Open Enrollment Ends Oct. 9

The 2010 Benefits Open Enrollment period for Cal Poly State employees began Sept. 14 and ends Oct. 9.

Open Enrollment allows benefits-eligible employees not already enrolled in a health or dental plan to do so. For those already enrolled, Open Enrollment provides the opportunity to change health or dental carriers, enroll or cancel Flex Cash participation and add eligible dependents. All changes made during Open Enrollment are effective Jan. 1, 2010.

This is also the time to enroll (or re-enroll) in the Health Care Reimbursement and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account plans for the 2010 tax year. These plans provide a perfect opportunity to pay for out-of-pocket health and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. To continue participation, you must re-enroll each year during Open Enrollment.


A Benefits Vendor Fair is scheduled for Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UU in Chumash Auditorium. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield HMO will hold health plan information sessions, including Blue Shield NetValue sessions, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.

All Open Enrollment Worksheets must be received in Human Resources as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 in order to be processed. Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-5436.

Weight Watchers is Enrolling New and Continuing Members

Weight Watchers is enrolling new and continuing members at Cal Poly. Weight Watchers will provide a free informational meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7 at noon at Einstein's Bros. Bagels in Poly Canyon Village. Weight Watchers provides professionally trained staff, program materials developed by experts in the field of nutrition and weight management, and confidential weigh-ins. For more information, contact Joy Harkins at jharkins@calpoly.edu.

Trish Stewart Retirement Reception Set for Sept. 24

Trish Stewart, Academic Skills Center coordinator and academic adviser at Cal Poly is retiring after 36 years of service. Stewart began her career at Cal Poly as a placement interviewer and supervisor in the Placement Office. She became coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center when it was created by a joint collaboration between Academic Affairs, Robert E. Kennedy Library and Student Affairs Division. A reception in her honor will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Kennedy Library Atrium.

Longtime Agriculture Leader Joseph J. Jen Retires from Cal Poly

Former agriculture Dean Joseph J. Jen retired from Cal Poly on Sept. 1 after decades of leadership on campus. Jen returned to Cal Poly in 2006 after a five-year assignment as undersecretary of research, education and economics at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Prior to his USDA appointment, he had served as Cal Poly's dean of agriculture from 1992 to 2001.

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