

Cal Poly Report - May 4, 2011

News



Cal Poly Team Earns Award at Shell Eco-Marathon

The Cal Poly Urban Concept Car Team drove off with the Southwest Research Institute Technical Innovation Award and a third-place finish in the urban concept car category at the 2011 Shell Eco-Marathon. The Cal Poly engineering students focused on the Urban Concept competition, which focuses on more "roadworthy," fuel-efficient vehicles as opposed to the Prototype category with sleek, wind tunnel-tested cars that get astonishing fuel mileage.

[Read more about the innovative features incorporated into their urban concept car](#)

Society of Civil Engineers Wins National Award for Third Consecutive Year

For the third year in a row, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) honored Cal Poly with the prestigious Robert Ridgway Award given to the most outstanding chapter out of the 280 student groups across the country. This is the fifth time that ASCE has recognized Cal Poly with this award. The award is based on a review of the student chapter's service and activities during the previous year. Cal Poly's 100-page annual report summarized community outreach events and professional activities completed in 2010, including hosting the ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition (NCCC) which was supported by more than 60 student volunteers.

[More on the award](#)

Faculty and Staff

Participate in Our Campus Branding Survey

The Office of Public Affairs sent an email yesterday to all faculty and staff asking them to be on the look out for an email from Stamats, the campus branding consultant. All faculty and staff are asked to participate in an opinion survey about a possible new logo for Cal Poly. The current logo, as seen in the upper left hand corner of Cal Poly's web site at <http://www.calpoly.edu>, was developed about 20 years ago. As an important stakeholder in Cal Poly, your opinion means a great deal to the university. All responses will be confidential. Please look for the survey from Stamats to come to you via e-mail in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Faculty Survey of Student Engagement Underway

Faculty members are asked to take the "Faculty Survey of Student Engagement" (FSSE) to answer questions about student engagement at Cal Poly from their perspective. The survey is administered every three years and accompanies a student version that is also underway. Responses are anonymous and confidential, and the survey should only take 15-20 minutes to complete. Don't miss this opportunity to speak your mind and provide valuable information to help improve the quality of our students' educational experiences. Questions? Contact Brent Goodman, Institutional Planning & Analysis at bgoodman@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2204. For more information about FSSE, visit <http://fsse.iub.edu/>.

Poly Trekker Registration is Underway

Registration for Poly Trekkers Summer Program 2011 is now underway at the Orfalea Family & ASI Children's Center located on the Cal Poly Campus. This exciting and adventurous program is specifically for school-aged children who have completed kindergarten through the fourth grade (approximately six to ten years old). The program runs from June 20 to Aug. 19 (closed Monday, July 4). Optional care will be offered on Aug. 22 and 23rd. The program is offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For the first time this year, parents are able to sign their children up for individual one-week sessions for \$225 per session by June 10 and \$250.00 on or after June 20. The full nine-week program option is available before summer starts at a discounted price of \$1,950. This is a pre-paid first come, first served program that fills up quickly due to its popularity. Poly Trekkers includes a highly qualified staff with a superior ratio of one adult to every eight to 10 children. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the program fees. The children participate in art, crafts, recreational games, field trips and fun. For more information or to register, contact the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center at ext. 6-1267.

Worst Fears Facilitation Primer Available for Faculty, Staff

At the recent Forum on Hate Crimes, a student complained that faculty often seem unwilling to discuss in class significant events occurring in the community or beyond, such as the Japanese earthquake and tsunami, or the cross burning in Arroyo Grande. Recognizing that some faculty (and staff) might feel uncomfortable taking on such discussions, the primer "Worst Fears Facilitation Tips" is posted on the [Inclusive Excellence web site](#). Other IE-related resources will be added in coming months. Contact inclusive@calpoly.edu for more information.

Developmental Kindergarten 2011-2012 Open Enrollment at ASI Children's Center

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center will begin Kindergarten open enrollment for the 2011-2012 academic year on Monday, May 18. The ASI Children's Center offers a non-traditional Developmental Kindergarten program which allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. The center emphasizes the development of competent social skills and provides guidance and support for each child to develop skills needed to become a socially responsible person. An informational meeting will be held at the center on Thursday, May 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Contact the center at ext. 6-1267 to RSVP for the meeting.

Kindergarten enrollment requires California state age eligibility for public Kindergarten which requires that children have reached their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 2, 2011. Kindergarteners are required to attend a minimum of Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in order to get credit but can attend an extended full-day schedule for the same cost. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the center for more information regarding program dates and fees.

