New Robotics and Automation Lab Prepares Cal Poly Students for Industry

A new robotics and automation lab in Cal Poly’s Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department will help students gain hands-on exposure to cutting-edge systems and technology. The Gene Haas Laboratory for Robotics and Automation, which opened in mid-September, is the result of a $50,000 gift from the Gene Haas Foundation. The lab provides new hardware, software and precision tools for Cal Poly’s already strong manufacturing engineering program. That gift also inspired an array of state-of-the-art technology donations from other industry leaders including Yaskawa America, Rockwell Automation, Keyence and Trust Automation. “This collaborative giving from our industry partners has helped produce an outstanding automation and robotics lab,” said Jose Macedo, department chair. “The Haas Lab creates another exciting, hands-on environment for students to fully engage in automated systems and technologies that are at the core of virtually all advanced manufacturing industries.” Read more on the Gene Haas Laboratory.

Benefits Enrollment Open Through Oct. 5

The Benefit 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 (HCRRA) 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”
- 2013 Health Plan Premium rates and Comparison Chart
- CalPERS Video “Presenting the 2013 CalPERS Health Plans”
- Details about all benefit plans, including Health and Dependent Care Reimbursement Accounts (must enroll annually) and Volunteer Benefit Plans (MetLaw Legal Plan available only during Open Enrollment)

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.

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 ELMMAP 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
Teresa Ganes of the Performing Arts Center is retiring Oct. 1 after 10 years of service to Cal Poly. Ganes received a master's degree in marketing from the Orfalea College of Business in 1998. She started her career with the Cal Poly Corporation at Mustang Graphics in 2002 and began service as the administrative assistant (ASC II) to the Performing Arts Center's managing director in 2004. Her many contributions and accomplishments will be recognized by the organization, but at Ganes' request, no reception will be held. Those who would like to extend their congratulations and good wishes to her can send an email to teganes@calpoly.edu. Her last working day will be Friday, Sept. 28.

Walter Harris

The Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid department will host a retirement reception honoring Walter Harris from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Harris began his career in 1973 as an EOP advisor. In 1990, EOP outreach advisors merged with Relations with Schools to become University Outreach Services, where Harris served as coordinator. University Outreach Services became part of the Office of Admissions and Recruitment in 1995, and Harris served as coordinator of recruitment until 2002, when he became the associate director of Admissions & Recruitment. He helped create Cal Poly's Partners Program in 1998, with collaboration from the Retention and Outreach Office. Harris has been directly involved in supporting the recruitment and graduation of numerous students. He earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 1973 and a master's in education with a specialization in counseling and guidance in 1975 at Cal Poly. Recruitment has taken him up and down the state and across the nation, and he is well respected by his peers in the CSU system. The campus community is invited to help celebrate the retirement of the "ultimate road warrior."

Student Success

Cal Poly Sweeps AIAA Design Competition

Cal Poly aerospace seniors swept first, second and third place in the 2011-12 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation (AIAA) Undergraduate Team Aircraft Design competition in early September. The wins extended a decade of remarkable finishes at what is considered the most prestigious national collegiate aeronautical engineering design contest in the country. Led by faculty advisors Bruce Wright and Robert McDonald, the teams won for their designs of an unmanned aerial vehicle that serves as a humanitarian response aircraft system capable of providing aid in natural disasters to the populations of both developed and underdeveloped nations worldwide.

More on the students’ victories

Campus Announcements

Members Sought for Campuswide Committees

Cal Poly permanent or probationary staff employees are needed to fill vacancies on the following campuswide committees:

- Campus Fee Advisory Committee (2012-13)
- Campus Safety and Risk Management (2012-14)

There is one vacancy on each committee. For information about the committee and an application form, please go to the Human Resources website. Interested candidates must complete the application, obtain appropriate signatures, and return it to Human Resources by October 5, 2012. For questions, contact Carrie Wilemon at ext. 6-5375.

Student Employers Can Advertise Through Mustang Jobs

Cal Poly student employers can advertise Federal Work-Study positions through Career Services’ free, online job listing service, Mustang Jobs. Each year, there must be a job description on record with Career Services (via Mustang Jobs) for every position filled by a FWS student. Sept. 18 was the first day Federal Work-Study students could begin working, provided their Financial Aid award has been finalized, they have registered for at least half-time units, and have completed the necessary employee forms with Payroll Services. If your departmental FWS employer contact designer has
Office Max Auto Substitution Program Begins

In an effort to cut costs across the California State University, the Chancellor’s Office has initiated mandatory participation in a new OfficeMax auto-substitution program. As of Sept. 10, Cal Poly has implemented automatic substitution for about 1,700 products with lower-cost equivalents that have the same fit, form and function as higher-cost items. In conjunction with campus procurement officials, the Chancellor’s Office will monitor the quality of the substituted items and provide process improvements as necessary. Questions or comments can be directed at Contracts, Procurement & Risk Management at ext. 6-2234 or purchasing@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab to Open Full-Time

The Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Spaces are available for potty-trained children ages 3-5. Priority will be given to Cal Poly faculty and staff. For more information, contact Dr. Patty Clarkson at ext. 6-2220 or preschoollabadmin@calpoly.edu or visit the preschool’s web page.

