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News



NFL Alum Ramses Barden Still Scoring for Mustang Football

Alumnus Ramses Barden announced this week that he is going to donate a minimum of \$7,500 to the Mustang football program this season. The NFL player says that he'll donate \$1,000 for every Cal Poly Mustangs football victory and \$500 for every touchdown he scores this season for the New York Giants. He's challenging everyone to match him.

[Read more on Ramses Barden's Donation Drive](#)

Cal Poly Welcomes Zipcar Auto Sharing Program to Campus

Cal Poly welcomed Zipcar, the world's largest car-sharing service, to campus Oct. 22. The program will help the university reduce traffic congestion and demand for parking and further extend Cal Poly's commitment to sustainability while offering students and faculty a convenient, economical and environmentally friendly alternative to owning a car. Four self-service Zipcars – two Toyota Priuses and two Scion XBs – are available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The cars are located in reserved spaces in the A-1 parking lot and the H-2 parking lot. Faculty, staff and students 18 and older may participate in the program. Gas, maintenance, insurance and reserved parking are included in hourly and daily rates.

[Read more about Zipcar](#)

Faculty and Staff

Applications Available for International Faculty-Led Programs

International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach in the Australia Study Program in winter 2011, the Thailand Study Program and Cal Poly at Sea Program in spring 2011, and the London Study Program and Peru Study Program in summer 2011. Faculty application forms are available in deans' offices, at http://iep.calpoly.edu/iep_faculty/teaching_opportunities/faculty_led.html or in the International Education and Programs Office in the Mathematics and Science Building, Room 145. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 13.

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Joe Bischel

Joe Bischel, supervising building service engineer in Facilities Services, has qualified for family catastrophic leave.

Those wishing to donate vacation leave to help Bischel remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Laura McCarren in Facilities Services at ext. 6-5212 or by e-mail lmccarre@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Retirement Reception for Ken Kenyon and Nancy Loe Set for Nov. 5

Join the Kennedy Library staff and faculty in honoring Library Assistant Ken Kenyon and Librarian Nancy Loe on the occasion of their retirement from Special Collections and University Archives. Ken began work in the library as a student assistant in Learning Resources and Curriculum in the mid-1970s and has worked in Government Documents and Maps, Current Periodicals, and Special Collections and University Archives. Ken has served on the board of Moebius for the past five years. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English at Cal Poly. Nancy has served as Head of Special Collections and University Archives since 1982, the first professional archivist hired by the university. She has published and presented extensively on the life and work of California architect Julia Morgan and in 2001 wrote the centennial history of the university, "Cal Poly: The First Hundred Years." The reception will be held Nov. 5 from 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 409 of the Kennedy Library. To RSVP, contact Catherine Trujillo at ext. 6-6395 or ctrujill@calpoly.edu.

Did You Know? Great Deals on Surplus

Did you know that employees can get great deals on surplus campus property? Facilities Services regularly hosts a public auction of items. Some items currently up for auction are tennis rackets, a keyboard/synthesizer and a color printer. Visit http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/services/moving_surplus_warehouse.htm to learn more about the auction process, view auction items and start bidding.

Campus Announcements

Fall and Spring Commencement Set

Commencement dates for fall and spring have been set by the Commencement Committee. The committee requests that no competing activities be scheduled for any on-campus locations when about 30,000 commencement participants, candidates and guests will be on campus. The number taxes all campus facilities, especially parking and roadways. Fall commencement is set for Saturday, Dec. 12 and will require full use of Mott Gym and Chumash Auditorium. Spring commencement is set for Saturday, June 12 and will be held in the Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

WASC With Us!

Where do students learn? Want to know the answer? Read Cal Poly's self-study at www.wasc.calpoly.edu. Comment period ends Nov. 6.

HR Offers Employee Resource Guide

During challenging economic times, many of our family and friends are struggling with the financial and emotional aspects of a deep recession. Human Resources and Academic Personnel recognize that Cal Poly staff are not immune to the stresses related to the economic situation. HR has developed a resource guide with information, resources and helpful tips for employees called 'Surviving Tough Economic Times.' The guide is available at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/resourceguide1.asp>.

