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DATELINE

More information about these and other Cal Poly events is accessible from the Cal Poly News Web site (www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu) and at www.calpolyarts.org, www.music.calpoly.edu, www.calpolymustangs.com and www.pacslo.org.
(\$) – Admission charged

Exhibits

UU Gallery: “A Life Through Tarot,” painting by student Rachelle Kam, May 10-31, reception 7-9pm May 13

Friday, May 7

Science, Math Research Conference: Fisher Science, 11am-2pm

Hearst Lecture: Phil Hawes on sustainability, Business 213, 2pm

Inaugural Hesser Lecture: Linda Darling-Hammond, “Rebuilding K-12 Education,” Business 213, 5pm

Entrepreneurial Leadership Awards: Fairways at Dairy Creek, 5pm

Play: “The Little Engine that Could,” Harman Hall, 7pm (\$)

Saturday, May 8

Guitar master class: With student performances, Davidson 216, 10am

Student recital: Ryan Putt, trombone, Davidson 218, 2pm

Recital: Cal Poly-CSUSB Combined Guitar Ensemble, Davidson 218, 7pm

Tuesday, May 11

Music: David Harris, BackStage Pizza, 11am

Wednesday, May 12

Music: Guy Budd, BackStage Pizza, 11am

Music: Blake Shelton, Rec Center, 7:30pm (\$)

Thursday, May 13

Physics Colloquium: Randy Knight, “Science and Sustainability,” Science E-45, 11am

Fashion show: Mental-health fundraiser, UU Plaza, 11am

Play: “The Glass Menagerie,” Theatre, 8pm (\$)

Friday, May 14

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UCTE’s Hesser Lectures debut with talk Friday

Nationally known educator Linda Darling-Hammond will present “Rebuilding K-12 Education in California” on Friday (May 7) as the inaugural lecture in the newly endowed Hesser Lecture Series of the University Center for Teacher Education.

Darling-Hammond’s talk will be at 5 p.m. in the Business Rotunda (Room 213). San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools Julian Crocker will also speak, commenting on local concerns.

UCTE alumni George and Yola Hesser have pledged \$250,000 to endow the lecture series, which will focus on major educational issues facing public schools and teacher education.

Darling-Hammond’s career has focused on school redesign, state education reform and issues of equity and access. She is a professor of education at Stanford and principal investigator for the School Redesign Network and the Stanford Educational Leadership Institute and served on a White House education advisory panel.

She was the founding executive director of the National Commission for Teaching and America’s Future, a blue-ribbon panel whose 1996 report, “What Matters Most: Teaching for America’s Future,” catalyzed major policy changes across the United States to improve the quality of teacher education and teaching.

The campus and public are invited to a pre-lecture reception to honor Darling-Hammond and the Hessers at 4 p.m. in the Cotchett Education Building foyer. For more information and to make a reservation for the reception, call ext. 7380. □

Foundation board’s annual meeting May 21

The Foundation board of directors will hold its annual meeting at 8:30 a.m. May 21 in Foundation Administration 124. The meeting is public. For more information or a copy of the agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 1131. □

Two buildings renamed to honor major donations

Two campus landmarks have been renamed to honor major donors:

• The Education Building is now the Cotchett Education Building in recognition of a \$7 million gift to support math and science teacher education.

• The Cal Poly Theatre will become the Alex and Fay Spanos Theatre on Friday to honor a \$1.5 million gift that will help renovate the theater and the H.P. Davidson Music Center.

Nationally prominent trial attorney and Cal Poly grad Joseph Cotchett and his wife, Victoria, made their gift to launch a model program to put more math and science teachers in classrooms in low-income neighborhoods. The Cotchett Education Building was renamed at a ceremony in April.

Cal Poly alumnus, entrepreneur and San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos and his wife, Faye, made their donation last year in memory of former music professor Davidson. Spanos was drum major for the Mustang Marching Band in the ’40s, when Davidson was the band leader.

More information about the gifts is available on the Cal Poly News Web site, calpolynews.calpoly.edu. □

Science & Math research conference set for Friday

The 4th annual College of Science and Mathematics Research Conference will be held Friday (May 7) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fisher Hall.

The campus and public are invited to attend and talk with students about their research efforts under way. The students will present research projects in biology, chemistry and biochemistry, math, physics and statistics.

For more information, contact biological sciences faculty member Elena Levine at elevine@calpoly.edu or chemistry and biochemistry faculty member Peggy Rice at ext. 1624. □

May 14 is deadline for staff scholarship

The deadline to submit an application for the 2004-05 Cal Poly Staff Scholarship is May 14.

Recipients must be a Cal Poly staff member or a dependent of a state, Foundation, or ASI staff member; be a full-time or part-time matriculated student in good standing at Cal Poly; and have been enrolled at least one quarter at the time of application during spring quarter.

