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News

Cal Poly Earns Top Grades for Sustainability

GreenReportCard.org has named Cal Poly a Campus Sustainability Leader for 2010 for its ongoing efforts in sustainable campus practices – the only California State University campus to earn the award. Cal Poly moved up to an overall B+ for 2010 on the annual College Sustainability Report Card, from a B- in 2009. The university was graded on eight of nine possible categories. It earned As in Administration, Climate Change & Energy, Student Involvement and Transportation and Bs for Food & Recycling.

[More on Cal Poly's Sustainability Report Card](#)

Fibre Channel Pioneer Kumar Malavalli to Speak on Campus This Week



Kumar Malavalli, considered one of the originators of high-speed Fibre Channel computer networking technology, will speak at Cal Poly on Thursday, Oct. 15 as part of the Orfalea College of Business Distinguished Guest Speaker Series. Malavalli is chairman and chief security officer of data protection specialist InMage Systems and chairman of data security solution provider CryptoMill Technologies. He was a co-founder of Brocade Communications Systems, the leader in storage-area switching. He's a 2003 inductee into the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.

[More on Malavalli](#)

Cal Poly To Help Improve K-12 Teaching with Shared \$12.6M Grant

Cal Poly has received a shared \$12.6 million grant to strengthen the quantity of successful techniques in K-12 teacher preparation with special focus in math, sciences and special education. Cal Poly is partnering with CSU Monterey Bay and CSU Bakersfield in the grant program, which will focus on high-needs schools in Central California. The \$12.6 million grant will be spread over the next five years to fund the Central California Partnership for Teacher Quality Programs (CCP-TQP). The Tulare County Office of Education and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools are also participating in the program.

[Details on the teaching grant](#)

Graphics Students Get the Benefit of Ricoh Support

As part of the Partners in Education Program, Ricoh Americas Corporation donated a fully-configured Pro C900S digital color production printing system valued at more than \$155,000 to the Graphic Communication Department. The system will also be used by students in University Graphic Systems, a student-run printing and publishing company.

[Read more about Ricoh's donation](#)

Campus Q&A - Trademark Licensing

Q: Does Cal Poly have a trademark licensing program?

A: Yes. Cal Poly implemented a trademark licensing program to promote and protect the university's marks. Anyone seeking to produce any product with Cal Poly trademarks must use a licensed manufacturer. For more information about the program, contact Karen Webb at kwebb@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2171.

Faculty and Staff

Statistics Professor Wins National Teaching Award

Cal Poly Professor Allan Rossman (Statistics) was recently awarded the *Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics* by the Mathematical Association of America. Each year as many as three people are given this national award, which honors college or university teachers that have been widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have influence beyond their institution. The award will be presented at the Joint Mathematics Meetings to be held in San Francisco in January. At the award dinner, Rossman will give a 20-minute talk about teaching, titled "Ask Good Questions."



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, online 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.

Promotions

Craig Arceneaux, College of Liberal Arts - named chair of the Political Science Department, effective Sept. 1; **Shawn Burn**, College of Liberal Arts - named acting chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department, effective Sept. 14; and **William Martinez, Jr.**, College of Liberal Arts - named chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, effective Sept. 14.

Did You Know? Let's Do Lunch

Did you know that any faculty or staff member can call in a lunch order to ext. 6-5950 through Campus Express Club? Faculty and staff that order lunch before 10:30 a.m. will receive a 15 percent discount, and orders are delivered between 11 a.m. and noon. Order lunch, sit back and relax and leave the driving to Campus Dining.

Campus Announcements

WASC with Us! We Need Your Input

Our Polytechnic Identity, Learn-by-Doing, Integration and Student Learning, Teacher-Scholar Model -- we've heard these phrases. But what do they mean to you, and what should they mean for Cal Poly? The campus self-study addresses these themes, and we need your opinion. Participate by commenting on the draft report, available online

at www.wasc.calpoly.edu, or come to an Open Forum Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 1-2 p.m. in UU 220.

Corporation Offers Forms Workshops Today and Thursday

The Cal Poly Corporation is will offer workshops on their updated travel forms and documentation. The workshops will run from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 14, and from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 135. The workshops are designed for staff members who prepare Corporation and/or Foundation Travel Requests and Travel Claims. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Call ext. 6-1451 for a reservation.

