

Cal Poly Report - Dec. 8, 2010

Cal Poly Report is going on holiday Dec. 22 and 29. Please plan your announcements accordingly.

News



White Gold and Surf Mysteries: Read Winter 2010 Cal Poly Magazine Online

The Winter 2010 Edition of Cal Poly Magazine is now online, complete with multimedia extras. Read about students solving a surf mystery in Pismo Beach, soaring at Flugtag, building all over the world, stewarding stocks to profit, and more.

[Cal Poly Magazine Winter 2010](#)

[Earlier editions of Cal Poly Magazine](#)

DesignIntelligence Names Cal Poly Best Public Undergraduate Architecture School

Cal Poly was recently ranked the top public undergraduate architecture school in the nation, alongside Virginia Tech, in an annual survey by DesignIntelligence. The university ranked fourth overall behind Cornell, Syracuse and Rice universities.

[Details on Cal Poly's undergrad architecture ranking](#)

Cal Poly Journalism Department Upgrades Broadcast Program

As part of laboratory upgrades and collaboration with Samy's Camera in Santa Barbara, Cal Poly's Journalism Department has begun major improvements to its broadcast concentration. To enhance the education students receive in broadcast journalism classes and during weekly CPTV Cal Poly local, national, and international broadcasts, Samy's Camera provided the department with 18 Canon VIXIA HF R100 Camcorders and related peripherals in a special pricing arrangement. The cameras give students the opportunity to work with some of the latest camcorder technology available.

[Details on journalism department upgrades](#)



Faculty and Staff

Retirements

Retirement Reception for Alison Cone is for Dec. 9

Alison Cone, director of Athletics, is retiring after 16 years of service to Cal Poly. The Athletic Department invites the campus community to a reception in her honor Thursday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sage Restaurant. Please stop by and wish Alison well in her retirement. For more information, contact Lynn Ogden at ext. 6-2924.



Retirement Reception for Dan Howard-Greene is Dec. 9

The President's Office invites the campus community to a reception honoring retiring Chief of Staff, Dan Howard-Greene. The reception will take place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, in the lobby of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.



Howard-Greene has served in the President's Office since 1994. As chief liaison between university president and university divisions, constituencies and general public, Howard-Greene provided direct staff support for President Baker and Interim President Glidden. He also served as chair and member of the Cal Poly Foundation (now Corporation) Board of Directors, as well as chair and member of many campuswide standing committees. Please join us as we thank Dan for his exemplary service.

Retirement Reception for Nishan Havandjian

After 30 years of service, Nishan Havandjian, professor of Journalism, and former chair of the Journalism Department will retire at the end of this quarter. All are invited to stop by the Mustang Daily Newsroom on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to noon - Graphic Arts Building, Room 226 - for coffee and cookies. Please stop by and help us wish him well on his retirement. For more information, contact Tess Serna, ext. 6-2508.

University Cashier December Payroll Distribution Announcement

Only individuals will be able to pick up their December paychecks at the University Cashier's Office from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 31. All remaining checks will be available for normal departmental pickup only Monday, Jan. 3, beginning at 8 a.m. No individual pickups after Dec. 31. A Cal Poly Photo ID is required for ALL pickups.

CSU Offers Financial Planning Options

The [Human Resources benefits web site](#) is currently highlighting two benefit programs available to assist you with financial planning and tax-deferred savings. Take a minute to review the [special message and flyer](#) about the CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity program and how it can help you now to save money on taxes and invest in your future. Also, consider registering for membership in the HelloWallet online personal finance tool, available **FREE** through Dec. 31. See the HelloWallet [Reminder Notice](#) for details, as well as a link to the "Getting Started" online webinar you can view at any time. Do something good for yourself today. Learn about these programs, and take advantage of the valuable benefits they offer.

CALPERS Accepting Nominations for 2011 Special Board Election

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is accepting nominations for potential candidates for a CalPERS Board of Administration representative position. CalPERS will conduct the election in 2011. This Special Election is being held to fill the vacant Member-At-Large Position B seat, and the term will begin upon Secretary of State certification and expire Jan. 15, 2014. The CalPERS Board is responsible for management and control of the administration and investment of the retirement fund and renewal of the annual health insurance contracts for State employees.

Nominees must be active State CalPERS members employed by a CalPERS-covered agency as of Nov. 15, 2010. Nomination petitions, available from CalPERS, must contain at least 250 original signatures of active and/or retired members of CalPERS and must be received at the CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento by 5 p.m. Jan. 6, 2011.

Procedures for becoming a candidate and the election schedule are included in the "Notice of Election" posted in Human Resources and on the HR benefits web site at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3>.

CalPERS members who are active March 1, 2011, are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be mailed directly to eligible active

members April 21, 2011. Marked ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by May 19, 2011. Any eligible member who does not receive a ballot by May 5, 2011, should contact the Board Elections Office at 800-794-2297 or 916-795-3952.