Campus Announcements

May is Bike Month

It's time to dust off your bike, pump up your tires and get ready. Bike Month is **BIG** this year; there are more 30 events planned including Bike Fest, Buy By Bike Day, Pedal to Paella, the Fashion Show, Tweed Ride, Kidical Mass and the Bike Month Blowout. And Rideshare is giving away two bikes, an original Fat Tire cruiser and a Linus commuter bike! Go to Rideshare.org for more information.

Get involved and help the Cal Poly team:

Join Cal Poly in the Commuter Bike Challenge. Cal Poly is competing against other organizations in the county to get as many people as possible to ride their bike **ONCE** during May and log it online. Live too far away from work to ride in? No problem. Any bike trip that replaces a car trip counts. That includes riding to the grocery store, your kid's soccer game or even to a meeting from work. Splitting the trip by putting your bike on the bus counts too. Once you've put the pedal to the metal, don't forget to log your commute online at www.iRideshare.org.

Cal Poly's Commuter and Access Services program will host a Bike Fest on campus, Thursday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the Via Carta Mall near Campus Market. Come by for give-aways, raffle prizes, bike registration and a bike fix hosted by the Wheelmen.

Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Service and Leadership Awards

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for The Distinguished Service Award and the Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award. The Distinguished Service Award is for a Cal Poly alumna(e) who has distinguished themselves with the Cal Poly Alumni Association through their service to Cal Poly and/or the CPAA. Download the DSA nomination form in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) format.

The Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award is awarded annually, or as deemed appropriate to an individual who is an accomplished leader in life and an indispensable supporter of Cal Poly. Download the Leadership nomination form in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) format.

ITS Fosters Cooperation Between LAN Coordinators to Reach Security Goals

ITS and campus technical staff are collaborating to make this year's information security risk self-assessment easier to complete. Technical staff from academic and administrative units and ITS, via the new Cal Poly Information Technology Advisory Group (ITAG), are also leveraging their experience and skills to develop best practices, checklists and recommendations for the future of desktop management at Cal Poly. For more information, contact Craig Schultz cschultz@calpoly.edu or Johanna Madjedi jmadjedi@calpoly.edu.

New and Improved CMS Security Request Form Now Available

To achieve security audit compliance and expedite processing of requests to administrative systems that contain sensitive data, ITS and CMS security analysts collaborated during Winter Quarter. The new form, accessible via the Cal Poly Portal, replaces multiple email and web form processes with a single web-based form (previously known as "compact"). For more information, visit the [ITS Service Desk Spotlight section](#).

Contracts Procurement & Risk Management Open Forum is Today

The Contracts, Procurement, & Risk Management open forum is set for Wednesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in the Chumash Auditorium. Topics for the forum include: CFS Implementation; Buyer Commodity Changes; New Copier Contract Questions. All departments are encouraged to attend. RSVP to purchasing@calpoly.edu. For questions, contact Jeanette Paolucci at ext. 6-2234 or jepaoluc@calpoly.edu.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association Meeting is May 6

Join us for the next general meeting of the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA). Current and interested members will meet Friday, May 6, at noon in 47-24B. To add your name to the email list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA Secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Moves from Blackboard to Moodle: Open Forum Set for May 6

As announced last week, Cal Poly will adopt Moodle as its centrally supported learning management system beginning spring 2012. ITS will support both Moodle and Blackboard during a transition period beginning fall 2011 with the expectation that Blackboard will no longer be available as of spring 2012. Information Technology Services will hold an open forum on Friday, May 6 from noon to 1 p.m. in Building 03, Room 213, to share information about the new learning management system, transition planning, and resources that will be available to the campus. For more information, visit http://blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu/content/about/LMS_FAQ.html

Cal Poly Foundation Board to Meet on May 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its next board meeting, which is open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7,

at the Bonderson Projects 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.

Women in Ag and Natural Resources Careers Luncheon is May 13

Career Services will host the Women in Agriculture and Natural Resources Careers Speakers Panel and Luncheon on Friday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby.

A panel of female professionals representing a range of career paths within agriculture and natural resources will share their advice and insight with the audience. This discussion will be followed by an informal networking luncheon, where students will have an opportunity to interact with the panelists while enjoying a complimentary buffet lunch.

