

Cal Poly Report - Nov. 30, 2011

Cal Poly Report is going on holiday Dec. 14 - Jan. 4.

Cal Poly Report will resume its weekly schedule beginning Jan.11.

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News

Cal Poly Plant Shop's Annual Poinsettia Sale is Happening Now



Cal Poly's annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 4,000 student-grown plants with more than 30 different varieties and colors, is now under way at the Poly Plant Shop. This year's unique offerings include traditional red and white, as well as novelty colors such as pink, orange, and maroon. Some specimens feature marbled, speckled and unusual leaf forms, and sizes range from plants in 4-inch pots to poinsettias up to 4 feet tall. Prices start at \$5. Painted and glittered orders are available for a limited time. Open House events are set for Dec. 2, 3 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Open Houses will feature holiday gift items, music and refreshments.

Call the Poly Plant Shop at ext. 6-1106 or [visit the shop's website](#).

Faculty and Staff

Student Support Services Chief Cesar Margarito Elected WESTOP Chapter Director of the Year

Cesar Margarito, director of Cal Poly's Student Support Services program, was elected Director of the Year for the Central California Chapter of the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP). Margarito received the award at the chapter's annual conference Oct. 14 in Palo Alto, Calif. CenCal is one of six chapters within WESTOP. That organization is one of 10 regional associations in the Council for Opportunity Education through the Federal TRIO programs, which is sponsored by the Department of Education. WESTOP and TRIO are dedicated to furthering educational opportunities for low-income, first-generation and disabled students.

Retirements

Frank A. Cawley

Frank A. Cawley, director of El Corral Bookstore, is retiring from Cal Poly Corporation at the end of the year, after more than 15 years of service. El Corral Bookstore will host a retirement reception in his honor Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The campus community is invited to help celebrate. Cawley came to Cal Poly from De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif., where he managed the college bookstore for 12 years. During his tenure at Cal Poly, Cawley remodeled El Corral Bookstore, twice remodeled Cal Poly Downtown, implemented a commercial website (now in its third iteration), managed the Pony Prints print and copy center, and initiated a number of services such as Textbook Reservation, Shop Once Service, VIP Buyback, and in-store and on-line Textbook Rental.

Susan Sparling

Student Academic Services will host a retirement celebration honoring Susan Sparling, from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2 in the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. The campus community is invited to attend. Sparling, director of Student Academic Services will retire after 38 years of service to the university. She began her career at Cal Poly in 1974 as a medical transcriber in the Health Center. She completed her Master's in Education in 1978. She was hired by the Educational Opportunity Program as a Student Affairs Officer I to design academic programs for the department. She went on to participate in grant writing for dozens of state and federal grants to fund key programs that have become instrumental in the development of SAS programs and services. Sparling is known as an expert academic adviser who is committed to intrusive advising that focuses on student success.

Suzi Goodwin

After 25 years of service to Cal Poly, Parking Officer Supervisor Suzi Goodwin is retiring. Goodwin began her career in the University Police Department in 1986. By her request, no reception will be held. All are welcome to stop by the University Police Department to reminisce and wish her well. Goodwin's last day will be Friday, Dec. 2.

Donna Massicotte

Fiscal Services invites the campus community to a retirement reception honoring Donna Massicotte for 30 years of dedicated service to student, faculty and staff employees. Massicotte began her career with Cal Poly in 1981 as a payroll technician III. She currently holds the position of payroll supervisor, a position she excels in as she delivers excellent customer service to employees across campus. Massicotte is leaving the university to pursue her interests in food, wine, charitable organizations, and to revive her creative spirit. Friends and colleagues are invited to join Fiscal Services as we honor her for her outstanding service career with a retirement reception in the Performing Arts Center Lobby on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Colleen Rodriguez at ext. 6-2606 or crodrigu@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

University Cashier Announces Hours for Dec. 30 Paycheck Distribution

The Office of the University Cashier will be open 3-5 p.m. Dec. 30 for distribution of December paychecks to individual employees only. **If you pick up your December paycheck, you must do so in person.** Regular departmental distribution of all remaining paychecks will resume at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Please direct questions about paycheck distribution to the University Cashier at ext. 6-2256.

