Cal Poly Provides Tax Preparation for Underserved Communities

Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business is again sponsoring a program to provide tax return preparation assistance at no charge for individuals and families with incomes less than $50,000 a year. This year Cal Poly's program is part of the California Central Coast Tax Coalition, which includes Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites around San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties, offered by AARP and United Way of Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly's program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through March 16. Clients should arrive before 2 p.m. to allow sufficient time to complete returns accurately. No appointments are needed; people will be served on a first-come basis.

More on the VITA program

Cal Poly to Co-Host Feb. 20 Talk with 2012 National Teacher of the Year

Cal Poly and the Clark Center for the Performing Arts will host a presentation by Cal Poly alumna Rebecca Mieliwocki, 2012 National Teacher of the Year, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20. She will present "Supercharging the Education Profession by Igniting the Power of One" at the Clark Center on the campus of Arroyo Grande High School at 487 Fair Oaks Avenue in Arroyo Grande. Mieliwocki has taught for 14 years, including nine years in her current position as a seventh-grade English teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School in Burbank, Calif. "Students learn best when they have the most enthusiastic, engaged teachers possible," Mieliwocki said. She believes strongly in the importance of good teacher preparation programs, continuous support and collaboration opportunities for veteran teachers, and a strong school leadership team to guide and drive achievement. Read more about the event online.

Faculty and Staff

Advancement Appoints New Associate Vice President for Development

Tanya Kiani-Hauck has been named associate vice president for development after a nationwide search. Kiani-Hauck, who earned an MBA from Cal Poly, has served in the University Advancement Division since 2000. She was appointed the university's interim associate vice president for development since March 2012. Prior to that, she served as principal gifts officer and held lead fundraising positions for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and for the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences. Before working at Cal Poly, Kiani-Hauck served in fundraising positions for the Performing Arts Center and Cuesta College. As associate vice president for development, Kiani-Hauck is responsible for the university's philanthropic activity, fostering private support from a wide variety of constituents, including alumni, private industry, friends of the university and other funding organizations.

Campus Announcements

AFD announces Spend Smart Initiative

Cal Poly has launched a systematic review and overhaul of policies and procedures related to procurement, payment and delegation of authority. The ultimate purpose of the "Spend Smart Initiative" (SSI) is to reduce costs of doing business so that Cal Poly remains able to serve students at the highest possible level in spite of ongoing financial challenges. The goals of the effort are to help the university stretch available dollars, solidify internal controls, and improve administrative efficiency in the process. The Administration and Finance Division's plan includes: strategic sourcing, eProcurement, advanced spend analysis, standardization of delegated authority, improved budget analysis, and streamlined payment processing. The success of this program is dependent on the campus working together, so faculty and staff are asked to watch for additional information in the near future.
Service Awards Luncheon Tickets on Sale

President Armstrong will honor faculty and staff members who had milestone anniversaries in 2012 at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now. Cost is $12 (payable to "Cal Poly Corporation").

Master of ceremonies for the event will be Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. Luncheon menu includes chicken or cheese enchiladas, chipotle black beans, cilantro Mexican rice, garden salad with chipotle ranch and balsamic 'aggio dressings, dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

Side bar includes guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream, cheese and salsa.

Tickets sellers are Dann Annoni, ASIUU, at ext. 6-0299; Cheryi May in the Library at ext. 6-5785; Colleen Rodriguez in Payroll at 6-2606; and Jennifer Luedtke, Cal Poly Corporation, at ext. 6-1122. Note: This event sells out early, so get your tickets early. Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. As a treat for awardees, organizers are creating a collage of pictures that will be displayed at the luncheon. If you have pictures of any of the awardees, send them electronically to serviceawards@calpoly.edu.

Nomination for Student Employee Due Feb. 8

Faculty and staff members can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the 2012-13 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six months of part-time employment during the academic year (June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013). Eligible candidates include state, ASI and Foundation student employees. Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

Cal Poly's 2012-13 Outstanding Student Employee will be announced in April. The winner is entered into the state competition and might go on to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced during National Student Employment Week, the second week of April.

The 2012-13 OSEY nomination form is available online. Form are due to Barbara Rollins in Financial Aid on Friday, Feb. 8.

Pride Center Announces Two Ally Training Events on Feb. 13

The Pride Center has announced two Ally Training opportunities: from noon to 2 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 13. Both trainings will be held in UU 218. Ally Trainings are two-hour, interactive workshops that explore terminology, culture and concepts regarding the LGBTQLA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer: Questioning, Intersex, Ally) community and how to be a supportive and inclusive member of society for those who identify as LGBTQLA.

The Pride Center recommends an ending one training annually to stay up to date on information. For more information, contact Patrick Fina at calpoly.ally@calpoly.com or 805-582-8933.

