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Cal Poly Business, Engineering Grads Best Hires In the Nation, According to Wall St. Journal Report

Cal Poly is among the top universities in the nation at producing the best graduates to hire in business and engineering, according to recruiters polled by the Wall Street Journal as part of a special report. Cal Poly business grads are on par with Stanford, Harvard, Penn State and UC Berkeley, while engineering grads those of top UCLA, Rensselaer, Carnegie Mellon and more. The rankings are part of a Wall Street Journal report on 'Paths to Professions' released earlier this fall.

Details of the WSJ Ranking for Cal Poly Grads

See the WSJ breakout of recruiter bests 'by major'

See what recruiters told the WSJ about Cal Poly grads

Read the WSJ 'Paths to Professions' package

Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department Earns National Re-Accreditation

After completing an extensive self-study and hosting a site visit by a three-member team of industry and education experts, the Graphic Communication Department at Cal Poly has received national re-accreditation effective Sept. 1, 2010-Aug. 31, 2016. The Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc. awarded the academic accreditation. A formal presentation was made and a recognition plaque was given to faculty and administrative representatives from Cal Poly during the Oct. 3 annual ACCGC Board of Directors meeting in Chicago.

More on the accreditation

YouTube Video on University Graphic Systems students

Six Alumni to Be Honored in October

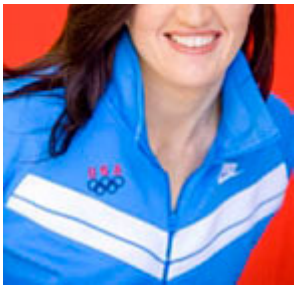
Cal Poly will recognize six distinguished alumni and President Emeritus Warren J. Baker at Homecoming on Oct. 29 during the 2010 Honored Alumni Awards and Grand Reunion Banquet. The university's 2010 Honored Alumni are Kenneth Q. Volk III (B.S., Fruit Science, '83), James E. Grant (B.S., Construction Management, '90), George Famalett (B.S., Business Administration, '86), Ronald S. Smith (B.S., Electronic Engineering, '83), Hiroki Asai (B.A., Applied Art and Design, '92), and John T. McDevitt (B.S., Chemistry, '82).

Details on Honored Alumni

Four Headed for Mustang Athletics Hall of Fame

On Oct. 22, during Parents Weekend, three alumni and President Emeritus Baker will be inducted to the Mustang Athletics Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame alumni honorees are shot-putter and discus

thrower Stephanie Brown Trafton (B.S., Industrial Engineering, '04); an Olympic gold medalist at the Beijing Games in 2008, hammer thrower Tom Pagani (B.S., Physical Education, '62); and fullback/linebacker Dick Mannini (B.S., Physical Education, '59, M.A., Physical Education, '61).
More on the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees



Faculty and Staff

Record Numbers at Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club Licensing Session

On Saturday, Oct. 2 the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (CPARC) hosted their quarterly Amateur Radio License Testing Session, where a record 53 new ham radio operators passed their exam to gain their Technician Class License. The club broke their fall 2009 record of licensing 38 Ham operators. The 53 new operators (in addition to five who upgraded their license class to General) join more than 700,000 other hams in the United States in providing volunteer and emergency communications support for everything from local bike rides and parades to disasters such as the Haiti earthquake earlier this year.

Campus Announcements

Risk Management Open Forum is Oct. 14

Risk Management will host an Open Forum from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 14 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.

CLFSA to Host Convocation Oct. 14

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the Third Annual Chicano/a Latino/a Convocation from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Ag Engineering Shop (Bldg. 8a), Lab 1. Come meet and greet new students, faculty and staff. Join this celebration of Latino culture at Cal Poly. For more information, contact Tony Domingues at tdomingu@calpoly.edu, Ben Burgoa at bburgoa@calpoly.edu or Debra Valencia-Laver at dlvalenc@calpoly.edu.

National Cyber Security Awareness Open Forum Set for Oct. 20

Celebrate National Cyber Security Awareness Month and learn how to protect your computers and data from unwelcome hands. The next Information Security Open Forum will be from 10 to 11a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 in UU220. Forum topics include: New IT security standards and information security audit updates; settings to secure your wireless router at home; and personal firewall protection.

Women's Programs and Services to Host Luncheon Oct. 21

The Women's Programs and Services Department invites the campus community to a luncheon and discussion on Issues Facing Women. The luncheon, set for Thursday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby, also provides an opportunity for the community to network. Discussion panelists are Christina Firpo of the History Department; Joan Kennedy, president of the CSUEU; Camille O'Bryant, department chair for Kinesiology; and Faith Minimaugh, Cal Poly Women's Basketball coach.

Open Learning Initiative Webinar Set for Oct. 22

The Kennedy Library and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will host a webinar and conversation with Candace Thille, director of the Open Learning Initiative at Carnegie Mellon University, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Friday Oct. 22, in the CTL classroom (35-510B). The webinar is open to interested faculty and staff and will introduce ideas for using Open Education

Resources in teaching, learning or research. As part of Open Access Week 2010, the webinar explores the benefits of open access and open educational resources in teaching and learning. Visit the Open Learning Initiative web page or the Open Access Week web page for more information.

Career Services to Host Grad School Week Oct. 25 – 28

Open to all students, faculty and staff, Grad School Week activities include: panel discussion focused on how to get into grad school; workshops on various graduate school-related topics; and free practice entrance exams. Representatives from various campuses will host information tables in the UU. To learn more, visit: http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/students/job_fairs/grad_school.htm.

