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News

Cal Poly Announces Formation of Low-Income Taxpayer Service Provider Network

Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business announces the formation of the California Central Coast Tax Coalition, which extends the reach of the University's Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) services.
Details on the clinic

Faculty and Staff

Open Enrollment in March for New CSU Voluntary Benefit Plans

The California State University is offering new group voluntary benefit plans specifically designed to protect your income and assets. These products include: MetLaw Group Legal Plan; Group Critical Illness Insurance; Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance; Voluntary Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance; and Auto and Homeowners Insurance.

A special open enrollment for these plans will be held March 1-31, 2011. Note that some plans will offer a one-time opportunity during this open enrollment period to enroll without evidence of insurability.

Representatives from each plan will be on campus 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 8 in Chumash Auditorium. Interested employees should attend to find out more about these opportunities. Details, as they become available, will be posted on the Human Resources web site.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association Meeting Set for Friday

The next general meeting of the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) is set for Friday, March 4, at noon in Faculty Offices North, Room 24B. Agenda items include reports on the Student Leadership Round Table and Chicano Commencement, an update on fundraising activities and planning for the Spring Speaker Series. To add your name to the e-mail list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact CLFSA Secretary Debra Valencia-Laver at dlvalenc@calpoly.edu.

Dairy Science Enjoys Successful Alumni Event During 2011 World Ag Expo

In coordination with the 2011 World Ag Expo, more than 100 Cal Poly Dairy Science Department alumni and industry leaders assembled earlier this month at World Wide Sires in Visalia to celebrate Cal Poly's successful dairy science program, meet President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and sample Cal Poly dairy products.
Details on the expo

Fowler Earns National Distinguished Faculty Award

Architecture Professor Thomas Fowler will receive the 2010-11 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Distinguished

Professor Award at the 99th ACSA Annual Meeting, March 3-6 in Montreal, Quebec. Fowler will receive the award for his sustained creative achievement in the advancement of architectural education through teaching, design, scholarship, research and service. He joins three other awardees from University of Oregon, Virginia Tech and Hampton University.

Phone Bills Go Down Again

In the “every little bit helps” department, Cal Poly telephone bills will no longer include per-minute charges for local calls. ITS renegotiated its contract with Cal Poly's local call provided so that all local calls are included in the monthly telephone line rate, with a net savings to campus departments of about $20,000 per year. For a complete list of local prefixes, visit the ITS Service Desk telephone support page

Campus Announcements

Hosts Needed for Learn by Dining

The Alumni Association and POLY REPS are looking for a few more hosts for this year’s “Learn by Dining.” It's an alumni–student event modeled after UCLA’s successful "Dinner with 12 Strangers." On one night – April 9 – alumni and community members around San Luis Obispo County will host up to 12 students and a faculty member in their home for dinner. Hosts are expected to provide the venue and dinner, while the Alumni office and POLY REPS serve as the liaison between hosts and guests. To sign up to host a dinner or for more information, visit http://alumni.calpoly.edu/students/learn_by_dining.html.

Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship Nominations Underway

The Women's & Gender Studies department is now accepting nominations for the following scholarships: the Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship; the James M. Duenow Scholarship; the Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship; the Steve Harmon Scholarship; the L. Diane Ryan Scholarship; the Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality; and the Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. Visit the Women’s & Gender Studies web site for scholarship criteria and nomination instructions, or contact Andrea Nash at anash@calpoly.edu. Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 11.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting is March 4

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting Friday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda is available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building. For further information about the meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training on Friday, March 4, and Tuesday, April 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the training. Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Rhiannon Ricketts from Human Resources will be available to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. To enroll in the training, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

All-New Noodle Bar at Sage Restaurant is Now Open

The all-new Noodle Bar at Sage Restaurant is now open and features Vietnamese Phở, an intensely flavorful noodle soup, for $5.50 and Chinese Bao, perfectly steamed buns filled with items such as ginger chicken or spiced beef, for about a dollar. Quick service. Fresh and filling. For more information visit the Sage Noodle Bar web site.

Save 10 Percent at Lucy’s Juice with Campus Express

Use Campus Express and receive an additional 10 percent off your purchases at Lucy’s Juice during March. Lucy’s is located

behind the Sandwich Factory and is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Poet Michelle 'Mush' Lee to Perform Tonight

Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry celebrates Women's History Month with featured poet Michelle "Mush" Lee on Wednesday, March 2. The event will run 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly.
Details on 'Mush's performance

