



# POLYLINK

4,500 ALUMNI AND COUNTING...  
ARE YOU IN YET?

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MORE THAN 4,000 ALUMNI have logged in and set up their personal pages on PolyLink, Cal Poly's Online Community, since it launched Sept. 5 at [www.calpolylink.com](http://www.calpolylink.com).

If you're an alum and haven't checked it out yet, **look on the address label on the back of this *Cal Poly Magazine* for your personalized first time login ID code.**

Who is already in PolyLink? So far, alums from the Class of 1948 to the Class of 2006 are posting greetings, mentoring, supplying photo albums and updating their class notes.

They're also posting job openings, looking for interns, and adding notes to the PolyLink message boards looking for old roommates and friends.

Alumni can also browse through PolyLink to find old friends or network with new ones.

One of the best reasons to log in is to see some of the amazing photos alumni are sharing.

**Matthew DuPuy's (CPE '02)** photo albums look like a *National Geographic* spread. The Matterhorn (the real one in

Switzerland – not the Disneyland version), Alaska's Denali, the ice fields on Mt. Everest – they're all there. In addition to working as an embedded software engineer in the San Diego area, DuPuy is a world traveler.

"I've been hiking up mountains all over the states with my dad since I was a little kid, but took on more serious climbing right after I finished at Cal Poly, thanks to the education that made it possible to afford my passion – or bad habit," DuPuy explained.

**Ryan Litke (BUS '01)** is one of DuPuy's climbing buddies and a former Cal Poly roommate. Litke, DuPuy and friends went to Nepal in 2006 and stopped at a Shiva temple in the heart of Katmandu. Many of the photos are in DuPuy's PolyLink album. "The 'Sadhus' men are covered with ash of human remains but the photo is still in the spirit of good fun," DuPuy said.

**Debora Owen (GRC '90)** shared some photos from another kind of adventure – a year spent as a Fulbright Teacher in a middle school in England in 2003-04. "I swapped lives with a counterpart in the United Kingdom. I lived in her house in



(Far L, L-R) Ryan Litke and Matthew DuPuy enjoy the company of new friends in Nepal (L) Loraine Miramontes Hall and 'Ceasar' have a day at the beach. (Bottom Left) Bob Pinkerton and his horse 'Red' out for a ride (Below) Debora Owen in England



Seascale – it's so tiny it doesn't always show up on maps. It's on the Irish Sea in the Lake District. I was one of only two teachers in the state of Alabama to receive a Fulbright that year," Owen said.

"It was a huge challenge, but a great experience," said Owen. She has since married and moved cross-country to Portland, Ore., where she is a middle school art teacher – definitely still an adventure.

In addition to their human friends, plenty of alumni are sharing photos of four-legged and furry friends.

**Bob Pinkerton's (AGB '67)** PolyLink album includes shots of Red, his 18-year-old American quarter horse gelding. "Red is truly that once-in-a-lifetime horse and really my pal," Pinkerton said.

"Red and I have worked a lot of cattle during the years. He was my partner when I was a team captain in the Ventura County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Whether we were on back-country patrols, crowd and traffic control, search missions or parades, Red was absolutely mission-focused and a true, dedicated partner. Now Red and I mostly trail-ride for our own pleasure."

The Pinkerton family, wife, **Donna (HE '67)**, and son **Rob Pinkerton (AGBM '95)**, went on a horseback camping trip in 2006 in the Sage Mountains northwest of Reno, in territory where wild Mustang herds still roam.

**Loraine Miramontes Hall (CRP '03)** has her dream job,



too – in city and regional planning. Hall works for a civil engineering firm in Gilroy as a land use planner. But it's her year-old French bulldog, Ceasar, she's focused on for her PolyLink photo albums.

"It was Ceasar's first day at the beach – a fabulous little beach named Talawa Sand Dunes in Crescent City," she said. "All day long Ceasar decided that he would rather roll around in the cool wet sand then play in the ocean waves."

Alumni can browse through hundreds of alumni photos anytime at [www.calpolylink.com](http://www.calpolylink.com). Sign in and click on the "Member Photo Albums" link that will appear in the gray navigation bar.

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