CLFSA to Hold Second Annual Convocation Tomorrow

The Chicana Latino Faculty Association (CLFSA) will hold its Second Annual Convocation for all Latino student organizations and interested faculty Thursday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the O'Neill Green. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Join us to meet and learn more about Cal Poly Latino students and their organizations. For more information, contact Jose Montelongo at jmontelo@calpoly.edu.

Spain Study Abroad Program Resident Director Applications Due Thursday

The Cal Poly Valladolid Fall Program invites faculty to apply for the Resident Director (RD) and/or for faculty positions to teach the fall 2010 program. Interested faculty can contact William Martinez at ext. 6-1212 or wmartine@calpoly.edu for applications and information materials. The deadline for RD applications is Thursday, Oct. 15. Deadline for faculty positions is Oct. 30. For information about the program, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/spain>.

Savings Plus Program Financial Planning Workshops Set for Oct. 19

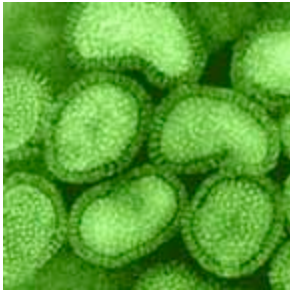
Human Resources will host three one-hour financial planning workshops Oct. 19 in the Administration and Finance Training Room (Building 36, Room 105). The workshops include: New Enrollment (basics of tax-deferred savings accounts) 10 a.m.; Asset Allocation (how to choose an investment strategy) 11 a.m.; and Approaching Retirement (how to manage your money after retirement) 1 p.m.

The Savings Plus Program is a long-term savings program designed to supplement employees' retirement income. Eligible employees have two plans from which to choose – 401(k) Thirft Plan and a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Both plans offer convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. Employees must be a state CalPERS member or a re-hired annuitant (FERP employees are not eligible) to enroll. For detailed information about the workshops, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html>. Employees unable to attend but interested in more information can email sppttraining2@dpa.ca.gov, call 866-566-4777 or visit <http://www.sppforu.com>.

Cal Poly state employees are also eligible to participate in the 403(b) Tax Shelter Annuity program. To review all three plans, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefitprogtaxdefsav.asp?pid=3>.

Inclusive Excellence Training Assessment Workshops Set for Oct. 21 and 27

Cal Poly will offer a number of workshops on Inclusive Excellence over the course of the next year. The Diversity Training Task Force will assess training materials and trainers for these campuswide workshops. Two different providers will deliver a sample of their particular style of inclusive excellence training. The first presenter is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 12:30 - 5 p.m. in the right wing of the Chumash Auditorium. Light snacks will be served. The final workshop will take place Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in UU-220. Faculty and staff should check with their supervisors to obtain approval for participation. For more information and to register to attend one or more of the workshops, contact Kim Wilson at ext. 6-7282.



Get Your Seasonal Flu Shot Oct. 21

Employment Equity has partnered with Maxim Health Systems to offer the annual Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic for Faculty and Staff on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in UU-220. Both seasonal influenza (\$25) and pneumonia (\$45) immunizations will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and will be administered by health professionals. Check or cash accepted for payment. Please note **this is not an H1N1 (swine flu) immunization**. If you are interested in an H1N1 immunization, contact your personal health care provider. For additional information, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

Cat Program to Hold Annual Car Wash Fundraiser Oct. 24

The nonprofit Cal Poly Cat Program (CPCP) will hold its Annual Car Wash FUN-Raiser Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sunset North Car Wash, 1023 Marsh St. in San Luis Obispo. Fifteen percent of the day's gross sales will be donated to CPCP. Tickets can be purchased at the car wash Oct. 24 or can be bought in advance and used when convenient. This is also Cal Poly's "Make a Difference Day," and a Cal Poly student group will be working with the cat group to help raise money for the program.

Proceeds pay for veterinary expenses and cat shelter supplies. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, contact Ellen Notermann at ext. 6-1625. For more information about volunteering or adoption, contact Edie Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220.



Events



University Art Gallery Now Showing Faculty Work

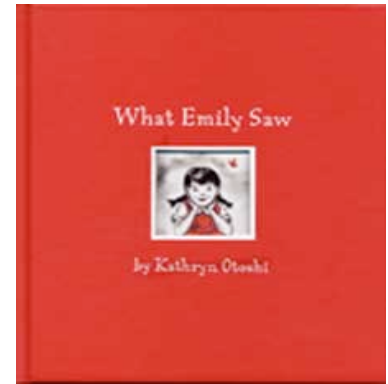
The University Art Gallery's current exhibition showcases new creative research and artwork in graphic design, photography, drawing, painting, glassblowing, installation and art history. The exhibit runs through Oct. 31, and the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dexter Building, Room 171. New sculpture lecturer Brian Priest's work includes a piece that compresses the entire dictionary spoken into one sound. Professor Bob Howell and Assistant Professor Tera Galanti collaborated on a video and sound installation that is activated by an infrared sensor. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jeff Van Kleeck, University Art Gallery coordinator, at ext. 6-1571 or jvanklee@calpoly.edu.