See Professor and Novelist Gloria Velásquez March 3

Gloria L. Velásquez is the author of a bilingual collection of poetry titled "I Used to Be a Superwoman: Superwoman Chicana and the Creator of the Roosevelt High School Series." On March 3 at VG Café, Velásquez will use her her poetry and fiction to trace her development as a socially committed artist within the context of her early life experiences of exclusion, poverty and racism. Velásquez will also highlight specific moments and individuals during the Chicano Civil Rights Struggle that shaped her social consciousness and influenced her development as a literary activist and early pioneer of Xicano/a Literature.
For more information on Velásquez

Bioterrorism is Topic of March 3 Event

The Ethnic Studies and Women's & Gender Studies departments will sponsor a talk by Gwen D'Arcangelis titled "Racialized 'Bioterror' and Feminized Nationhood: Manufacturing Risk in US Bioterrorism Discourses." The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in UU 220. D'Arcangelis is a postdoctoral scholar in the UC Santa Barbara Center for Nanotechnology in Society/Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology and Department of Feminist Studies.
She will trace the history of post-9/11 anxiety about "bioterrorism," focusing on the role that gendered and raced constructions of "bioterrorism" disease threats play in the anthrax and smallpox scares. The event is funded by the College of Liberal Arts Lottery Speaker Funds. For more information, contact the Women's & Gender Studies department at ext. 6-1525, e-mail anash@calpoly.edu, or stop by 47-25H.

Sonoma State University Ethics Professor to Discuss Sex-Robots March 4

John P. Sullins, ethics professor at Sonoma State University, will speak on "Robots and Sex: Should We Build a Love Machine" on March 4 at Cal Poly as part of the Ethics + Emerging Sciences Group's Technology, Policy & Ethics lecture series. The event is free and open to the public. It is scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 33 (Fisher Science), Room 286 on campus.
Details on the robot lecture

Music Department Hosts Opera Workshop March 4 and 5

The Cal Poly Music Department presents "Classic Scenes in Opera and Broadway" March 4 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 at 3 p.m. Students in Cal Poly's Opera Workshop will perform songs, arias, duets and ensembles from opera and musical theatre. The scenes will be cast with more than 25 Music Department voice students and will be accompanied by chamber ensemble and piano.

Details on the Opera Workshop

Cal Poly Wind Bands in Concert March 5

The Cal Poly Wind Bands will perform in concert March 5 at 8 p.m. featuring Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. It is sure to be a night to remember as the Cal Poly wind bands set the stage for an exciting concert featuring some of the most powerful musical “moments” ever written.
Information on Cal Poly Wind Bands Concert

Cal Poly Symphony Winter Concert is March 6

Every year, the symphony holds auditions for student soloists of any major. This year, the Cal Poly Music Department presents the Cal Poly Symphony in concert with featured student soloists March 6 at 3 p.m. Come hear this year’s winners and celebrate musical talent from across the university.
Details on the Winter Concert

Experience Carnival with Balé Folclórico da Bahia March 8

Cal Poly Arts presents the Bale Folclorico de Bahia on Tuesday, March 8, in the Cohan Center. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. In a spectacular display of color, movement, music and drama, Balé Folclórico da Bahia offers visual fireworks and feats from Brazil. Coming to SLO just in time for the season of Carnival, this evening comes with a “fasten your seatbelts” warning as an array of singers, dancers, drummers, and vibrant color and movement fill the stage.
Details on the Bale Folclorico

Kennedy Library Hosts New Series for Cal Poly Authors March 11

Robert E. Kennedy Library introduces a new public engagement program, Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, from 10 to 11:30 am Friday, March 11, in Room 111H on the first floor of the library across from the Research Help Desk.

Each year, members of the Cal Poly community publish significant creative and scholarly books. The library is celebrating these achievements while fostering cross-college and cross-disciplinary reflection, by hosting this ongoing series of informal conversations inspired by recent Cal Poly authors’ work.

The topic of conversation at this inaugural event will be Professor Hema C. Dandekar’s book, “Michigan Family Farms and Farm Buildings: Landscapes of the Heart and Mind,” published in 2010 by the University of Michigan.

Dandekar will give an informal talk about the book’s themes and her writing process, followed by conversation with Joel Orth, assistant professor of history, and Hunter Francis, director of the CAFES Center for Sustainability, as well as Q&A with other attendees. For more information, visit the Conversations with Cal Poly Authors web site or contact Eileen Akin at eakin@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6246.

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.

#102280 – Accounting Technician III, Administration and Finance, Fiscal Services, $3,381 - $5,071 per month. Temporary

two-year position. Open until filled. Review begins: March 11, 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.

#102245 – Provost, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March, 18, 2011.

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

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.

#102264, Tenure-Track Position, Engineering Librarian, Public Services Department, Library, ext. 6-5785. Review begins: April 11, 2011.

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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, please visit our web site. For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities 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.

Information Technology Programmer (Web) – annual salary $47,101.60. Open until filled. Review begins: March 7, 2011.

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