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 store’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. For more, go to www.calpolybookstore.com.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association to Meet Sept. 26

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) will have its first meeting of the 2012-13 academic year from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 in Room 24B in Faculty Offices North. All current and interested members are welcome.

The newly elected leadership committee for 2012-13 is Julie Garcia (PSY/CD), president; Debra Valencia-Laver (CLA), vice president; Esperanza Wilkinson (SOE), secretary; Catherine Trujillo (Kennedy Library), treasurer; and Tony Dominguez (Admissions), past president.

The CLFSA invites faculty and staff to save the date for its fifth annual Chicana Latino Convocation. This event, open to all, is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Advanced Technologies Laboratory, Room 02. Dr. Ryan Alaniz, alumnus and new assistant professor in the Social Sciences Department, will be the featured speaker. To add your name to the email list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Wilkinson at erwilkin@calpoly.edu. See the CLFSA Web site for additional information about the organization.

New Starbucks to Host Grand Opening Event Oct. 1

The new Starbucks kiosk at Campus Market will host a grand opening event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1. All are welcome to attend. There will be food and beverage samples, Starbucks prizes and special grand opening discounts. Starbucks is located inside Campus Market. More details are available online.

Faculty Asked to Inform Students of Oct. 4 Study Abroad Fair

Faculty are asked to inform their students of an upcoming Study Abroad Fair set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, on Dexter Lawn. Sponsored by the International Education and Programs Office, the event will give students the opportunity to speak with study-abroad program representatives – including alumni who have studied abroad and will discuss how it changed their life and their world perspective. The fair will showcase study abroad programs sponsored by Cal Poly, including faculty-led quarter abroad programs, CSU International Programs, international exchanges and affiliated programs. Representatives will attend from off-campus affiliated programs including Australia, Cultural Experiences Abroad, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, ProWorld, and University Studies Abroad Consortium. The event will move to the Business Breezeway if there is rain. For more information, visit IEPA’s web page.
Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop Set for Oct. 4

An Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the workshop. She will be joined by Jan Myers from Academic Personnel and Karen Stubberfield from Human Resources, who will answer questions and provide information on the faculty and staff recruitment process. Contact Sumi Senat at essenat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387 if you would like to attend.

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 whall@calpoly.edu.

University Art Gallery Has Open Studios Tour Catalogs

The University Art Gallery has free catalogs to the upcoming Open Studios Art Tour in San Luis Obispo County. Stop by the University Art Gallery to pick one up. Open Studios is set for Oct. 13, 14, 20 and 21. For more information, call ext. 6-6038 or visit the gallery’s web site.

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.

Cal Poly Foundation Board to Meet Nov. 3

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its next meeting, which is open to the public, on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

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

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 campus 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. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.tedxsanluisobispo.com.

University Art Gallery to Exhibit Ana Serrano’s Work Sept. 28-Nov. 2

The University Art Gallery will exhibit art by Mexican-American artist Ana Serrano from Sept. 28 to Nov. 2 and will present an opening night talk by the artist. Serrano will deliver a lecture from 5 to 6 p.m. In Room E-27 in the Science Building. An opening reception for the exhibit, titled “Pretty Monumental,” will begin at 6 p.m. in the University Art Gallery, in the Dexter Building. Serrano is a first-generation Mexican-American born in Los Angeles in 1983. Inspired by both of the cultural contexts in her life, she creates work utilizing a variety of mediums including drawing, collage, sculpture and motion. Her work bears reference to those in low socioeconomic positions, with particular interest in the customs and beliefs and the architecture, fashion and informal economies present with this segment of society. Currently, her work is exploring the socio-cultural aspects of drug trafficking and the branding and acceptance of the drug lord lifestyle. She is a recent graduate of Art Center College of Design in Pasadena and resides in Los Angeles. The public is invited to the free talk and exhibit. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call ext. 6-6038 or visit the gallery’s website.

Cal Poly Music Department Announces 2012-13 Events

Cal Poly Music Department’s new event season gets under way with a faculty recital in September.

Mezzo-soprano Jacalyn Kreitzer will be joined by Gabrielle Castriotta, oboe; Paul Severtson, viola; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano in a recital titled “Celebrated Classics” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in the Spanos Theatre. On the program will be works by Giovanni Pazzello, Christoph Willibald Gluck, Camille Saint-Saëns, Antonio Caldara, John Corigliano, and Johannes Brahms.

At least a dozen more events — including several free ones — will follow in the fall. They include:

• Oct. 12 - Parents’ Weekend Ensemble Showcase, featuring six of the department’s ensembles — the Arab Music Ensemble, PolyPhonics, Symphony, University Jazz Band I, University Singers, Wind Ensemble
• Oct. 26 - Faculty Chamber Ensemble Recital
• Nov. 17 - Bandfest 2012: “Year of the Dragon”
• Nov. 18 - Symphony Fall Concert: “Music and Image”
• Nov. 30 - Fall Jazz Concert
• Dec. 1 - Choirs’ “A Christmas Celebration”

For more information and a complete list of events for the 2012-13 season, go to the online calendar, email music@calpoly.edu, or call ext. 6-2406. Printed versions of the event brochure are available upon request.