Sustainability Fair and Conversation with Michael Pollan Set for Oct. 15

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium (SARC) will host "A Conversation with Michael Pollan" on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Sidney Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public and follows the SARC Sustainability Fair scheduled for 10 a.m. in the PAC lobby. No tickets are required, but seating is limited. The event will feature nationally recognized author, journalist, teacher and sustainable foods advocate Michael Pollan in a panel discussion with world renowned agricultural leaders, including Gary Smith, Monfort Endowed Chair in meat science at Colorado State University, and Myra Goodman, co-founder of Earthbound Farm Organic. [Read more about the upcoming panel discussion](#)

Art and Design to Host Author and Alumna Kathryn Otoshi Oct. 16

Award-winning author and illustrator Kathryn Otoshi (Art and Design, '92) will sign copies of her children's books at a reception in her honor from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 16 in Spanos Theatre, where an exhibition of Otoshi's original drawings from her books is currently on display. For more information, contact Jeff Van Kleeck at ext. 6-1571.

**Hear Family Artist Bill Harley in Concert Oct. 16**

In audiences filled with parents and their children, it's hard to tell who is enjoying Bill Harley more. Standing center stage with lovable charm and a guitar, this Grammy Award-winning storyteller's songs, comic ditties and rousing ballads touch the heart and the funny bone – and his simple life lessons are the gems beneath the giggles.

[More on the Bill Harley concert](#)

**Cal Poly Homecoming 2009 Set for October 16, 17**

Mark your Calendar: Cal Poly's annual Homecoming celebration is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17. Cal Poly will take on Southern Utah University Oct. 17 in Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Enjoy the annual Tailgate BBQ and Cal Poly Alumni Association Wine tasting on the O'Neill Green before the game. Tickets to the barbecue and wine tasting sell out in the weeks before Homecoming every year, and game tickets are at a premium. Watch the [Homecoming Web site](#) for the start of ticket sales and more information in fall 2009.

[Visit the Homecoming Web site](#)

See Silent Classic 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'**'20s Style: With Live Organ at the PAC Oct. 17**

In partnership with the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival, Cal Poly Arts will screen a silent classic accompanied by organist Bob Mitchell on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Christopher Cohan Center. The most famous adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel, this early 1923 silent version stars Lon Chaney, Sr., as the deformed and misunderstood Quasimodo. Enjoy this beautifully preserved epic on the big screen, accompanied by the grand improvisational organ skills of 97 year-old virtuoso Bob Mitchell on the Forbes Pipe Organ.

[More on the 'Hunchback' screening](#)

Cal Poly MultiCultural Center to Celebrate 12th Annual CultureFest on Oct. 18

The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's 12th annual CultureFest will be held Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in San Luis Obispo's Mitchell Park. CultureFest is an annual celebration of diversity and culture within the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo community. This year's CultureFest theme is "Construction of Culture."

[More on CultureFest](#)

Job Vacancies

#101963 – Pre-Doctoral Intern, Helper Aid, Student Affairs, Health & Counseling Services, three positions, temporary through June 30, 2011, \$18,000 stipend over 12 months or \$1,500/month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 21.

#101968 – Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Architecture and Environmental Design-Advancement, \$2,808-\$4,212/month. Closes: Oct. 22.

****This Internal Recruitment is open to Cal Poly Employees Only** (State, Corporation, and ASI)**

#101969 – Administrative Support Assistant II, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Architectural Engineering, \$2,505-\$3,758/month. Anticipated hiring range: \$2,505-\$2,880/month. Closes: Oct. 26.

#101971 – Clinical Laboratory Scientist II, Student Affairs, Health Services, One (1) Full-Time 10/12 position available, \$3,868-\$6,190/month. Anticipated hiring range: \$3,868-\$4,061/month. Up to three temporary on-call positions available through June 30, 2011, \$26.78-\$42.85/hour. Anticipated hiring range: \$26.78-\$33/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 23.

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