Careers in Clean Energy Event Planned for Feb. 14

"Careers in Clean Energy: Opportunities for All Majors" will be held from 11:10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 14, at Career Services (Building 124, Room 117). Clean energy is a rapidly emerging job market that offers career paths for forward-thinking students from all disciplines. Attendees will learn how to launch a career in this field from a panel of industry professionals.

Speakers include: Justin Alvarez, sales associate at REC Solar; Trevor Keith, energy program coordinator for SOL County; Michelle Muskenyi, project management specialist at Siemens Energy; Ken Northcote, assistant project manager at Topaz Solar Farm; Lisa Ann Pinkerton, founder and president of Technical Communications, founder of Women in Cleantech & Sustainability; Robin Quaerier, counsel at Center For Resource Solutions, board member for Women's Environmental Network; Devla Singh, policy analyst with the California Utilities Commission.

Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop Set for Feb. 20

An Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Fisher Science (Building 33), Room 290. Cody, the director of Employment Equity, will lead the workshop. She will be joined by Jencyler from Academic Personnel and Karen Stubberfield from Human Resources, who will answer questions and provide information on the faculty and staff recruitment process.

Sumi Seacat will be available to answer questions regarding institutionally sponsored H-1B visas for foreign faculty and staff. Contact Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387 if you would like to attend.
Office of the Registrar Open Forums set for Feb. 28

The Office of the Registrar will hold an open forum to share information on several topics. The event will run from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 28 in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

Issues to be covered will include Permission Numbers, DPR (Degree Progress Report), Poly Profile, New Catalog, and Block Scheduling. For more information, contact Debbie Arseneau at ext. 6-7717 or darseneau@calpoly.edu.

International Center Seeks Applicants for Cal Poly-Led Programs

The Cal Poly International Center is calling for faculty applications to teach on one of its Cal Poly-Led Programs in the summer and/or fall of 2014. These programs are offered in London, Peru, Spain and Thailand. Courses must draw sufficient interest to meet minimum enrollments. While all faculty are encouraged to apply, those teaching upper-division GE courses and high-demand major courses are most needed. Applications are due Friday, March 15.

For more information, visit the Cal Poly-Led Faculty website or contact Jennifer O'Brien at reobrien@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7321.

New Tablet Rental Program - Just $99 per Quarter at University Store

Now there's an inexpensive way to try new technology: Rent the Samsung Galaxy Tablet 2 10.1-inch (Wi-Fi) for just $99 per quarter. All rentals come with a tablet case, data sync cable, and travel power adapter. There's also an affordable buyout option. For more information, go to the University Store website or stop by and visit the store's Technology Center.

Aeronautic History and Early Campus Life at Cal Poly - New Historic Display at University Store

Rare photos of our aeronautic history and early campus life are on display at the south-facing windows at the University Store, facing the UU Plaza. The aeronautics program, established in 1928, demonstrated a hands-on approach to education. In 1928, aeronautics students designed, built, and flew "The Glenmont," a six-passenger plane modeled after the Spirit of St. Louis. The program attracted prominent aviators to campus, including Amelia Earhart in 1936. See this and more at the University Store. The University Store thanks University Archives and the Kennedy Library staff for providing these photos.

Village Market Offers Free Grocery and Delivery Service

No time to go out to lunch? Need to pick up a gallon of milk on your way home from work? Let Village Market bring it to you. This new, free delivery service makes it easy to have your favorite deli and grocery items delivered to your campus office. More information is available online.

Sage Restaurant to Offer Special Valentine's Dinner for Two Feb. 11-16

Couples can enjoy a specially prepared three-course Valentine's dinner for two at Sage Restaurant. Includes shrimp cocktail appetizer, grilled top sirloin steaks, lobster mac & cheese, creme brulee and fountain drinks for $25. Offered Feb. 11-16. Find more information online, or call ext. 6-1204.

Tired of Your Same Sack Lunch? Grab Lunch at 19 Metro for As Low As $5.25

Get your lunch at 19 Metro 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

Cal Poly Science Cafe presents Pyroprints! Fingerprinting Bacteria on Feb. 7

Hear stories from Professor Chris Kitts and third-year biology student Maria Zuleta Aharado about their adventures collecting local E. coli data for the Cal Poly Library of Pyroprints (CPLOP) at the next Cal Poly Science Cafe, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Kennedy Library's second-floor lounge. The database is intended to be a searchable, online library and lower-cost resource for tracking E. coli to help researchers understand who or what is polluting the water. One of the greatest challenges researchers face is finding ways to collect wildlife samples that include origin confirmation. Kitts and Zuleta will ask for participants' ideas on how to solve this problem. For more information, see the Kennedy Library website.
Nationally Recognized Student Assessment Consultant to Speak Feb. 7

Linda Suskie, an internationally recognized student assessment consultant, will speak on campus Thursday, Feb. 7, in Kennedy Library, Room 511. The event begins at 4 p.m. Suskie will present briefly on how to engage in effective and efficient student assessment. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session and social networking. Suskie is a speaker, writer and workshop facilitator on a broad variety of higher education assessment and accreditation topics. The second edition of her book, “Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide” (Jossey-Bass) is a best-selling book on assessment in higher education. With more than 35 years of experience in higher education administration, Suskie is currently an adjunct faculty member at Holy Family University. Those who arrive earliest will receive a free autographed copy of her book (supplies are limited). Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is co-sponsored by the Orfalea College of Business and the Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology. For additional information, visit the CTLT website, or contact Ann Wilenius at ext. 6-7002 or ctlt@calpoly.edu.