Celebration of Life Reception for Unny Menon Set for Friday

A reception in honor of the late Professor Unny Menon will be held Friday, Dec. 2 in the ATL at 11 a.m. Menon, 66, died Nov. 3. He was the former chair of Cal Poly's Academic Senate, former associate dean of the College of Engineering and long-time professor in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME) Department. Joining the Cal Poly faculty in 1978, Menon served as department chair for IME from 1987 to 1991. Born in Kerala, India, he completed his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Sheffield Polytechnic in England, and later received his doctorate from University of Nottingham, England. The Dec. 2 event will include refreshments, and campus and community members are invited to attend and share their memories of Menon's life and distinguished academic career. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Menon Scholarship Fund.

Contributions may be mailed to Menon Scholarship Fund, c/o Cal Poly Engineering Assistant Dean, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93407.



Student Community Services Hosting Holiday Gift Drive

Student Community Services (SCS) hosts an annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teens in San Luis Obispo County. This year's drive is under way through Dec. 5. Come by UU 217, pick up a gift tag and help fulfill the holiday wishes of a local youth. Last year, SCS provided more than 400 gifts for children and families in the community. Students, faculty staff and community members participate in the annual drive. For more information contact Evan Razor at ext. 6-5120 or erazor@calpoly.edu.

Comment Sought on Campus Self-Study

Cal Poly is in the third and final stage of reaffirming its accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). To complete this process, the campus will submit a report to WASC on Jan. 9, 2012, and host a visiting team April 3-5. A draft of the report is now available for campus comment. The report has four chapters: Student Learning, Student Success, Organizational Learning and Our Polytechnic Identity. Please read and comment on one or more chapters available at <http://wasc.calpoly.edu/ee/index.html>. Your input is an important part of the self-study process. Send comments to wasc@calpoly.edu. If you have any questions, contact Academic Programs at ext. 6-7280.

December Wellness Seminar to Address Talking Drugs and Alcohol with Teens on Dec. 13

The December Wellness Seminar "Drugs & Alcohol: Tips for Talking to Teens" will be held in UU 220 from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 13. Human Resources' Work Life Programs & Services is sponsoring this Wellness Seminar Series presented by Community Action EAP. [Click here for more information](#), or [visit the Work Life Programs & Services website](#).

Career Services Offers New Resource: Going Global

Career Services is pleased to announce access to Going Global - an international career and employment resource that includes more than 10,000 pages of constantly-updated content on topics like job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, resume writing guidelines and examples, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, cultural/interviewing advice and much more. Students, faculty and staff can access Going Global through MustangJOBS, via the single click access section in the [Cal Poly Portal](#).

Supplemental Workshops in Science Program Celebrates 20 Years

The Cal Poly Supplemental Workshops in Science program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Initiated by Bill Sydnor, coordinator of the Academic Skills Center, Supplemental Workshops in Science (SWS) enrolls more than 400 students each quarter on average. Workshops are facilitated by undergraduate students who have excelled in the course material and participated in more than hours of training. SWS has its roots in the Kansas City "Supplemental Instruction" model and debuted in Fall Quarter 1991 with three lectures: History 204, Math 141 and Sociology 105. Since then, the program has grown to serve many thousands of students focused in science-oriented lectures within the College of Science and Mathematics. Students earn one unit of baccalaureate credit. The program has refined its range of subjects to include lower-division lectures in biology, chemistry, statistics, soil science and physics. The original mission of the program has never changed: to provide high quality peer-led discussion groups closely aligned with lectures to ensure that students would have the best possible opportunity to master a challenging, entry-level subject. [Visit the Student Academic Services website for more information on SWS](#).

