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News

Cal Poly Celebrates 30 Years of the Kennedy Library on April 8

Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library will mark its 30th anniversary with a rededication ceremony and reception beginning at 2 p.m. April 8. The event is open to the campus community and the public. Special tours of the library will be given as part of the anniversary celebration. Michael D. Miller, dean of Library Services, will reaffirm the library's commitment to helping Cal Poly students of all ages in their quest for knowledge. More about the anniversary celebration

Public Invited to Experience Cal Poly April 16 at Open House Campus Showcase

The public is invited to experience Cal Poly on Saturday, April 16, at the Campus Showcase, part of the university's 18th annual Open House. Open House gives admitted and current students, their supporters, alumni and the San Luis Obispo community the opportunity to visit and learn about the university April 14-16. Details on Open House

Faculty and Staff

Academic Senate Members Named for 2011-12

The Academic Senate has announced the names of its members for the 2011-12 academic year. Read the list.

Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award Nominations Due April 4

The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a $1,200 cash stipend and be recognized at Fall Conference. A picture and award citation for the award winner will be posted in Kennedy Library. One faculty member is recognized annually. Nomination should describe the nominee's academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities and should include any special activities that relate to student development.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. At least one letter must come from a current student, and no self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the electronic nomination form can be found on the advising web site. The deadline for all submissions is April 4.
Archeology Expedition in Malta

Eight Cal Poly students and three faculty members are in Malta for this year’s International Computing Engineering Exchange (ICEX) program, which has been underway since Feb. 27 and ends Mar 27. The students are collaborating with marine archeologists from the Aurora Special Purpose Trust and the University of Malta to investigate previously unexplored underwater archaeological sites. Associate Professor Chris Clark of the Computer Engineering department, Assistant Professor Jane Lehr of the Ethnic Studies/Women’s & Gender Studies department, and Assistant Professor Zoë Wood of Computer Science are helping students develop and utilize Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) algorithms to construct 3D maps, as well as new 3D visualization techniques for underwater robotics applications.

Read the ICEX blog

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. Details, as they become available, will be posted on the Human Resources web site.

CSU Risk Management Authority Presents March 29 Training on Stress Amid Budget Challenges

California State University Risk Management Authority is sponsoring on-site training titled "Change Management During Challenging Budget Times" from 2 to 4 p.m. March 29 in University Union 220. The training, specifically for non-supervisory staff and faculty, will identify current stressors facing CSU faculty and staff and provide a conceptual framework and tools for handling stressful life events, particularly during this challenging budget period. Seating is limited; if you are interested in attending, RSVP to kstubber@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-5407.

For a Limited Time Only: Benefit Plans Available with No Health Questions Asked

The open enrollment period for new group employee-paid voluntary benefit plans will end on March 31. Some plans normally require you to answer medical questions to determine your eligibility. During this special open enrollment period, however, you may enroll without answering those questions.

New products offered by the California State University 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. The Standard is also offering a final opportunity for employees not previously declined for coverage to enroll or increase their enrollment in The Standard Voluntary Life Insurance plan, without answering medical questions.

Your chance to enroll in these plans and take advantage of these one-time opportunities will end soon. Details are available on the Human Resources website. Review your options today.

Campus Announcements

Weekend Hours Extended at Kennedy Library
The main library will extend its weekend hours during spring quarter, staying open until 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Findings of a survey conducted last fall indicate that more than 60 percent of students that responded said keeping the main Library open later than 5 p.m. on weekends was “very important” or “important.” Data collected during spring quarter will help library officials determine whether to continue the new hours during the 2011-12 academic year. For questions or suggestions, contact Associate Dean Anna Gold at agold01@calpoly.edu or ext, 6-2345.

Ombuds Services Available in Kennedy Library
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. Ombuds staff members are committed to hearing about students’ experiences, assisting them in understanding applicable university policies and procedures and helping them resolve informally any university-related concerns as appropriate. 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 in Kennedy Library, Room 113, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon or by appointment. Contact Ponce at pponce@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1380 or visit the web site.

Information Security Forum is March 30
The next Information Security Open Forum will be held Wednesday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220. Do you find it difficult to create a password based on all the security requirements? After you create the perfect password, do you have trouble remembering it? Find out how to create a secure password that’s easy to remember and how to use a password vault to store all your passwords safely.

Carson Starkey Memorial/Bike Rack Dedication is March 30
The university community is invited to attend a memorial and bike rack dedication honoring Carson Starkey, the first-year student who died two years during a fraternity-associated event. The ceremony will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 11 a.m. on the stage in the University Union Plaza.

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 the Learn by Dining web site.

Women’s & Gender Studies Scholarship Nominations Under Way
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.

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available
The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 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
Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation Mileage Rate Change
Effective April 1, the Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation will reimburse mileage at .50 per mile. This rate will be consistent with the state's current mileage rate (per notification from the CSU Chancellor's Office).

Campus Restaurant & Market Hours during Spring Break
Looking for something tasty to eat? Visit the Campus Dining web site to view the hours of operations during Spring Break, March 22-27.

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.

Passings

Events
Graphic Communication Institute Offers Spring Workshop on InDesign CS5 March 19-26
GrC Professor Lorraine Donegan will teach a program on InDesign CS5 March 19 and 26. The program runs 9 a.m. to noon on both Saturdays. This course will familiarize participants with basic InDesign techniques including new document construction and how to work with text and graphics using the InDesign interface. You'll learn how to apply typographic principles to create a professional newsletter, flyer or brochure.

Graphic Communication Institute Offers Spring Workshop on Deconstructing Web Pages March 19-26
Have you every visited a web site and wondered how it or a particular subpart was crafted? As kids, many of us took apart mechanical items, such as a clock, to see how they were constructed (or “what made them tick?”). GrC Professor Ken Rothmuller will teach a program on deconstructing web pages and answer these questions and more March 19 and 26. The program runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturdays.

'Legally Blonde' Comes to the Stage March 23
If you loved the movie, try the Broadway stage version of “Legally Blonde,” coming to the Cohan Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. Sorority star Elle Woods is an underestimated blonde who doesn’t take “no” for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone more “serious,” she puts down the credit card, hits the books and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law. Along the way, she proves that being true to yourself never goes out of style.

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

**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.


**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.

**#102235 - Tenure Track Position**, Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Natural Resource Management Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-6390. Review begins: May 15.

**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.

**Assistant Supervisor - Campus Dining**, 10-month position, $10.54 - $12.91 per hour. High school degree or equivalent with two years food service/retail experience and one year as a supervisor in a high volume food service/retail environment required. Must have a valid CA driver’s license, ability to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work weekends, holidays and various shifts.

**Research Associate - Aerospace Engineering**, $35,698 - $51,792 per year. Requires a BS in engineering and two years experience in the following: spacecraft integration and testing, including test plan development, working with secondary payload accommodations in US and foreign launch vehicles, and working with CubeSat class spacecraft. Requires excellent oral and written communication skills.

**Custodian - Campus Dining**, 10 month position, $13.20 - $17.53/hour High school degree or equivalent and two years custodial experience required. Must have a valid CA driver’s license, ability to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts.

**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 job opportunities at this time.