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Happy New Year

News

Three Cal Poly Employees Featured in Tribune 'Top 20 Under 40'

The Tribune's latest "Top 20 Under 40" panel includes two Cal Poly Student Life and Leadership staff members and a lecturer from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The award honors the accomplishments and achievements of women and men younger than 40 "who have demonstrated excellence in their professions and commitment to community service," according to the San Luis Obispo newspaper's December report. The Cal Poly employees featured are:

- Joy Harkins, coordinator of the Community Center and MultiCultural Center, in the university's Student Life and Leadership program;
- Christina Kaviani, program coordinator for the Gender Equity Center and coordinator of the university's Safer program, also in Student Life and Leadership; and
- Trevor Keith, a Natural Resources Management & Environmental Sciences lecturer and an environmental resource specialist for San Luis Obispo County.

The 2011 recipients will be honored at a Jan. 26 luncheon. For more details on the award, read The Tribune's story at http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/12/13/1870753/tribune-announces-top-20-under.html.

Philip Davis Named Interim Director of El Corral Bookstore Operations

Philip Davis has been named interim director of El Corral Bookstore, Cal Poly Print & Copy and Cal Poly Downtown, effective Jan. 3. Prior to this promotion, Davis served 14 years as El Corral Bookstore's associate director of operations. Davis has more than 35 years of combined retail and bookstore management experience. Before assuming his role at CPC, Davis served at De Anza College as their bookstore operations supervisor for almost 15 years. "Philip will serve as a strong foundation in his new role," said Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation.

Faculty and Staff

BRAE Professor Speaks in Tehran

Charles M. Burt, professor of BioResource and Agricultural Engineering and chairman of the Cal Poly Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), traveled to Tehran, Iran on Oct. 19 to deliver the eighth annual N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture at the 21st International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Congress. Burt was invited to give the lecture because of his 33 years of domestic and international experience in irrigation modernization projects. His talk, "The Irrigation Sector Shift from Construction to Modernization: What is Required for Success?," stressed the need for improvement of irrigation performance through modernization of irrigation schemes while simultaneously caring for the environment. The lecture will

be published in upcoming ICID publications and is available on the ITRC website at www.itrc.org.

Retirements

Robert D. Koob

The campus community is invited to a retirement reception honoring Provost Robert Koob's service to Cal Poly. Koob returned to Cal Poly in Oct. 2008 and has since helped guide the campus through a number of initiatives that have benefitted students, faculty and staff. A reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. In lieu of gifts, please attend the reception to simply show your appreciation for him.

More on Koob

Harriet Ross

Harriet Ross, student affairs analyst and executive assistant to the dean of the College of Science of Mathematics, is retiring this month after 28 years serving Cal Poly. Please join us to express appreciation at a reception in Harriet's honor on Friday, Jan. 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Biological Sciences Museum/Conference Room, Fisher Science Building, Room 285. For more details, contact Sharon Arnold at ext. 6-7303 or sarnold@calpoly.edu.

Joan Regulski

Join Student Accounts in celebrating the retirement of Joan Regulski. She will retire after 34 years of service at Cal Poly. A reception will be held in her honor from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Administration Building, Room 133.

Catastrophic Leave

Stephanie Lafferty

Stephanie Lafferty, library assistant at the Robert E. Kennedy Library, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Lafferty remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Cheryl May, ext. 6-5785 or by email csmay@calpoly.edu, to request a donation form.

Student Success

Student-Produced Journal The Forum Wins Another National Award

The Cal Poly History Department is pleased to announce that Volume 3 of The Forum, our student-produced historical journal, has won another national award. The Forum captured second prize (print category) in the 2011 Gerald D. Nash History Journal Award given by the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society national headquarters, which represents 860 chapters nationwide. In his notification letter, Graydon A. Tunstall, Phi Alpha Theta executive director and history professor at the University of South Florida, praised the "time and effort your chapter devotes to produce such an outstanding historical journal. The continued high quality of your publication clearly exemplifies the dedication of you and your peers to the study of history." This is the second consecutive award-winning volume of The Forum. In 2010, Volume 2 was awarded first prize in the electronic journal category and third prize in the print journal category of the Nash History Journal Award. "We are very proud of our students, their hard work, and their excellent accomplishments," said History Department Chair Andrew Morris. "Our successful student journal is just one example of how the Cal Poly philosophy of Learn by Doing works in the study of history." The contents of The Forum Volumes 1-3 are available in the Digital Commons at http://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/forum/.

Campus Announcements

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Assocation Will Meet Today

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association will have its first general meeting of the Winter quarter from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Faculty Offices North, Room 24B. Subsequent general meetings will be held every two weeks, same time and location, through the end of the quarter. All current and interested members are welcome. The association is open to all faculty and staff interested in issues pertaining to our Latino students, staff and faculty. Visit the association's website for more information on the organization. To add your name to the email list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, at dlvalenc@calpoly.edu.

MultiCultural Center to Present MLK Celebration

The MultiCultural Center will present a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 17, on the UU Plaza Stage. The event will commemorate King's life and work by reflecting on his mission through dance, poetry and speech. For more information, contact the MultiCultural Center at 6-1405 or mcc@calpoly.edu.