Panelists include: Tonya Antle, Vice President of Organic Sales - retired, Earthbound Farm; Peggy Biltz, CEO, Dairy Council of California; Mica Heilmann, Soil and Agricultural Scientist, NewFields Agricultural & Environmental Resources; Kris O'Connor, Executive Director, Central Coast Vineyard Team; Celeste Settrini, President, California Women for Agriculture; and Sarah Spann, Senior Project Manager, Padre Associates, Inc. RSVP no later than May 6. Complete the online registration form on the [Career Services web site](#).

Kennedy Library Hosts Conversations with Cal Poly Authors May 13

Robert E. Kennedy Library continues the new public engagement program, Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, 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 for this event is Professor Andrew Morris' book, "Colonial Project, National Game: A History of Baseball in Taiwan," published in 2010 by the University of California Press. Morris will give an informal talk about the book's themes and his writing process, followed by conversation with John McKinstry, professor of sociology, 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.

Corporation Board of Directors Meeting is May 20

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2011 Fall Conference.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. The nomination form is available at:

<http://www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/provost/ProvostLIPAward.html>

Nominations should be submitted to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m. on June 17.

Electronic submissions can be emailed to eamaral@calpoly.edu. For more information, please contact Eileen Amaral at ext. 6-1590.

View the list of [past recipients](#).

Poly Escapes Offers Outdoor Gear Rentals

Poly Escapes is the best place to find the highest quality outdoor gear at the lowest prices. Available equipment includes respected brands such as Sierra Designs, Kelty and Osprey. Poly Escapes has what you need for all types of adventures. Poly Escapes is located on the first floor of the University Union. Check out a full gear list, including pricing, at asi.calpoly.edu. Take advantage of the beautiful spring weather and organize a trip today.

Place your Catering and Water Orders for Commencement Today

Commencement is quickly approaching, so place your catering and water orders today. To ensure excellent customer service during this busy time of year, the staff at Sage Catering is asking customers to have all final revisions and orders placed no later than seven days prior to the event date. Visit the [catering web site](#) for the newly updated menu and policies.

Sage Restaurant Closed for Dinner May 6 and Lunch May 21 for Private Receptions

Sage Restaurant will be closed for dinner on Friday, May 6 and lunch on Saturday, May 21 for private receptions, re-opening that evening and the following day for normal business hours. For other restaurant and market hours, visit the [campus dining web site](#).

The Rename BackStage Pizza Contest - Win Free Lunch Every Day Next Year

BackStage Pizza needs a new name to reflect all their great improvements and we want the Cal Poly Community to name it. Whip those creative skills into shape and send in your best name ideas to renamebackstage@calpoly.edu by May 13. The incentive? Free lunch Every Day next year at your newly named pizza place, worth \$1,480. That should get your pizza sauces flowing. More about the contest & rules at www.calpolydining.com/backstagepizza.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Science Cafe Talk on Harm Reduction is Today

Cal Poly Science Café welcomes Candace Winstead, Cal Poly assistant professor of Biological Sciences and alumna Janelle Barbier (Biological Sciences, '09) who will present a moderated talk titled "Harm Reduction: Intravenous Drug Use Solutions in SLO County" at 3 p.m. May 4 in the Kennedy Library's Second Floor Café Lounge.

Harm reduction includes a spectrum of practical strategies that reduce the negative consequences of drug use. These strategies incorporate abstinence, safe and managed use, as well as the distribution of overdose prevention kits, which directly address the conditions of drug use. We'll hear from a Cal Poly Biological Sciences faculty/student research team who evaluated an approved needle-exchange program in SLO County. The needle exchange program lost its external funding but continues to operate with private funding and volunteer support. Perspectives on local harm reduction strategies and global issues will be shared by Cal Poly's research team to spark a conversation about this practical approach to living with drug use in our community.

For more information, contact Cynthia Perrine ext. 6-7549 or cperrine@calpoly.edu. For more information about Cal Poly Science Café at Robert E. Kennedy Library, visit the [Science Cafe web site](#) or join the conversation on the [Science Cafe facebook page](#).

Poet Adriel Luis to Perform Today at Cal Poly for Asian and Pacific Islander Month

Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Month with the last featured poet of the school year, Adriel Luis on Wednesday, May 4. The event will run 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Chumash Auditorium.

[More on Luis](#)

Cal Poly to Host Spanish Composer Anna Cazorra for Lecture May 5

Anna Cazorra, one of Spain's leading composers, will present a lecture on new trends in Spain's contemporary music Thursday, May 5, at Cal Poly. The event will begin at 11 a.m. in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center (Building 45). Titled "The State of Spanish Composition in Our Modern World," the lecture will primarily draw from Cazorra's own recent works.