Distinguished Scholarship Award Nominations Sought

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award. These awards are intended to recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Nominations are due by Dec. 1. Visit the [Distinguished Scholarship Award website](#) for more information.

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award Due Dec. 2

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 2. Any student or alumnus may submit one or more nominations on the [nomination website](#). Nominations should include the professor's name, department and a supporting statement containing personal experience or other evidence of merit based upon the nomination criteria listed for this year's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Cat Program Fall Raffle is Under Way

Cal Poly Cat Program Fall Raffle tickets are on sale now. Raffle items include: a Cruz Tablet from Velocity Micro, \$100 gift card to El Corral Bookstore, \$50 gift certificate to Vieni Vai Restaurant, \$50 Opera San Luis Obispo gift certificate; two sets of earrings valued at \$75 each; eight \$15 gift certificates for Sylvester's Burgers; gift certificate for PetSmart; two lunch coolers; gift baskets, and much, much more. The drawing takes place Dec. 2 at noon. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. All proceeds benefit Cal Poly cats. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or the name of a ticket seller near you, contact Edie Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220 or egriffin@calpoly.edu, Ellen Notermann at ext. 6-1625 or enoterma@calpoly.edu, or Daniel Luces at calpolycat@gmail.com.

Open Forum on Enrollment Management Dashboard Enhancements is Friday

Join the Office of the Registrar and the PolyData Warehouse Support Team from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in Ag Engineering, Room 123 as we introduce enhancements and new pages to the SA Enrollment Management Dashboards. New pages for Schedule of Classes, Class Lists, and Grade Lists will be demonstrated as well as enhancements such as how email is handled and how to exclude minors. For more information, contact Debbie Arseneau at ext. 6-7717 or darsenea@calpoly.edu

Holiday Hams are On Sale Now

Cal Poly student-produced holiday hams are now on sale. Our fully-cooked hams are custom prepared using Cal Poly's special blend to ensure you receive the finest product possible. All hams are cured to enhance natural flavor and improve tenderness. The hams are then slow-cooked and smoked with a natural hardwood smoke. Hams are vacuum packaged and ready for the holidays. Whole and half hams are available for \$3.25 per pound. We are offering a limited number of holiday hams. To ensure your ham is reserved for this holiday season, place your order as soon as possible. Contact calpolymeats@calpoly.edu today.

CSU International Programs has New, Earlier Application Deadline

The CSU International Programs has established a Dec. 15, 2011 deadline for applications. This deadline, which applies to all countries except Australia and South Africa, is much earlier than the winter quarter deadline of prior years. CSU IP participants earn resident academic credit at their CSU campuses while they pursue full-time study at a host university or special study center abroad. CSU IP serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more than 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 18 countries, CSU IP offers a wide selection of study locales and learning environments. Universities around the world are establishing earlier application deadlines, and the visa regulations for U.S. students wanting to go abroad continue to become more stringent. In response, CSU IP has implemented an earlier application deadline. Learn more on [CSU IP website](#). Students are encouraged to contact the IP Coordinator Monica Schechter at mschecht@calpoly.edu, regarding the application and selection process.

Continuing Education is Collecting Food for SLO County Food Bank Coalition

Cal Poly Continuing Education staff is collecting food to donate to the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank Coalition. The CE Food Drive will continue through Dec. 15. The SLO County Food Bank distributes food donations to more than 200 nonprofit agency partners and directly through food assistance programs. Everyone is invited to contribute. Some ideas of foods to donate include canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, pasta, rice, canned soups and beans and cereal. All nonperishable food is welcome. A collection barrel is located in Jespersen Hall. Let's help families in need, especially with the holidays approaching. For more information, call ext. 6-2053.

Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit a nomination form for the 2011-12 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 23. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, corporation, or ASI who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31 and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Past recipients of the award are also ineligible. [Find the Outstanding Staff Nomination Form online.](#)

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals is Jan. 27

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2012-13 year is Jan. 27, 2012. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs web site](#), or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

All You Care to Eat for As Low As \$5? Only with Fast Pass

All You Care To Eat Lunch at 19 Metro station for \$5, only with Fast Pass. Load onto your PolyCard or purchase tickets to share with friends. [Get yours today on the Campus Dining website](#).

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit [the Bella Montana Homes website](#) for available homes for sale and lease.

Events

John Tesh ~ Big Band Christmas Dec. 1

The Emmy and Grammy-winning entertainer and his band of merrymakers give you fresh holiday carols wrapped up in a Big Band beat. Bring the whole family for a happy musical treat that celebrates the season with an upbeat, festive flair! See Tesh perform Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[Details on Big Band](#)

Instrumental Student Recital Dec. 1

Students showcase their talent in one of Cal Poly's quarterly instrumental student recitals. An eclectic event, this recital will involve solo as well as small chamber ensemble performances. See the recital Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. in the Davidson Music Center, room 218.

[More on the student recital](#)

Cal Poly's Take It SLO Sets Two Holiday Performances for Dec. 1, 4

Take It SLO, Cal Poly's a cappella ensemble, will present two performances of its Holiday Concert. The first will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, and the second at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Both will be in Room 218 in the Davidson Music Center on campus. The 16-member vocal ensemble will perform a variety of songs designed to raise the holiday spirit, plus some new works and old favorites, all arranged by the students. The group's members represent a variety of majors on campus.

[More on Take It SLO](#)

Damon Castillo Band to Perform at Cal Poly's Fall Jazz Concert Dec. 2



The Damon Castillo Band will be featured at the University Jazz Bands' Fall Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the Spanos Theatre. The university's big band and jazz combo will perform well-known standards and cutting-edge contemporary jazz. The band, with Music major Olivia Tenney as featured vocalist, will play Pat Metheny's "See the World" and the world premiere of Music alumnus Steve Carlton's "Close Call," among other works. The Damon Castillo Band will perform the finale. Metro Santa Cruz called the Damon Castillo Band "... a five-piece powerhouse ... Their music is an inventive form of pop, combining elements of rock, soul and jazz."

[More on the fall jazz concert](#)

Sustainable Pest Management Conference is Dec. 2-3

Cal Poly and California Certified Organic Farmers will host the 10th annual Sustainable Pest Management Conference at the San Luis Obispo Veterans' Hall on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3. Karen Ross, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), will kick off the event with a talk titled "How CDFAs Budget Impacts Pest Management in California." Ross has extensive leadership experience in agricultural issues nationally, internationally and in California.

[More on the pest management conference](#)

A Christmas Celebration - A Jubilee for Choir, Brass and Organ Dec. 3

This festive annual concert will put you in the mood for the holidays. Join us for an evening of the season's most beautiful music. A carol sing-a-long included. See the concert Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on the Christmas celebration](#)

Celebrate the Season With Joy and Peace Dec. 4

The harvest has been gathered and its fruits are yours to share in this traditional holiday concert. Gather family and friends together to hear classic cathedral songs, favorite carols, and contemporary holiday tunes, rekindling your passion for the season Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center. The perfect solution to the challenge of "getting in the spirit" of Christmas!

[More on the holiday concert](#)

Calder Quartet Dec. 4

The four dynamic, wickedly-talented and forward-thinking musicians of the superb Calder Quartet continue to expand their musicianship and acclaim through a unique array of traditional works and innovative modern projects. See the quartet Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.

[Details on the Calder Quartet](#)

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.

#102442 – Catalog Editor, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Non-Exempt, Academic Affairs, Office of the Registrar. \$3,245 - \$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 2, 2011.

Administrative Postions

#102430 – Dean, College of Liberal Arts (Administrator IV). Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 15, 2012.

#102439 – Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design (Administrator IV). Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 1, 2012.

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.

All positions have excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. Apply online at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org. CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EEO.

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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