News

Cal Poly Named Tops in the West for 20th Year by US News

For the 20th straight year, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master’s university in the West in U.S. News & World Report’s 2013 America’s Best Colleges guidebook. Cal Poly ranked sixth in the magazine’s overall list of the West’s best universities, including both public and private institutions that provide “a full range of undergraduate and master’s-level programs but few, if any, doctoral programs.” U.S. News ranks colleges that grant doctoral degrees, such as those in the University of California system, in a separate category. “Being named Best in the West for 20 straight years is a terrific acknowledgment of Cal Poly’s sustained excellence over a long period of time,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “The credit belongs to our faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students’ success, and it underscores the power of our Learn by Doing philosophy.”

Cal Poly Ushers in New Academic Year

Cal Poly officials ushered in the 2012-13 academic year today during Cal Poly’s Fall Conference General Session, which featured a keynote address by President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. Armstrong welcomed back faculty and staff and outlined several key goals for Cal Poly in the near future. He urged a recommitment to Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing tradition. In his address, he asked that faculty and staff “be open to change, open to new discoveries about how to improve, always striving to make things even better, resolutely committed to excellence.”

Armstrong said Cal Poly’s six-year graduation rate, which currently is 76 percent, needs to move up dramatically in the next decade, and eventually exceed 90 percent. He also announced that the university will formally explore converting to a semester system, which he said has the potential to help further enrich Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing curriculum.

More on the Fall Conference General Session
More on Fall Conference

Benefits Enrollment Open Through Oct. 5

The Benefits Open Enrollment period for Cal Poly state employees begins today and goes through Oct. 5. Benefits-eligible employees have this annual chance to review their benefit plans and make changes for the 2013 plan year. Changes for 2013 include higher PERS Choice premiums and a lower annual Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA) maximum contribution (previously $5,000, now $2,500).

The Human Resources Benefits website is full of information to assist you, including:

- Open Enrollment Period Events Flyer—health and other benefit plan representatives coming to campus!

- eBenefits Step-By-Step Guide for making changes online through the Cal Poly Portal

- The required “eBenefits Self-Service Electronic Signature Authorization form”
Online Open Enrollment elections must be completed no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5. Changes will be effective January 1, 2013. Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-5436.

**Cal Poly Appoints New Journalism Department Chair**

Mary Glick, a seasoned journalist with industry, association, and teaching experience, has been appointed associate professor and chair of Cal Poly’s Journalism Department. Glick is former associate director of the American Press Institute (API) in Reston, Va., and is a former associate professor of journalism at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego, where she was also founder and director of the Center for Community Journalism. Prior to her SUNY appointment, Glick taught journalism at California State University Long Beach. Her professional experience also includes being the lifestyle editor for Copley Los Angeles Newspapers, features editor for the Star-News in Pasadena, Calif., copy editor for The Daily Report in Ontario, Calif., and city hall and education reporter, business editor, and lifestyles editor for the Daily Star Progress in LaHabra, Calif. Doug Epperson, dean of Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts, said the Journalism Department, college and university are fortunate to have hired a chair with extensive industry and academic experience. “We expect Mary will provide strong and innovative leadership for the department,” Epperson said.

*MORE ON GLICK'S APPOINTMENT*

**Faculty and Staff**

*Current and Retired Faculty and Staff Sought for Staged Play Reading*

Current and retired Cal Poly faculty and staff are invited to audition for a staged reading of the play “Mayhem, America.” Auditions will be held during Fall Conference week, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Room 212 of the Davidson Music Building. The play has a cast of 10 characters. It tells the story of a group of eccentric people on a committee planning the anniversary of their small town of Mayhem. Their task is to design a time capsule, decide what articles to include in it, and plan the ceremony that accompanies the capsule’s internment. Secrets are revealed, repressed rage is expressed, prejudices are exposed, and quirky relationships are redefined. There are also moments of kindness, generosity and goodness as the people try to identify what makes their town unique in the mad, mad world of America. There will be three to four rehearsals and then the cast will give staged readings, script in hand and with limited movement, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Admission to the performances is $2; all proceeds will be given to ArtsObispo. For an electronic version of the script, contact Al Schnupp at aschnupp@calpoly.edu.