Campus Announcements

Vanpool Openings Available

Try it free for a week. Vanpooling helps save on gas, vehicle wear and tear, parking fees and insurance costs. If you're interested in trying a vanpool, we'll let you ride free for a week (on vans with current vacancies). For more information, contact Susan Rains, Commuter and Access Services Coordinator at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.



Student Community Services Gift Drive Underway

Student Community Services (SCS) will hold its annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teenagers in San Luis Obispo County. Last year, SCS provided approximately 450 gifts for children and families in the San Luis Obispo community. The Holiday Gift Drive is open to all who would like to participate, including students, faculty, staff and community members. The goal is to fulfill every wish, and we need help. Visit the SCS office UU 217 to pick up a gift tag. The deadline to deliver gifts is Thursday, Dec. 9.

Holiday Poinsettias on Sale at the Poly Plant Shop

The Poly Plant shop is currently selling more than 30 varieties of holiday poinsettias. Prices range from \$5 to \$55 and come in all colors and sizes. Stop by the Poly Plant shop and pick up a poinsettia for your home, or give one to someone special.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting is Dec. 10

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting on Friday, Dec. 10 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. For more information, contact Grant Trexler, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation at ext. 6-1131.



Dine at Sage Restaurant before the Nutcracker on Dec. 11 and 12

Dine at Sage Restaurant before the much adored Nutcracker performance at the PAC on Dec. 11 and 12. Enjoy local wines from the Central Coast and special prix fixe menus to get you in and out in time for the show. Sage Restaurant opens at 5 p.m. for dinner. Reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-1204 or visit the [Sage Restaurant web site](#).

Maintaining Instructor Effectiveness

CTL and the School of Education will offer a seminar on techniques and strategies for increasing college teaching effectiveness on Mondays from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 3 and ending March 7. Current research has demonstrated that effective instructors utilize at least four instructional skills: selecting an objective at the appropriate level of difficulty; teaching to the objective; monitoring students and adjusting teaching; and using principles of learning. This seminar will stress the practical applications of such research in maximizing learning, promoting motivation to learn, and increasing the speed and effectiveness of learning.

Registration is encouraged, email ctl@calpoly.edu.

Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale.



Save 10 Percent at Julian's Patisserie in December

Receive 10 percent off orders at Julian's Patisserie, located on the second floor of the Kennedy Library. Offer good during the month of December and cannot be combined with any other offer. Visit the Campus Dining web site for [regular business hours](#).

Graphic Arts Workshops for Everyone in January and March

Register now for four information-packed graphic communication workshops: Beyond Snapshots - Taking Photography to the Next Level (NEW), Photoshop - Basic Production for Web and Print, InDesign CS5 Jumpstart, and Deconstructing web pages. Cal Poly employee and multi-workshop discounts available. For more information, visit [GrCI's web site](#) or email lsing@calpoly.edu.

Events

'Yes' Musician Jon Anderson to Perform Dec. 8

Jon Anderson is undoubtedly one of the most recognizable voices in progressive rock, best known as the lead singer/songwriter of the legendary 70's supergroup, YES. What fans are discovering now is that Anderson also shines as an accomplished solo artist and composer. His solo acoustic Spanos Theatre show will include many classic songs from throughout the YES songbook, as well as his own eclectic work. Enjoy Anderson's music at the Performing Arts Center on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

[Details on Anderson's performance](#)



Come See Holiday Favorite The Nutcracker Dec. 11-12

The Civic Ballet presents our favorite holiday tradition, The Nutcracker. Audiences of all ages will marvel at the magic and wonder of this spectacular, professional production that has delighted the Central Coast for more than 30 years. See The Nutcracker Dec. 11-12.

[Times and details on The Nutcracker](#)

MBHS & LOMS Winter Band and Choir Performances Dec. 13-14

Come see the Morro Bay High School and Los Osos Middle School bands present their winter concert Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The MBHS and LOMS choirs will also perform their holiday classics Dec. 14 at 7 pm.

[More information on the schools' performances](#)

SLOHS & LMS Winter Choir Concert Dec. 15

The San Luis Obispo High School and Laguna Middle School Choirs will perform their winter concert program with music from many traditions on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

[More information on SLOHS & LMS Choir](#)

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.

THIS INTERNAL RECRUITMENT IS OPEN TO CAL POLY EMPLOYEES ONLY (State, Corporation, and ASI)

#102212 - System Administrator, Operating Systems Analyst (Career), College of Engineering, Computer Science, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 14, 2010.

#102213 – Credential Analyst I, College of Science & Math, School of Education, \$3,192 - \$4,530 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 3, 2011.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site 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.

#102203 – Dean, College of Engineering, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 12, 2011.

#102191 – Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Administrator III, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 3, 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.

#102205 - Tenure Track Position, Agribusiness Management, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-5001. Review begins: Jan. 15, 2010.

#102195 - Tenure-Track Position, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2508. Review begins: Jan. 11, 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 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.

The are no new job openings at this time.