Author Stephen Chbosky to Talk Oct. 5 on Campus

Kennedy Library will present a conversation with Stephen Chbosky — author, screenwriter and director of “Perks of Being a Wallflower” — at Chumash
Auditorium from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, as part of the library’s celebration of Banned Books Week. Chbosky will be introduced by ASI President Katie Morrow. The event is co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, English Department, Pride Center and Multicultural Center. It is free and open to the public. Chbosky is also featured in a podcast series, “I’m with the Banned,” created as part of Kennedy Library’s Banned Books Week celebration. The series explores the American Library Association’s Top 100 Banned Challenged Books 2000-2009 and their themes. The podcasts will be available on Kennedy Library Out Loud starting Sept. 18. In addition, student assistants at Kennedy Library have created popular online interactive and print infographics that have been shared nationally. The Kennedy Library is one of eight national recipients of the 2012 Freedom to Read Foundation’s Judith F. Krug Fund Grant, which supports the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week. From Sept. 30 through Oct. 6, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to access information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship.

Cal Poly Author to Discuss Book on Moby Dick’s Cultural Impact Oct. 12

History professor and author George Cotkin will discuss his new book, “Dive Deeper: Journeys with Moby Dick,” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Room 111H as part of the Kennedy Library’s Conversations with Cal Poly Authors series. Cotkin will talk informally about his book, a cultural and historical examination of “Moby Dick,” and then discuss the work with associate English professor Catherine Watanas and answer questions from the audience. All are welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Visit Cal Poly Authors online for more information.

Cal Poly Performing Ensembles to Present Showcase At Parent and Family Weekend Concert Oct. 12

Cal Poly’s 2012 Parent and Family Weekend will kick off with a musical showcase emceed by Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Harmon Hall of the Performing Arts Center on campus. The Parent and Family Weekend Ensemble Showcase will feature all Cal Poly Music Department majors performing ensembles: the Cal Poly Symphony, Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers), University Jazz Band I, Arab Music Ensemble and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble. Tickets to the recital are $12 and $14 for the public and $9 and $12 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 Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849). For more information, visit the Music Department Web calendar.

Cal Poly’s 15th Annual CultureFest Set for Oct. 14

Cal Poly’s Multicultural Center and Student Life & Leadership will host the 15th annual CultureFest from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at San Luis Obispo’s Mitchell Park, showcasing the cultural diversity within the university and San Luis Obispo community. This annual festival celebrates and advocates cultural diversity through student displays, performances, music, food and more. This year’s theme is “Cultivating Culture.” This free, family-friendly event also features a children’s area with games and crafts.

More on CultureFest

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.


Administrative Support Assistant II, Student Affairs – Career Services, one year with possible extension, $2,505 - $3,758 per month. Closes: Oct. 3, 2012.***THIS INTERNAL RECRUITMENT IS OPEN TO CAL POLY EMPLOYEES ONLY (State, Corporation, and ASI)***


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.

Internal Academic Administrative Employment Opportunities
Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for the following internal searches. *Please note that these internal opportunities are open only to currently employed tenured full professors at Cal Poly. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application.*


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 Coordinator: Conference & Event Planning, $35,698 - $51,792 per year. Requires bachelor’s degree in marketing, hospitality, business or other related field AND two years’ professional experience in event planning or program organization and or program development. Directly related full-time experience in conference and event planning may be considered in lieu of the degree on a year-for-year basis. Must be computer literate and have strong verbal, written and visual presentation communication skills; must be extremely well-organized and adaptable to a quickly changing, fast-paced environment. Must be able to work weekends and evenings, as required.

Human Resources Assistant, Human Resources, $13.43 - $17.50 per hour. Requires high school diploma or equivalent and two years’ experience performing data
processing and complex clerical activities, preferably in a Human Resources department or position that required handling of confidential personnel matters. Must have excellent customer service skills and high computer literacy, be able to type at least 45 wpm, and have strong verbal and written communication skills. Must be extremely well-organized and be able to work well under deadlines.

Cook, Campus Market, 10-month position, Campus Dining, $11.90-$14.57 per hour. Requires High school degree or equivalent with two years’ commercial cooking experience in a food service or production position, preferably on a college campus. Must have the ability to use common kitchen equipment effectively, such as ovens, steamers, deep fat fryers, grills, slicers, etc. Will supervise assistant cooks and student assistants. Must be able to lift carry 50 pounds; valid CA driver’s license required.

Director, Educational Talent Search, Student Academic Services, $19.95 per hour. Requires bachelor’s degree and five years’ experience (master’s degree and four years progressively responsible professional student services experience preferred). Must have experience working with multicultural, low-income, first-generation college, other non-traditional or underserved student populations. Requires strong academic and personal advising counseling skills, computer literacy, excellent verbal and written communication skills, budget administration and strong organizational skills. Must have a valid driver’s license to travel to target sites. Must be bilingual (Spanish English).

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. 6-5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.