ME student chosen for Trustees' Hearst Award

A Cal Poly engineering student is among six students who received The California State University’s 2003-2004 William R. Hearst/CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement, which honors students for an exceptional combination of academics, community service and character.

Anthony L. DeFont, a mechanical engineering senior, was honored at a trustees meeting in Long Beach Tuesday along with the five other winners, each from a different CSU campus. Each received a $3,000 scholarship.

Selection for the systemwide award is based on financial need, superior academic performance and outstanding volunteer community service as well as having overcome profound personal challenges to achieve academic success.

DeFont is a dean’s list scholar who was raised by relatives after the death of his mother. Developing a strong work ethic and sense of service, he became a leader at Cal Poly.

He has also worked widely in the community, serving at the local animal shelter, participating in beach cleanups, and helping at senior-citizen events.

DeFont’s interests include biomechanical engineering and business administration. He interned at Abbott Vascular Devices and hopes to start his own engineering firm.

New-student directory available to departments

A limited number of copies of the 2003 New Student Directory, containing information about Cal Poly for new students, both freshman and transfers, as well as names and photos of incoming students, is available for departments to buy.

The yearbook-like publication is distributed to incoming students during WOW.

Departments interested in buying a copy, for $20, should contact Nikole McCollum at ext. 6-2586 or nmccollu@calpoly.edu. More information is available at www.alumni.calpoly.edu/students.

Architect, ‘smart growth’ expert named CAED dean

An architect who for the last two years has been helping lead California’s efforts in affordable housing, sustainable development and land-use reform has been named the new dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

R. Thomas Jones, executive director since March 2001 of the California Futures Network and a nationally recognized expert on “smart growth,” was named by President Baker to take over the dean’s post as of Aug. 15 on the recommendation of a consultative committee made up of faculty members, students and administrators.

Jones has 34 years’ experience in architecture, planning, housing development, public policy and education.

As director of the California Futures Network, Jones has worked closely with the Legislature and Governor’s Office in coordinating a statewide grouping of 91 environmental, business, labor, social justice, housing, transportation and open-space organizations aiming to achieve more-sustainable development patterns in the state.

Cal Poly, U. of Guelph to offer exchange program

The College of Agriculture and the Ontario Agricultural College of the University of Guelph in Canada will offer an exchange program for students and faculty members.

The historic university outside Toronto is the premier agricultural research university of Canada, said Cal Poly Agribusiness Professor Wayne Howard. The University of Guelph was originally founded as an agricultural college in 1874 and includes a school of veterinary medicine.

Beginning in the fall, Cal Poly students will be able to sign up for a term of study at the University of Guelph, and students there will be able to spend a term at Cal Poly, taking courses for credit toward their degrees. The exchange program allows up to six students per term from each campus to participate in the exchange. The universities will also participate in a faculty exchange program for agriculture professors.

Students finish third in Disney competition

Cal Poly’s self-styled “un-Disney” team placed third in Walt Disney Imagining’s 2003 Imagi-Nations Design Competition.

The four students – three in architecture, one in graphic communication – presented their proposal for a San Francisco entertainment park to a panel of judges at Disney headquarters. Previously the team had been selected as one of four finalists.

Engineering students win

A team of Cal Poly engineering students drove off with two awards from FutureTruck 2003, a national student competition sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

Competing against 14 other university teams, Cal Poly won second place and $750 in the category of Most Innovative Use of Virtual Instrumentation and was named Most Improved Team.
Employees to receive normal July paychecks

Employees will receive their normal paychecks on July 30 for the month of July, even if a state budget is not passed by that time, according to the Chancellor's Office. Paychecks on July 30 for the month of July, even if a state budget is not passed by that August paychecks should also be issued in time, according to the Chancellor's Office.

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. As a courtesy to on-campus employees, job vacancies are also published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. To apply, go to www.calpolyjobs.org and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 for information on available resources.

#100108-Pharmacist-in-Charge, *Student Affairs, Health Services, $5,008-$6,639/month plus possible signing bonus. Closing date: July 22.
#100117-Regional Program Director, Tulare, County (Administrator II), Academic Affairs, Extended Education, temporary from Aug. 1 to Jan. 30, 2004, salary commensurate with experience. Closing date: July 28.
#100119-Sergeant, Administration & Finance - University Police, $3,996-$5,502/month. Closing date: July 28.
#100121-Associate Planner, (Administrator II), Administration and Finance, Facilities Planning, $55,000-$65,000/year commensurate with experience. Closing date: July 31.
#100122-Construction Inspector, (Administrator II), Administration & Finance, Facility Services, salary commensurate with experience. Closing date: Aug. 4.
#100124-Advising Resource Specialist, (Student Services Professional II), College of Agriculture, $3,173-$4,278/month. Closing date: Aug. 6.

Burrell is interim director

Shel Burrell is serving as interim director of Career Services and Testing Services. She succeeds Richard Equino. Burrell has worked at Cal Poly for more than 30 years, serving as associate director of career services for 23 years.

Committee members sought

State, Foundation and ASI permanent or probationary staff employees are needed to fill vacancies on campuswide standing committees and the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee. Term dates and the number of vacancies are indicated in parenthesis.

• Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee (2003-2004) (2)
• Campus Fee Advisory Committee (2003-2004) (1)
• Status of Women Committee (2003-2005) (1)
• Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee (2003-2005) (1)
• University Committee on Committees (2003-2004) (1)
• University Diversity Enhancement Council (2003-2005) (1)

For information about the committees and an application form, go to the Human Resources Web site at http://www.qfd.calpoly.edu/hsi/index.html and click on the “News and Information” link.

Interested candidates must complete the form and fax it to ext. 6-5483, e-mail it to humanresources@calpoly.edu, or deliver it to Human Resources, Adm. 110, by July 31. For more information, call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472.

Griffin awarded promotion

Lanny Griffin (Materials Engineering) has been awarded promotion to the academic rank of professor, bringing the total number of promotions to 36, including 15 to professor, effective fall quarter 2003.