**Black Faculty Association to Meet**

The first meeting of the Cal Poly Black Faculty Staff Association will take place from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 in UU 216. Lunch will be provided. All new and returning faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Contact Camille O'Flannery or Preston Allen with any questions.

**Cal Poly Fund Director Chris McBride Honored for Work with PolyReps**

Chris McBride, director of the Cal Poly Fund, has been honored with a Council for Advancement and Support of Education award for her work as advisor to the university’s PolyReps program. CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Programs recently recognized the winners of its 2012 Network Awards during a ceremony at the CASE ASAP 39th annual Network Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. ASAP fosters and enhances student involvement in all areas of advancement. The CASE ASAP annual awards recognize outstanding student and advisor leadership and achievements as well as outstanding student educational advancement programming by CASE ASAP member organizations. McBride was one of three winners of the Outstanding Advisor award.
Retirements

Sheryl O’Neill

A reception to celebrate Sheryl O’Neill’s retirement from Cal Poly will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 28 in Fisher Science, Room 285. O’Neill joined the Mathematics Department as a part-time lecturer in fall 1992 and became the ELMAPE Coordinator in fall 1994. In addition to teaching, she directed the Developmental Mathematics program, helped implement one of the first mediated learning curriculums with Academic Systems in the mid-1990s (a model still in use for many developmental programs across the state), advised many students, and provided advising support to faculty and staff. O’Neill also worked with Math Education; served as single subject credential coordinator in Math; supervised student teachers; taught the student teacher seminar course; and coordinated course articulations, departmental academic advising, and academic scheduling. The campus community is invited to join the Math Department in celebrating O’Neill’s service to Cal Poly and expressing our gratitude and best wishes.

In Memoriam

Blaine Errea

Blaine Errea died Aug. 10 following a tragic accident while riding his bicycle. He had been a part of the Cal Poly family for the last eight years, serving the University Cashiers and Student Accounts Office. His quiet professionalism was appreciated by those with whom he worked and by the many students he helped. Blaine is survived by his wife, Victoria, and children, Megan, 7, and Alexander, 5. Blaine will be missed tremendously, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Blaine was an avid and active outdoorsman who enjoyed and appreciated the Central Coast through hiking and biking. A memorial walk in his honor will take place at noon Oct. 3. Friends and co-workers wishing to participate can meet near the Mustang Statue between the University Union and the Administration Building. The walk will go from the Administration building to the Learning Pine Arboretum, where we will gather and share stories and memories of Blaine. Please bring a sack lunch. If you are unable to join in the walk, feel free to meet us at the Arboretum. If you have any questions regarding the memorial walk, contact Tammy Logan at tlogan@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

Academic Calendar is Online Now

The 2012-13 Academic Calendar is available online. For the complete 2012-13 academic calendar, visit the Office of the Registrar’s website.

Stop by the new University Store – Presenting New Historical Displays and El Corral Alumni Shop

Visit the newly updated University Store (formerly known as El Corral Bookstore) for exciting new products and historic features. Cal Poly historical images from the early 20th century are featured in the windows at the south end of University Store, facing the University Union Plaza. Inside the University Store is a newly dedicated area called the “El Corral Alumni Shop”, which pays tribute to the bookstore’s historical past.

Images and historical facts about the bookstore’s progression on campus from the past century are on display at the El Corral Alumni Shop. A special “thank you” goes out to University Archives and the Kennedy Library staff for providing these photos. Visit our website for more at www.calpolybookstore.com.