Provost and Registrar Offices to Hold Forums on Policy Revisions

The Offices of the Provost and Registrar will hold several follow-up forums to discuss, in detail, the new and revised policies announced Sept. 30. Faculty, academic department staff, and college advisers are encouraged to attend four of these sessions, as each one will address a different policy.

- "Expected Academic Progress" (EAP) is set for Friday, Oct. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. Every full-time undergraduate student is expected to make reasonable academic progress toward completion of the bachelor's degree. Join us to learn more about EAP and how it will be monitored and enforced.

- "Change of Major" is set for Friday, Oct. 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. The Change of Major policy and procedure is taking on a new look. Join us to learn about the new requirements and to see how technology will enhance this process for both you and the students.

- "Academic Probation/Disqualification (AP/DQ)" is set for Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. A cleaner, more refined AP/DQ policy has been created. Join us to learn about this revised policy and how it will affect students.

- "Prerequisite Project" is set for Thursday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220, or Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. in UU 220. Plan to attend one session and learn about the Prerequisite Project, an initiative approach to support student success in the courses in which they enroll. The project is being implemented in two phases and will result in course requirements being consistently enforced in the system during registration. In addition to a general overview of the project, some of the more detailed logistics will be discussed concerning what happens when a student tries to enroll in a course for which they do not meet requirements.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for Nov. 6

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Performing Arts Center. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

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 and Summer 2012 Peru Study programs. Applications are available on the International Education and 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 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.

Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes web site for available homes for sale or rent.

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 if 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.

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

Events

See Hal Holbrook in Signature 'Mark Twain' Performance Oct. 15

This living, breathing American masterpiece is, quite simply, one of the most acclaimed and enduring performances in the history of theatre. Nearly 50 years ago, a young actor took the stage in a tiny off-Broadway theatre and introduced the world to a man they'd never forget. The actor was Hal Holbrook. The man was Mark Twain. The one-man Emmy and Tony Award-winning show is the celebrated "Mark Twain Tonight!" Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in the Cohan Center. Details on Holbrook at
www.calpolyarts.org

'The British Are Coming' Thanks to SLO Wind Orchestra Oct. 15

The San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra presents an evening of British music in The Pavilion at the Performing Arts Center. Showtime is 8 p.m.
Details on the SLO Wind Orchestra

Cal Poly to Host Dairy Producer Symposium Oct. 15-16

Cal Poly's Dairy Science Department and the Cal Poly Dairy Farm Advisory Team will host

the third annual Cal Poly Fall Dairy Producer Symposium and Symposium Sale on Oct. 15 and 16 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo. The theme of this year's symposium is "Future of Milk Price." The event kicks off Friday night with a barbeque at the Cal Poly Dairy from 5 to 7 p.m.
Visit http://www.calpoly.edu/~dsci for more information on the event.

Cal Poly to Hold 13th Annual CultureFest on Sunday, Oct. 17

Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center and Student Life & Leadership will host the 13th annual CultureFest from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 in San Luis Obispo's Mitchell Park to showcase the cultural diversity that exists within the university and community. The community-wide festival celebrates and advocates cultural diversity through student displays, performances, music, food and much more. This year's theme is "Super Culture Friends:" a super hero theme. The community is invited to take part, and attendees are encouraged to dress up for the occasion. The free, family-friendly event also features a children's area with games and crafts.
More on CultureFest

CLA to Host Constitution Day Oct. 19

College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky invites the campus community to attend Constitution Day on Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in UU 220. Vincent Phillip Muñoz, a Tocqueville associate professor of Religion and Public Life and associate professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, will speak about his studies of the Founding Fathers' intent to separate religion from politics.Ronald Den Otter (Political Science Department) will moderate the event.

Taj Mahal Brings World Music Concert Oct. 20

In a blazing fusion of sizzling world music and cool dynamic blues, the Grammy Award-winning roots legend Taj Mahal pairs up with rising star Vieux Farka Touré from Mali. The two perform in a collaboration of multi-instrumental mastery and vocal brilliance. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 in the Cohan Center. Details on Taj Mahal at www.calpolyarts.org

CLA to Host Lisa Taraki Oct. 29

The College of Liberal Arts and the History Department will host a public lecture with Lisa Taraki, an associate professor of sociology and former dean of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine. The free and open event takes place Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall of the Performing Arts Center and is titled "Education in Palestine, Past, Present and Future." Taraki is a member of the Board of Directors of Al-Haq, an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah. Her research and publications have focused on the Palestinian national movement, Islamist politics, gender relations in the Middle East and Palestine, urban social history, and the system of informal justice in Palestine.
For more information, contact the History Department at ext. 6-2068 or Manzar Foroohar at ext. 6-2068.

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.

#102180 – Football Team Intern, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs, Athletics, temporary, part-time through June 30, 2011, $8 - $16.20 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 18, 2010.

#102184 - Academic Advisor, Student Services Professional IB, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Advising Center, $3,102-$4,388 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 22, 2010.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at http://calpolyjobs.org to view detailed information about the following vacancies, and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102185 – Interim Chief of Staff, President's Office (internal search open to current Cal Poly employees only), Administrator III, Office of the President, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.

#102181 – Vice President for University Advancement, Administrator IV, University Advancement, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 22, 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.

#102161 - Tenure Track Positions, Physics, Physics Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-1752. Review begins: Dec. 3, 2010.

#102169 - Tenure Track Positions, Statistics, Statistics Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-2709. Review begins: Jan. 7, 2010.

#102172 - Tenure Track Positions, Genetics, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-5242. Review begins: Nov. 8, 2010.

#102176 - Full-Time Lecturer, Susan Currier Visiting Professorship, Dean's Office, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1525. Review begins: Jan. 3, 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.

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.

There are no new openings at this time.

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