Ask the Personal Trainer on Feb. 8

Looking for ways to pump up your workout and boost its effectiveness? Stop by the Rec Center Lobby between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, to talk to an ASC certified personal trainer. This free event is hosted by ASC Wellness. Get more information online about the ASC Rec Center.

Michigan State Professor to Discuss Food Ethics and Technology Feb. 8

Michigan State University Professor Paul B. Thompson will discuss three key problems in food ethics that are connected in surprising and sometimes incompatible ways. The talk will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in the Ag Engineering Building, Room 123. The event is free and open to the public. Find more information online.

Music Ensembles to Perform Benefit Concert at Old Mission Church Feb. 9

Several of Cal Poly’s finest student music ensembles will perform traditional and contemporary chamber music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo. “A Knight at the Mission” will feature performances by a saxophone quartet, saxophone ensemble, flute quartet, clarinet ensemble, trumpet ensemble, trombone choir, brass choir, brass quintet and woodwind quintet. The event is a fundraiser for the Cal Poly Band Program, whose members will travel to England, Ireland and Scotland for 12 days in June. Tickets to the Feb. 9 performance are $9 for students and senior citizens and $12 for the public. Pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket Office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SL0-4TIX (756-4849). Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the concert. For more information, visit the Music Department web calendar.

Entrepreneurship Gets Big at Feb. 11 CIE Forum

The Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship will host “Entrepreneurship Gets Big: Maintaining Your Entrepreneurial Edge as Your Company Grows” at 4:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. The event will explore how businesses can stay nimble as growth escalates to maintain a sense of culture and innovation. The PEN (Pitches, Exhibits & Networking) portion of the evening will feature winning teams from January’s Startup Weekend SLO. Panelists include Jon Avina, partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati; Audrey Van Belleghem, director of Strategic Programs at NetApp; Rick Stollmeyer, founder & CEO of MIND BODY Inc.; and Mike Tate, former vice president of finance and CFO of NetLogic Micro Systems Inc. CIE Forums are free and open to the public; advance registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship website.

Feb. 12 is Same Gender Hand-Holding Day on Campus

The Pride Center has announced it will hold its annual Same Gender Hand-Holding Day on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. on Dexter Lawn with a hand-holding march up to the UU Plaza, where other events will take place until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in a declaration of love with friends, partners or acquaintances. Find more about the Pride Center online.
The Cal Poly Choirs, conducted by Professor Thomas Diies, will present their annual production of "Water Works" on February 23.

The program, sponsored by the Orfalea College of Business and the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, will feature compositions with a theme influenced by the beauty and power of water. Special guests include Paul Hondorp, director of choral activities; and student ensembles from the University of Kentucky and Cuesta College.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. on February 23 in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $12 for the public and $9 for senior citizens and students. For more information, visit the Music Department's calendar or contact the Performing Arts Ticket Office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Student Entrepreneurs to Develop Apps During 'Hackathon' Feb. 15-17

The Cal Poly Gender Equity Center will host the 10th Annual Production of "The Vagina Monologues" on February 15-17. A 24-hour, nonstop event designed to spark students' technological creativity, the Hackathon will kick-off in Cal Poly's Bonderson Engineering Center at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 15, with students meeting and forming teams. The 24-hour event will begin on Saturday, February 16, with teams preparing their pitches, which will begin at noon. More information about the event is available online.

The cast is comprised of both students and contributing community members. Tickets are $15 for students and $18 for the general public. For more information, visit the Kennedy Library website.

McAfee Co-President to Speak Feb. 21 on Campus

Todd Gebhart, co-president of McAfee and a Cal Poly alumnus, will speak at the Performing Arts Center as a part of the Performing Arts Center's Distinguished Speaker Series. He will discuss his leadership roles at McAfee, the world's largest dedicated security software company, and his current role at McAfee in 2011, when he served as executive vice president and general manager of consumer, mobile and small business units, where he was responsible for developing and executing the partnership, retail and direct Web sales strategy for the global division.