Fulbright Awards Deadline Extended to Sept. 17

The Fulbright Commission has announced an extension of its deadline to Sept. 17 for some of its awards. This second chance represents an opportunity for faculty members interested in expanding their global competencies. Cal Poly has 28 Fulbright awardees on campus; if you are interested in being mentored by one of them as you develop your application, contact Raymond (Bud) Zeuschner, interim director of International Education and Programs, at ext. 6-2045 or rzuesch@calpoly.edu. The best way to begin is to visit the Fulbright website and follow the links to “Catalog of Awards.” Find out if any of the extended programs would work for you.
Work-Study Student May Begin Working Sept. 18

The first day Federal Work-Study students may begin working is Sept. 18, 2012, provided their financial aid award has been finalized, they have registered for at least half-time units, and they have completed the necessary employee forms with Payroll Services. Federal Work-Study positions can be listed right now through Career Services’ free online job listing service, Mustang Jobs. Regular part-time student assistant positions also may be listed now. Each year, there must be a job description on record with Career Services via Mustang Jobs for every position filled by a FWS student. If your departmental FWS employment contact designee has changed, please let the Financial Aid Office know by e-mailing financialaid@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Pride Center to Host First Social of the Year

Cal Poly’s Pride Center invites faculty, staff, and students to their quarterly social from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in UU220. The LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Ally) Organizations Social is designed to allow incoming and continuing students to familiarize themselves with both on and off campus resources that provide services, social outlets, and other support to the LGBTQIA student community. Sponsored by Cal Poly’s Pride Center, the social will also include Jamba Juice as refreshments for the first 100 guests. The Pride Center supports the mission of Student Life & Leadership by focusing on the unique academic, cultural, and social needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) students to promote personal growth and education. The group advocates for social justice, empower and retain our LGBTQ and ally students, and create opportunities for all students to be more culturally competent. Through a safe space, services, and programming the Pride Center contributes to the university’s commitment to diversity and a more inclusive and welcoming campus. For more information, contact Patrick Fina at 805-756-6256 or calpoly.ally@gmail.com, or visit the Pride Center website at http://pride.calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Multicultural Center to Host First Social of the Year

Cal Poly’s Multicultural Center will host its first social from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in UU220. Both new and transfer students will have the opportunity to meet faculty and staff and learn about the diverse range of programs Cal Poly has to offer. Cal Poly faculty and staff will also speak about their programs and what they can offer students of color, underrepresented students, and first-generation students to help enrich their academic year. The Multicultural Center cultivates a campus wide community that represents and celebrates the diversity of Cal Poly’s student body. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jessica Hernandez at 805-756-6249 or jhern@calpoly.edu, or visit the Multicultural Center website at http://multicultural.calpoly.edu.

The Kennedy Library is now accepting course reserves for Fall Quarter

The Kennedy Library is now accepting course reserves for Fall Quarter. Course Reserves and Electronic Course Reserves are course-specific materials set aside by Cal Poly instructors for their students at the library’s Checkout desk or in PolyLearn. This material may include books, textbooks, videos or materials in other formats. Please use our easy-to-use online form to submit your reserves. If you need help submitting reserves, the library’s new course reserves coordinator, Sharon Andresen, is happy to help. Contact her at sandres@calpoly.edu or at 6-2020. Don’t hesitate to contact your College Librarian to find relevant course materials from the library’s collections. If you have any further questions, we hope we’ve answered them here. Everyone at the Kennedy Library is happy to help make this a great Fall Quarter for you and your students. Hoping to see you at the Library!

Kennedy Library Displaying Sullenberger’s Tournament of Roses Memorabilia

A personal collection of Tournament of Roses memorabilia belonging to Lorrie and Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger can be seen on display in the Special Collections reading room on the Kennedy Library’s fourth floor. The collection, including signed team helmets from the University of Oregon and Ohio State, recalls the Sullenbergers’ participation as Grand Marshals in the January 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. Accompanying the display are historic photographs and concept renderings that document the history of Cal Poly’s joint efforts with sister campuses Cal Poly Pomona to launch a rose float each New Year’s Day since 1949. Chesley
Sullenberger successfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on Jan. 15, 2009. All 155 passengers and crew survived. Since then, Sullenberger has authored two best-selling books, "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters" (2009), and "Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage From America's Leaders" (2012). The Sullenbergers' collection has toured throughout California and will be on display in Kennedy Library Room 409 through Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Animal Science Reunion Set for Oct. 6