Applicants must also submit two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty or staff member and one from a community member who can attest to the applicant's character, as well as a personal statement on educational and career goals.

The Cal Poly Staff Scholarship is supported by contributions from members of the campus community. Initial funding was provided by the former Cal Poly Staff Council. Additional financial support is needed and welcomed. Contributions may be made through payroll deduction or with a gift of cash.

For a scholarship application or more information about contributing, contact Pat Broering, Staff Scholarship Committee Chair, at ext. 6-1237 or by e-mail at pbroerin@calpoly.edu. □

Anxiety-disorder screening available today at UU

A free, confidential screening and information on the signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders are available 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today in the UU Plaza as part of National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day.

The screening includes a questionnaire and a private, confidential meeting with the Counseling Services staff. Appointments are not necessary. Participants learn about causes, symptoms and treatments.

Symptoms of anxiety, the most common mental illness in the United States, can include excessive worrying and feeling keyed up or restless.

The can also include phobias, anxiety attacks, obsessions or compulsions, muscle tension, unexplained heart palpitations, nervousness in social situations, problems with concentration, and sleeplessness.

Participants can discuss their test results with a mental health professional. For more information, contact Counseling Services at ext. 2511. □

Evaluation cycle begins

Human Resources reminds offices that the annual performance evaluation cycle process for staff employees begins in May. Permanent staff employees and temporary employees who worked during fiscal year 2003-04 should be evaluated. Probationary employees are not part of the annual cycle. They are evaluated according to their probationary cycle.

During May, employees are encouraged to complete a self-evaluation (HR form 138a). During June, supervisors should finalize evaluations and forward them to the appropriate program manager. Finalized evaluations, with a final employee signature, are due to Human Resources by July 30.

Employees represented by Academic Professionals of California are evaluated using the Unit 4 Performance Evaluation (HR form 140). The Staff Performance Appraisal (HR form 138) is to be used for all other represented and "Confidential" staff employees. [Evaluation forms and guidelines](#) are available in Human Resources, ext. 6-2236 or on the Web at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/forms/index.html>.

Detailed information on the annual performance evaluation cycle has been distributed to all managers and department chairs. Direct questions to your appropriate manager or department chair, or you may contact [Darcy Adams](#) in Human Resources via e-mail or at ext. 2472. □

Training for managing conflict offered May 12

A workshop designed to improve supervisors' skills in managing workplace conflict will be held 1-3:30 p.m. May 12 in UU 220. The session is open to anyone in a supervisory role. To register, contact the Office of Campus Relations at ext. 6770 or e-mail lcofer@calpoly.edu.

The workshop is part of Cal Poly's first annual [Conflict Resolution Day](#), which will include a variety of activities for employees and students highlighting approaches for dealing with conflict. Participants will have opportunities to practice verbal judo, walk a spiritual labyrinth, discuss with a trained counselor ways to resolve conflict, and listen to a panel of students who have practiced dispute-resolution techniques.

More information is on the [Campus Relations Web site](#), www.calpoly.edu/~ocr/. □

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's [online employment system](#), www.calpolyjobs.org.

#100286-Custodian pool, Student Affairs, Housing, temporary on-call through Sept. 30, up to 30 positions available, \$11.86-\$15.40/hour. Open until filled; review begins May 10.

#100299-Financial Aid Counselor (Student Services Professional II), Academic Affairs, Financial Aid, \$3,173-\$4,278/month. Closes May 25.

#100310-Administrative Support Assistant I, College of Liberal Arts, Graphic Communication, temporary half-time through 6/30/05, \$947.50-\$1,373/month. Closes May 11.

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#100298: Part-time Lecturer Pool, Animal Science Department (ext. 1241). Closes June 15.

#100301: Part-time Lecturer Pool, History Department (ext. 2670). Closes June 4.

#100318: Full-time Lecturer(s), Economics Area, Orfalea College of Business (ext. 2783). Review begins July 1.

#100319: Full-time Lecturer, English Department (ext. 5850). Review begins June 8. □

Cat Program raffle set

The nonprofit Cal Poly Cat Program will hold a spring raffle during May, with tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be June 1. All proceeds will go toward veterinary expenses and cat-shelter supplies. Donations are tax deductible.

Tickets can be bought from Elizabeth Ball, ext. 2548; Karleyne Binford, ext. 2195; Jane Brechler, ext. 2553; Geri Bolivar, ext. 2321; Edie Griffin-Shaw, ext. 5220; Gerry Mueller, ext. 6004; Ellen Notermann, ext. 1625; and John Sullivan, ext. 1717. For more information on the program or adoptions, contact Griffin-Shaw at ext. 5220. □

Trekkers open for K-4s

The Poly Trekkers school-age summer program, operated by the ASI Children's Center has openings for children who have completed kindergarten through fourth grade. Five two-week sessions will be offered. Call ext. 1267 for information and a registration packet. □

Cal Poly Report deadline

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