Curbside Grill Stop Schedule This Week

Curbside Grill, the newest restaurant on campus, is rolling out to various locations near you! Follow Curbside on Twitter at www.twitter.com/polydeals to receive location updates.

This Week's Schedule:

Breakfast: Monday-Thursday 7:30-9 a.m., California Blvd. and North Stadium;

Lunch: Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., near the Frank E. Pilling Building and the Graphic Arts Building;
Dinner: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., H2 parking lot; and
Late Night: Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:30p.m., Poly Canyon Village near the pool area.

Sidewalk Sale at El Corral Bookstore Ends Tomorrow

Visit El Corral Bookstore from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 29 in the breezeway. Save up to 75 percent on Cal Poly clothing and gifts, student supplies, computer peripherals, general books, textbooks, seasonal gift merchandise and more. Shop online at <http://www.elcorralbookstore.com>.

Information Session on Captioning Media Set for Tomorrow

ITS will host an information session in Phillips Hall from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 29. Learn more about Cal Poly's policies, guidelines and processes to provide universal access to media information posted on Web sites or Blackboard or used in classroom presentations. Luanne Fose and Dan Mull will share specific information about media captioning for Web-based video, podcasts, DVDs and more. A Q&A will follow the presentation. Captioning video not only benefits deaf and hearing-impaired populations; it also allows sighted visitors to read what they cannot hear in loud or crowded spaces. Captions can benefit beginning readers and people who are learning English as a second language or anyone who is searching for Web content that is video-based.

Zimbra E-mail and Calendar Outage Set for Sunday, Nov. 1

Zimbra E-mail and Calendar will be unavailable during a software upgrade between 6 a.m. and noon Sunday, Nov. 1. This update will fix several Zimbra Web calendar bugs, enable Outlook out-of-office notifications and significantly improve Zimbra calendar use for iCal/CalDAV users running Macintosh Leopard operating systems or newer. For more information about the changes, visit <http://email.calpoly.edu> after the upgrade. For the latest information on Nov. 1 system availability, visit the [My Cal Poly Portal](#) System Status channel.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for Nov. 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Albert B. Smith Alumni Center on the Cal Poly campus. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren, vice president for Advancement, at ext. 6-1445.

Get a Ham Radio License in One Day, Workshop Set for Nov. 7

The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club will host a one-day licensing session from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 in Engineering East, Room 129. The full-day class is \$25 and includes a test bank and snacks. The fee for the exam only is \$15 and the exam begins at 4 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a pencil, their Social Security number and two forms of ID (one with a photo). RSVP for attendance to calpolyradioclub@gmail.com. Learn more about the Amateur Radio Club at www.w6bhz.org

Events

Cal Poly's Hosting Jewish-Arab Comedy Duo Tomorrow

Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives series will present a performance Thursday, Oct. 29 by comedy duo Azhar Usman and Rabbi Bob Alper. The event, titled "Laugh in Peace: Understanding and Appreciating Diversity," is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

[More on Usman and Alper](#)

Get Your HANDs on Health this Halloween

Cal Poly's STRIDE will host its first annual HANDS on Health collaborative event Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, showcasing health in a fun and interactive way. The entire county is invited to partake in this free event on the Cal Poly campus. It will showcase national and regional research in health, nutrition and fitness for an audience of educators, medical professionals, students and scientists.

[More on HANDs on Health](#)

See Children's Classic 'Charlotte's Web' On Stage Nov. 1

Cal Poly Arts presents the stage adaptation of the beloved children's literature classic "Charlotte's Web" on Nov. 1. The ever-popular Theatreworks USA returns with E.B. White's beloved story about Wilbur the pig and a little gray spider named Charlotte. "Charlotte's Web" began its national tour in 1993 and has been one of Theatreworks USA's most requested productions, as audiences treasure this tale of bravery, selfless love and the true meaning of friendship.

[More on 'Charlotte's Web'](#)

Job Vacancies

There are no vacancies at this time.

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