UPD to Hold Bike Auction Jan. 17 and 18

UPD's Winter bike auction will be held Jan. 17 and 18. Bikes will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the campus police station on North Perimeter Road. Staff is encouraged to place a bid at the silent auction for abandoned bicycles that have been unclaimed over the past six months. The minimum opening bid is $5. Winners will be notified to pick up their bikes Jan. 19 and 20. Come check out the bargains and ride off into the sunset in style. Proceeds will benefit the campus bike safety program.

University Writing & Rhetoric Center Open House Set for Jan. 17

Faculty and staff are invited to an open house at the University Writing & Rhetoric Center from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 138. Tour the center, meet writing tutors and learn about the variety of services the center offers to students, faculty and staff across campus. Join the staff of the Writing & Rhetoric Center in celebrating their newly furnished space. Visit www.writingcenter.calpoly.edu for more information.

Jan. 19 Event to Showcase Career Services' New Going Global Resource

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a demonstration of Career Services' new international resource, Going Global, from 11:10 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at Career Services (Student Services, Room 117). Refreshments will be provided.
Going Global's international career and employment resources include constantly-updated content on job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, resume writing guidelines and examples, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, and cultural/interviewing advice. This demo is ideal for any faculty or staff who advise students interested in international study, internships, work, or travel. Sponsored by International Education and Programs, and Career Services. Contact Amie Hammond for additional information at ext. 6-5977 or akhammon@calpoly.edu.

Deadline for Top Staff Nominations is Jan. 23

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.

Nominations Sought for Student Employee Award

Faculty and staff members can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2011-12 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award. Nominees must have completed at least six months part-time student employment during the academic year, June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Eligible candidates include state, ASI and Foundation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students. The honoree will be announced in April. The winner is entered into the state competition and may go on to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced during the National Student Employment Week, the second week of April. Print the 2011-12 OSEY nomination form online (scroll down to Student Assistant Forms and click on the top link). Forms are due to Barbara Rollins in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 8. For more information, contact Rollins at brollins@calpoly.edu.

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office reminds the campus community and asks faculty and staff to let students know that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. Questions should be directed to extension 6-2927.

Increase in Federal Work-Study Program Usage Lead to New Limits

Because of a significant increase in utilization of the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, there are a limited number of students with FWS funds. We regret that no new FWS awards will be made this academic year, and, at this point, increases in existing Federal Work-Study awards will not be considered. Should our utilization level out, the decision will be reconsidered at a later date. FWS was awarded to applicants with a high need who filed a FAFSA application before the March 2 deadline. Be sure to encourage students to complete the 2012/13 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov starting Jan. 1. Since we were unable to grant additional requests for Federal Work-Study in 2011/12, students currently on the FWS waiting list will be given priority for FWS in 2012/13, providing they meet the need requirements and file their FAFSA before the March 2 deadline.

Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 7

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2011 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Chumash Auditorium. Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, will be the master of ceremonies. The luncheon will feature a pasta extravaganza buffet. The main entrée selections are Italian sausage and peppers in tomato sauce or mushroom marsala sauce, which include classic caesar salad or garden salad, garlic bread stick, dessert, coffee, iced tea and iced water. Tickets are $10 and go on sale Monday, Feb. 6. Note: Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

View a Snapshot of Cal Poly History at El Corral Bookstore

Come see the new historical display of past students, professors and sites around Cal Poly from the early 20th century. This historical feature is located in the windows at the south end of El Corral Bookstore, facing the University Union Plaza. A special “thank you” goes out to University Archives and the Kennedy Library staff for providing these photos.

Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis Publishes Fall 2011 PolyView

The Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis has published the Fall 2011 issue of the PolyView. This publication includes various characteristics of students enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. To view the current issue or any of the previous issues of the PolyView, visit the PolyView web page or call ext. 6-2204.

Rideshare and Cal Poly Reach Out Through Rideshare Awareness Month

Rideshare Awareness Month – a joint program with Rideshare and Cal Poly’s Commuter & Access Services – reached more than 1,000

new participants during fall quarter. Employees, students and community members alike participated in the Rideshare Awareness Month making this month one of the most successful ones yet. Rideshare Awareness Month kicked off Oct. 12, targeting the San Luis Obispo area's daily commuters. The program encouraged Cal Poly faculty, staff, students and local residents to use alternative transportation and spread the word. The program promoted all types of alternative transportation, including bus, bike, vanpool, carpooling and walking. A promotional booth at the Via Carta Mall featured giveaways, information on transit systems, biking, zipcar and many other alternative methods of transportation in the local area. The goal was to get more community members to try using alternative transportation and to recognize those who use it on a regular basis. Dennis Elliot, Cal Poly's assistant director of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, said business travel and commuting to and from campus by faculty, staff and students accounts for almost 50 percent of Cal Poly's total greenhouse gas emissions. For more information on rideshare options at Cal Poly, please contact Commuter & Access Services at ext. 6-6680, or visit their website.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Cal Poly Science Café Presents: Hypersonic!