Gebhart graduated from Cal Poly in 1992 and completed the Executive MBA Program at Harvard University. Before assuming his current role at McAfee, he served in leadership roles at CMC Commerce, Gateway PC makers, Internet service providers, telecommunications companies, and financial services companies. Gebhart earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Cuesta College Chamber Singers, featured on the program include Paul Hondorp, director of choral activities; and student ensembles from the University of Kentucky and Cuesta College.

The production of "The Vagina Monologues" is an award-winning collection of monologues about women's experiences and feelings regarding sexuality, written by author and activist Eve Ensler. The cast is comprised of both students and contributing community members. Tickets are $15 for students and $18 for the general public. For more information, visit the Kennedy Library website.
Athletics
Baseball
Former Cal Poly baseball standout Adam Buschini has been rewarded for earning the Australian Baseball League's Triple Crown, signing a contract with the San Diego Padres on Friday. "I got a call yesterday from (Canberra Cavalry Head Coach Tubby) Collins," Buschini said, "and he said they were interested. This morning, I found out it was finalized. It's a good feeling knowing that all the hard work paid off. But right now I can't be celebrating [as I'm] focused on two more victories."

Women's Basketball
The women's basketball team played a near perfect first half that carried them to a 79-56 win over UC Riverside in a Big West Conference game at Mott Athletics Center on Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Mustangs improved to 12-8 overall and 6-3 in conference games, while UC Riverside fell to 10-10 overall and 3-6 in the Big West.

Men's Basketball
Junior guard Kyle Odister recorded a team-leading 11 points on Saturday afternoon. But during a match up in which neither side led by more than five points for the final 23 minutes, the Cal Poly men's basketball team fell 50-48 decision to Long Beach State inside Walter Pyramid. Read more about the road game. Men's Basketball will host Pacific at 7 p.m. this Thursday and UC Davis at 7 p.m. Saturday in Mott Athletics Center.

Women's Tennis
Junior Jen Cornea was a dual winner on Sunday afternoon. But after sweeping the doubles point from San Jose State, the Cal Poly women's tennis program captured just one singles match and dropped a 6-2 decision against the Spartans during the 2013 home opener on Mustang Courts.

Men's Tennis
The Cal Poly men's tennis team picked up its second win of the season against a ranked team, defeating No. 64 San Diego State with a 6-1 non-conference win Saturday on the Mustang Courts. The Mustangs, "no entered the match ranked No. 57, improved to 3-2 on the season while SDSU fell to 3-2 on the season. Read more online. The men's tennis team hosted the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs in a non-conference tennis match Sunday at the Avila Bay Tennis Club and swept the match 7-0 to improve to 4-2 on the season.

Wrestling
Cal Poly wrestlers Devon Lotito, Kyle Chene and Sean Dougherty captured individual titles at the California Collegiate Open hosted by San Francisco State on Saturday. Read more about the Open.

Football
Three Cal Poly football players have been named to the Big Sky Conference All-Academic Team for the 2012 season. Junior defensive end Grant Geobel was honored, as were a pair of red shirt freshmen -- Stephen Sippe and Kyle Zottnek. Read more about the honors.

Swimming and Diving
The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming and diving teams earned a big win against the University of the Pacific on Friday at the Anderson Aquatic Center. After 32 events, the women's team won with 177 points, versus Pacific's 85. Men's swimming claimed 163 points over Pacific's 99. Read more online.

For more information on Cal Poly Athletics, visit www.gopoly.com.
Job Vacancies

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.

#102744 - Student Media Ad, Advertising Coordinator, Public Affairs, Communication Specialist II - 12 months, $3,469-$5,201 per month (anticipated hiring range: $3,469-$3,816 per month). Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 18, 2013.

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.

CAFE

#102735, Tenure Track Position - Bioresource and Ag Engineering, Bioresource and Ag Engineering Dept., College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-2378. Review begins: March 1, 2013.

#102740, Rodeo Coach, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-2161. Review begins: Feb. 28, 2013.

#102751, Tenure Track Position - Simultaneous Forest Management, Natural Resources Management & Environmental Sciences Dept., College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-6390. Review begins: April 2, 2013.

CENG

#102733, Tenure Track Position - Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical & General Engineering Dept., College of Engineering, ext. 6-7524. Review begins: March 1, 2013.

CS:

#102721, STAR Program Director, Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-2403. Review begins: March 1, 2013.

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 apply for any regular, benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit its website. For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

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

Research Support Coordinator, City and Regional Planning, $18.27 - $26.52 per hour (DOE). Requires high school diploma or equivalent and three years of office/secretarial experience. AA degree and/or college coursework in English, communications, business or public administration, computer science or related field and experience as research project assistant preferred. Must be proficient with Mac or PC and Microsoft Word/Excel and have excellent oral/written communication and organizational skills.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

ASI Loma Executive Director, full time with excellent benefits. Annual salary is determined by the ASI board of directors. Position open until filled.