The Animal Science Department has set Saturday, Oct. 6, as the day to celebrate its first on-campus reunion in nearly 10 years. Animal Science Department alumni, past and current faculty, staff, and friends of the university are invited to campus to honor retiring faculty and valued emeriti, meet the new faces in the department, and celebrate the successful completion of new state-of-the-art learning facilities. Festivities will include student-led facility tours, a social and dinner, retiree presentations, entertainment and a silent auction.

Sunday, Oct. 7, will feature the annual Cal Poly Bull Test Sale Lunch and Auction, beginning at 11 a.m. To purchase tickets and get more information, visit the Animal Science Department online or contact Wendy Hall at wshall@calpoly.edu.

Deadline for Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) Proposals is Oct. 15

The Extramural Funding Initiative provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time, and additional compensation for 2013 is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15. For full application and submission instructions, visit the Research and Graduate Programs website or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Canyon Post Returns to Regular Hours for Fall Quarter

Canyon Post returns to its regular business hours in fall quarter and welcomes all faculty, staff and students to come to Poly Canyon Village for a visit. Canyon Post is pleased to offer dry cleaning, stamps, boxes, notary service, and a self-service shipping kiosk for USPS, UPS and FedEx. Drop by to take advantage of monthly dry cleaning specials. Regular hours are noon to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, or noon to 2 p.m. Saturday for pickup/drop off only. For more information regarding services, visit Canyon Post online.

Statistical Consulting Service Available for Fall Quarter

The Statistics Department will provide a statistical consulting service to the university community during fall quarter to facilitate research design and data analysis in a wide variety of disciplines. The service is intended to support projects and research by Cal Poly faculty and staff and provide assistance for students working on senior projects and graduate research. Heather Smith will serve as the consultant. She will be available to advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. In addition, she will be available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages available at Cal Poly. If there is a special area of statistical inference of interest to a group in your department, contact Smith to arrange possible lectures on the subject. She can be reached at ext. 6-6128 or hsmith@calpoly.edu. Her office is Room 356 in the Kinesiology Building (43A).

Consulting walk-in hours will be noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Tuesday and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Appointments outside those hours can be made by contacting Smith. Faculty, staff and students interested in utilizing the consulting service are encouraged to access the Statistics Department website at www.statistics.calpoly.edu for additional information – including what you should bring to a consulting session.

Tired of packing a brown bag? Have lunch for as low as $5.25 with Fast Pass

All you care to eat lunch at 19 Metro station for just $5.25, only with Fast Pass. 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.
Events
Swanton Pacific Railroad to Host Cal Poly Day on Sept. 23
Cal Poly’s railroad is back on track and ready for all to come aboard. The next public event will be Cal Poly Day, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012. Come on by and see for yourself what a great crown jewel Cal Poly has in Santa Cruz County, and enjoy a fun filled day of train rides all day long; displays by both the ranch and railroad; a Santa Maria style BBQ; Cal Poly’s logging team demonstrating their various activities; and hearing about all improvements and on-going projects for both the ranch and railroad. The event will begin around 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Cost is $20 for adults and $10 for children 8 and younger for attendees who RSVP prior to Sept. 13. For later RSVPs, costs are $30 for adult and $15 for children. Parking is free. Attendance is limited to the first 500. The event will be held rain or shine. An invite and additional information can be obtained online (click on “events calendar”). The Swanton Pacific Railroad is located on the Swanton Pacific Ranch property, about 3 miles north of the town of Davenport on Highway 1, near Santa Cruz.