The Cal Poly Science Café on Jan. 11 will feature a conversation about the pending reality of commercial space flight and how it relates to hypersonic speed. Professor Dianne DeTurris, who specializes in propulsion and high-speed aerodynamics, will also discuss her recent research. Event will run 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Kennedy Library's second floor café area. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, go to the Science Café website.

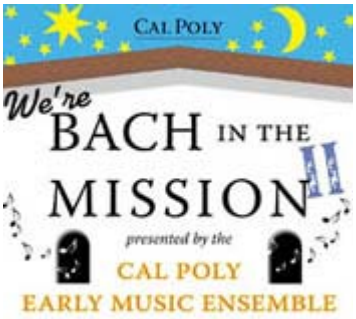
University Art Gallery Features Geoff McFetridge Exhibition

The University Art Gallery is featuring an exhibition from Los Angeles-based artist, animator and graphic designer Geoff McFetridge from Jan. 13 through Feb. 18. McFetridge was part of the "Beautiful Losers" exhibition and the documentary movie of the same name. He has had solo exhibitions in Seattle, Los Angeles, France, Italy and Japan. Through his design studio, he has produced work for Nike, The New York Times, Patagonia, Pepsi, HP and ESPN among others. He also created the title sequences for the Sofia Coppola movie "The Virgin Suicides" and Spike Jonze's "Where the Wild Things Are." McFetridge will speak from 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, in the Business Rotunda, Room 213. An opening reception for his exhibition will follow in the University Art Gallery (Dexter Building, Room 171). Gallery hours are 11am to 4pm Tuesday through Friday. Admission is always free. For more details, visit the University Art Gallery website.

Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble, Local Professionals to Perform 'Bach in the Mission' Jan. 21

For a second year, the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble will perform "Bach in the Mission" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. The Cal Poly student group -- with Music Department faculty members and professionals from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties -- will perform a cantata, a motet and a double concerto for oboe and violin, all by J. S. Bach.

More on the Jan. 21 event



Find Out What's Happening in American Education at Free Film Screening Jan. 23

Cal Poly's School of Education is sponsoring a free screening of a new documentary by Oscar-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth, "American Teacher," followed by a panel discussion with local leaders Monday, Jan. 23. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fremont Theater in San Luis Obispo. A panel discussion on issues raised in the documentary will follow the screening and end at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the film and discussion is free; a $5 cash donation is requested from those who can afford it. The film, narrated by actor

and Oscar-winning screenwriter Matt Damon, weaves startling new data and interviews of national policy experts onscreen while following the lives and careers of four teachers in different areas of the country.
More on the documentary screening

Provocative Perspectives Presents Author Firoozeh Dumas on Jan. 26

Cal Poly's Provocative Perspective series will feature Firoozeh Dumas, author of "Funny in Farsi," on Thursday, Jan. 26. Dumas talk on, "Laughing Without An Accent." Dumas was born in Abadan, Iran, and moved to Southern California with her family in the 1970s. She grew up listening to her father, a former Fulbright Scholar, recount the many colorful stories of his life in Iran and America. In 2001, with no prior writing experience, she decided to write her stories as a gift for her children. Dumas will speak at Sage Restaurant on campus at 7:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. A follow-up student session discussion will be held in the MultiCultural Center at 10 a.m. in the University Union, Room 217. Reservations are required for breakfast; please RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. For more information call 756-0327 or e-mail Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu. Attendees with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 805-756-1521.

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.

#102453 – Administrative Support Coordinator II, Information Services, Office of the CIO. $3,074 - $4,615 per month. Closes: Jan. 22, 2012.

#102454 - Director for Applications and Information Systems, Administrator III, Information Technology Services. Anticipated hiring range: $100,000 - $115,000. Compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience. Closes: Jan. 31, 2012.

#102457 – Payroll Technician II, Fiscal Services, Payroll. $3,060 - $4,590 per month. Open until filled.
Review begins: Jan. 13, 2012.

#102459 – Temp Emergency Clerical Pool, temporary clerical positions (90-day max.). ASA I - $12.05 - $18.08 per hour, ASA II - $14.45 - $21.68 per hour, ASC I - $16.20 - $24.30 per hour, ASC II - $17.73 - 26.63 per hour. Continuous hiring through June 30, 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 website. 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,

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Irrigation Support Engineer/Specialist I/II/III, Irrigation Training & Research Center, $41,002 - $79,560 per year (salary depends on experience). Requires bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering with an emphasis in irrigation or related discipline and 1-3 years experience and knowledge in: on-farm irrigation design, management and evaluation, crop water requirement and salinity, water balances, supervisory control and data acquisition, and irrigation district modernization. PE license & master's degree desired.

Senior Irrigation Engineer I/II/III, Irrigation Training & Research Center, $51,558 - $95,446 per year (salary depends on experience). Requires bachelor's in irrigation engineering or related discipline and 3-7 years experience in: on-farm irrigation design, management and evaluation, crop water requirement and salinity, water balances, supervisory control and data acquisition, irrigation district modernization, and production agriculture. PE License and doctorate in Irrigation highly desirable.

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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