[More on Cazorra](#)

Taiwan Film Screening: Double Feature on May 5

The History Department, the Asian Studies Minor, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles present a public screening of two films commemorating the 100th year of the Republic of China (the current government of Taiwan). The double feature begins at 11:10 a.m. and takes place in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium, UU 207.

The first film, "Three Times," a 2005 feature film by the famed director Hou Hsiao-Hsien begins at 11:10 a.m. This original film is composed of three chronologically separate love stories, set in 1911, 1966 and 2005, all featuring the same lead actors, Shu Qi and Chang Chen. Through these three stories the viewer can see the incredible changes that have taken place in the Republic of China over the last century, which saw this regime overthrow the Qing Dynasty in 1911 and then relocate to Taiwan after communist revolution of 1949. American director Jim Jarmusch called "Three Times" "one of the most perfect pieces of cinema I've ever seen," and the New York Times judged it "a masterpiece. This is why cinema exists." Hou is a leading figure of Taiwan's New Wave cinema movement and was named by The Village Voice and Film Comment as "Director of the 1990s."

The second film, "Grandma's Hairpin," a 2000 documentary from Taiwan, begins at 1:30 p.m. This film examines some of the 600,000 veterans of China's civil war (1945-49) who relocated to Taiwan with the Republic of China government and armed forces, and their lives since then. Until 1987, these veterans were not allowed to travel back to their mainland China homes; at the same time, Taiwanese resentment toward the ROC government made it hard for these men to set down new roots in Taiwan.

Provocative Perspectives Series to Feature Michael Yellow Bird May 5

The Office of Student Affairs Provocative Perspective series will feature Michael Yellow Bird for his talk "Neurodecolonization: A Mindfulness Equation for Indigenous Peoples' Empowerment" on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Vista Grande Café. A student session is also scheduled for 10 a.m. in UU 216. Yellow Bird, MSW, Ph.D. is a citizen of the Arikara (Sahnish) and Hidatsa Nations in North Dakota. He is the Director of the Center for Indigenous Nations Studies and a Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Humboldt State University.

The event is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Contact Liz Cofer at ext. 6-0327 or lcofer@calpoly.edu. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations.

Ethnic Studies to Host Talk on The DREAM Act May 6

The Ethnic Studies Department with support from the College of Liberal Arts' Lottery Speaker Fund will host a talk by Marla Ramirez. The event is set for Friday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to noon in Ag Engineering, Room 123.

Ramirez will discuss The DREAM Act, its current language, possible exclusion and policy recommendations for comprehensive immigration reform. The Act could potentially benefit 2.1 million undocumented youth. Yet, under close analysis it is estimated that only 825,000 youth would successfully achieve lawful permanent status. The question remains: What would happen to undocumented youth who cannot benefit from this pending legislation?

Ramirez is a doctoral student at the University of California, Santa Barbara in the Chicana and Chicano Studies Department.

For more information contact the ethnic studies department at ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1707.

Astronomy Club to Host Astronomer, Photographer Tyler Nordgren May 7

The Cal Poly Astronomy club will host astronomer Tyler Nordgren on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Business Rotunda.

Nordgren is an astronomer, photographer, professor and author of the new book "Stars Above, Earth Below: A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks." In 2007, Nordgren took a sabbatical and spent 12 months exploring and photographing the night skies within our national parks.

He will share his photos and experiences during this free and public event. A "star party" will immediately follow with opportunities to view Saturn, the waxing crescent moon, double stars, and other astronomical wonders. For more information about this event and to view the flyer, visit <http://cesame.calpoly.edu> or call the CESaME office at ext. 6-2859.

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.

#102332 – On-Call Custodian (Pool Position), Administration & Finance, Facility Services, temporary on-call through June 30, 2012, \$13.20 - \$19.81 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: May 23, 2011.

#102334 – Mail Clerk, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, Distribution Services, \$2,433 - \$3,650 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: May 16, 2011.

#102335 – Administrative Support Assistant II, Academic Affairs, Academic Programs, temporary through May 31, 2012, \$2,505 - \$3,758 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: May 11, 2011.

#102341 – Lab Coordinator, Instructional Support Technician II, Orfalea College of Business, Industrial Technology, half-time (.50) position, \$1,849 - \$2,773 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: May 16, 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.

There are no new job opportunities 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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, 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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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