TEDxSanLuisObispo Set for Sept. 28
TEDxSanLuisObispo, a regionally hosted version of the popular TED conference, will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center. TED (Technology/Entertainment/Design) is a nonprofit devoted to offering free knowledge and inspiration from the world’s most inspired thinkers through talks and performances. The Sept. 28 event will bring together leading thinkers and innovators from around California to discuss the theme “The Power of Community.” Speakers include Google+ community manager Gopi Kallayil Delta; Delta Airlines senior vice president and Cal Poly alumnus Joanne Smith; REC Solar Vice President Matthew Woods; and Rosetta Chief Consumer Technology & Entertainment Officer Tom Adamski. Discounted tickets are available to Cal Poly alumni, students, faculty and staff and can be purchased through the Performing Arts Center box office. To learn more about TEDxSanLuisObispo and to purchase tickets, visit www.tedxslouso.com.

Music Department Faculty to Perform ‘Celebrated Classics’ Sept. 29
Four Cal Poly Music Department faculty members will perform “Celebrated Classics” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in the Spanos Theatre on campus. The recital will feature Jacobyn Kreitzer, mezzo-soprano, Gabrielle Castriotta, oboe; Paul Severson, viola; and Susan Amaret Davis, piano, performing works by Christoph Willibald Gluck, Giovanni Paisiello, Antonio Caldara, Joseph Canteloube, Camille Saint-Saëns, John Corigliano and Johannes Brahms. Tickets to the recital are $12 for the public and $9 for senior citizens and students. New pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees, and event parking is now sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849). The recital is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. Proceeds from the event benefit the Music Department Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit the Music Department Web calendar.

Job Vacancies
State Employment Opportunities
The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


#102646 – Executive Assistant to the Provost, Confidential Administrative Support II - 12 month, Academic Affairs - Office of the Provost, $4,130.00-$8,410.00 per month. Closes Sept. 18, 2012.
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#102650 - Continuing Education Program Support Assistant, Administrative Support Assistant II, Academic Affairs - Continuing Education, temporary full-time, eight-month and one day, $2,405-$3,158 per month. Closes Sept. 21, 2012.

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#102639 - Information Technology Consultant, Career - 12 month Team Supervisor (anticipated hiring range $5,000-$5,750 per month) and/or Information Technology Consultant, Career - 12 month (anticipated hiring range $4,314-$4,900 per month) in the College of Science & Math. Up to two positions available. Open until filled. Review begins Sept. 4, 2012. *non-statutory supervisor/lead position as defined by the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA).

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at www.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.

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#102659 - Director of Graduate Education (Instructional Faculty 12-month), Academic Affairs. Review begins Oct. 2, 2012.

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, AA EEO.

Conference Center Office Manager, Conference & Event Planning, $17.16-$24.90 per hour. Requires associate's degree or education equivalency with four years related experience. Bachelor's degree in related field with two years experience preferred. Must have knowledge of conference programs and their deployment and event planning/scheduling. Requires excellent communication, organizational and team skills. Must be self-motivated with high computer literacy. Must be able to work occasional weekends and evenings, as needed.

Research Systems Analyst, College of Engineering - Advanced Technology Lab, part-time - 20 hours per week; $23.35-$33.87 per hour. Requires bachelor's degree in related field with one year of related experience or minimum four years performing similar duties. Must be able to provide administrative and technical support in conducting experiments involving transportation systems and the evaluation of results. Requires experience in development of budgets, budget variance analysis, project planning/scheduling, technical writing, installing PC hardware/software and administering local area networks.

Assistant Supervisor - VG Cafe, Campus Dining 10-month position, $10.54-$12.91 per hour. Requires high school degree or equivalent with one year food service experience; two years preferred. Must be able to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work late shift until 2:30 a.m. and weekends.
Custodial Assistant, Campus Dining, 10-month position, $9.30-11.41/hour. Requires minimum one year work experience performing custodial duties, including general housekeeping and project work and the ability to learn to operate miscellaneous cleaning equipment, mix cleaning chemicals safely, and lift carry at least 50 pounds. Must have a valid California driver’s license and be available to work weekends, holidays and various shifts.

All positions provide excellent benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. For complete position descriptions and to apply online visit www.calpolycorporationjobs.org.

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 212 or call ext. 5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.