poly students, who will be involved in actual launch campaigns working with launch providers, the NASA launch team and all other universities developing CubeSats. Cal Poly has pioneered research, development and launches of the mini-satellites, used in science missions.

Prof. Jordi Puig-Suari (back-right) and Cal Poly CubeSat students

[More on the NASA contract](#)

Cal Poly, UCSB Team on Student Printing, Design and Communications Services

Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department has teamed with UC Santa Barbara's Associated Students Department to provide communication and print services in a learn-by-doing venture. The endeavor pairs student-run programs at each campus: UCSB Associated Students' marketing and advertising agency and the full-service University Graphic Systems (UGS),

[More on the joint effort](#)

It's Apple Time

Fresh this month at the Cal Poly Orchards: apples and pears. Taste the difference every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

[E-mail for details.](#)



Faculty and Staff

CTL Funding Available for Professional Learning Communities

Cal Poly faculty and staff are invited to apply for funds to develop and coordinate a professional learning community (PLC) between January and June 2011. A PLC is composed of faculty and staff members committed to working together to reflect upon their teaching and provide critical feedback with one another. The CTL will seek to fund at least two to three PLCs for a maximum of \$5,000 each, depending on the quality of the proposals and the presence of matching funds or in-kind support from a department, college or other Cal Poly unit. For more information, see the [web site](#). Applications are due Friday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. to ctl@calpoly.edu.

Faculty Involvement Opportunities in University Housing

Faculty connections with students outside the classroom are one of the cornerstones of student success. We encourage you to get involved and spend a few hours attending an event, sharing a skill or connecting with one or more students in the residence hall or apartment setting with University Housing. Please contact the appropriate Learning Community coordinator for more information about how you can get involved:

Emily Sandoval, etsandov@calpoly.edu, Sophomore Success Program (Poly Canyon Village)

Osvaldo Del Valle, odelvall@calpoly.edu, Transitions Program (Cerro Vista Apartments)

Kara Curcio, kcurcio@calpoly.edu, Connections Program (Sierra Madre and Yosemite halls)

Tina Muller, tmuller@calpoly.edu, Living Learning Program (the "Red Bricks")



Did You Know? Satisfy A Sweet Tooth

Did you know that Cal Poly Corporation has See's Candy discount certificates? Employees can purchase See's Candy Gift Certificates at a discount from the Cal Poly Corporation cashiers. A great gift idea or a treat for yourself.

Campus Announcements

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

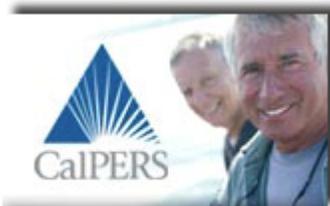
October is Rideshare Month! Please come by the Commuter Services booth at the Via Carta Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 to enter the "Commute for Cash" Challenge and have a chance to win prizes. We will have information on Vanpooling, Zipcar, Transit and Carpooling. Come join the fun!!



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. E-mail 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.



Cal Poly Open Enrollment Period Closes Friday

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](#) for premium rates, health plan comparison chart and benefit plan changes coming in 2011. Visit the [HR Benefits web site](#) 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.

Risk Management Open Forum is Oct. 14

Risk Management will host an Open Forum on Thursday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon in Phillips Hall. Learn about the new University General Liability Release form, staff and student driving on university business or class related activities and more.

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.

Campus Sesloc Branch to Close Dec. 17

The Board of Directors of Sesloc Federal Credit Union announced that they will be close their Cal Poly UU branch effective Dec. 17. Cal Poly has enjoyed Sesloc's banking services for more than 20 years. While Sesloc will no longer operate a branch in the UU, they will continue to operate all of their other branches located throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Get Your Green On!

A groundswell of spirit is bubbling up at Cal Poly. The Mustang Maniacs, with support from Athletics and El Corral Bookstore, are urging 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.



Campus Ombuds Services Available

The Office of Student Ombuds Services provides students with an informal, independent, impartial and confidential resource to assist in the resolution of university-related concerns or complaints. The ombuds staff are committed to hearing about students' experiences, assisting them in understanding applicable university policies and procedures, and - as appropriate - helping them to resolve informally any university-related concerns. Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer students who have university concerns to this campus resource.

