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## Passings: Retired Professor, Dean Carl Cummins

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Retired Industrial Technology Professor Carl C. Cummins of San Luis Obispo, died Thursday, Jan. 3. Cummins came to Cal Poly in 1958 to head up the newly formed Industrial Technology Department.

In 1961 he was appointed as Dean of the College of Applied Arts and served for 25 years until his retirement. He continued to teach part time in the College of Engineering until 1998.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army with the 24th Division as an infantry platoon leader. He was professor at San Diego State University before joining the Cal Poly faculty.

He was a frequent attendee at the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' Annual Ranch Breakfast and was often the first volunteer to show up in the early morning, according to retired Agriculture Education Professor Joe Sabol.

"He was always reminding us that he wanted to be kept on the list to serve breakfast to the Ag Teachers in June," Sabol recalled, adding that Cummins passing is the loss of a "Cal Poly pioneer."



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