The staff adhere to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the International Ombuds Association. Associate Ombuds Patricia Ponce normally will be available to see students in the Student Ombuds Services office (Kennedy Library, Room 113) daily between 10 a.m. and noon or by appointment. Contact Ponce at pponce@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1380 and see the web site at www.ombuds.calpoly.edu.

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 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.

Have Lunch Delivered

If you don't have time to get out of the office for lunch, Sandwich Factory can deliver a customized sandwich and other lunch favorites to your office or meeting room on campus. The delivery service is free and orders need to be placed by 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Fill out and fax a completed [Lunch Delivery Order Form](#) or call Sandwich Factory at ext. 6-5950 to place an order. <http://www.calpolycorporation.com/campusdining/sandwichfactory.asp>

Dine and Save all Month with Campus Express – 10 percent Savings at Sage Restaurant

The Dine and Save program offers Campus Express Club members the chance to save money at different restaurants and markets throughout the year. Visit the web site each month to find out how you can save with Campus Express at <http://www.calpolycorporation.com/express>.

October savings offer: Receive 10 percent off meals at Sage Restaurant. Offer expires Oct. 31. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Open for lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Monday-Saturday 5 to 8 p.m. www.sagerestaurantslo.com

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](#).



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.

Events



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

Hear Eclectic Esperanza Spaulding Oct. 8

Cal Poly Arts presents Esperanza Spaulding in concert Friday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. Inspired by the classical training of her younger years, Esperanza creates an eight-member modern chamber music group that combines the spontaneity and intrigue



of improvisation with sweet and angular string trio arrangement. The intriguing result encompasses elements of jazz, folk and world music into the enduring foundations of classical music.

Details on Spaulding at www.calpolyarts.org



Modern Jazz Great Ellis Marsalis Performs Oct. 9

Hear modern jazz innovator Ellis Marsalis in concert Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Spanos Theatre. Showtime is 8 p.m. While in New Orleans during the mid-1950s, Marsalis created a movement with his collective American Jazz Quintet and became a renowned teacher to the next generation of jazz musicians, including artists such as Terence Blanchard and Harry Connick Jr. – not to mention all of those Marsalis boys.

Details on Marsalis at www.calpolyarts.org

Diane Schuur in Concert with SLO Symphony Oct. 10

Cal Poly Arts' jazz weekend continues with Diane Schuur and the SLO Symphony on Oct. 10 in the Cohan Center. Showtime is 3 p.m.

Discovered by Dizzy Gillespie, Schuur has inspired raves from around the world as “the new First Lady of Jazz.” Winner of two Grammy Awards for Best Jazz Vocalist and a repeat performer at the White House, Schuur – better known as “Deedles” – will be accompanied by the San Luis Obispo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Michael Nowak.

Details on Schuur at www.calpolyarts.org



Get the Beat with Drumline Live Oct. 12

Inspired by the film Drumline, this international tour is based on the marching band tradition at historically black universities and colleges. It's a production with riveting rhythms, bold beats and ear-pleasing energy. The staged show will be a synchronized musical showcase, with soul-infused interpretations, colorful choreographed routines, and heavy doses of drum riffs and cadences. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12 in the Cohan Center.

Details on Drumline at www.calpolyarts.org



Parents Weekend Ensemble Showcase is Oct. 22

Cal Poly's 2010 Parents Weekend will kick off with a musical extravaganza at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center. Everyone is welcome to the Parents Weekend Ensemble Showcase, which will feature all the major performing ensembles of the Cal Poly Music Department, including the Cal Poly Symphony, Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers), University Jazz Band I, Arab Music Ensemble and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble. The night will include the first appearance of Andrew McMahan, Cal Poly's new director of bands. Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller will emcee. Tickets available from the [Performing Arts Center](#). More information on the [Music Department Web calendar](#).

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.

#102173 – Operating Systems Analyst, Career, ITS, Service Desk, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, hiring range: \$4,314 - \$7,224 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 11, 2010.

#102175 – Computer, Aided Transcriber (Pool Position), Student Affairs, Disability Resource Center, Temporary on-call through June 30, 2012, \$16.20 – 25.00 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 15, 2010.

#102179 – On-Call Physician (Pool Position), Student Affairs - Health Services, temporary on-call through June 30, 2011, \$60.45 - \$99.67 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 13, 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.

There are no new 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.

Maintenance Technician - \$18 per hour. Work hours Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 12, 2010.

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