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# Cal Poly Report - December 9, 2009

## News



### President Warren J. Baker Announces Retirement

Warren J. Baker announced that he is retiring as president of Cal Poly after more than 30 years. CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed praised Baker's accomplishments as visionary and enduring. "Over three decades, Warren Baker has provided visionary leadership for Cal Poly and served the CSU system very capably. Under Warren's direction, Cal Poly emerged as one of the nation's premier polytechnic universities, with an outstanding reputation for graduating students who are highly sought after by employers. Warren is also admired by his colleagues around the United States for his leadership on policy issues, especially in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and research. His extraordinarily thoughtful, incisive and results-oriented approach to leadership has resulted in a significant legacy that will

continue to benefit Cal Poly, the CSU and the nation for many years to come," Reed said.

[Read the news release about President Baker's retirement](#)

[Read President Baker's E-mail to campus](#)

### Annual Cal Poly Poinsettia Sale Under Way

Cal Poly's annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 2,500 plants with 30 varieties and many colors, began Dec. 1 and will continue through mid-December at Poly Plant Shop. The holiday flowering plants are grown by students in the university's Poinsettia Agriculture Enterprise Project, which begins in the spring of each year.

[More on the poinsettia sale](#)



## Faculty and Staff

### Catastrophic Leave Drive Request for Teresa Lowry

Teresa Lowry, administrative support coordinator in the Evaluations Office, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate sick and/or vacation leave to help Lowry remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Patty Warnick-Wait, Office of the Registrar, at ext. 6-2733 or [pwarnick@calpoly.edu](mailto:pwarnick@calpoly.edu) to request a donation form.

### Leah Kolt to Retire

Leah Kolt, who has served the past seven years as Cal Poly's Director of Public Affairs, plans to retire early in 2010. Her last working day will be this Friday, Dec. 11. Please join the Advancement Division in thanking Leah for her service to Cal Poly and wishing her well in her new endeavors.

[Read Vice President Sandra Ogren's note to Advancement staff regarding Kolt's retirement](#)

## Roxy Peck to Retire

After an outstanding career at Cal Poly, Roxy Peck, associate dean for the College of Science and Mathematics, has decided to retire at the close of fall quarter. The College of Science and Mathematics invites Peck's friends and colleagues to a reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 9, from noon to 2 p.m. in Fisher Hall, Room 285. Peck joined the Cal Poly community in 1979 as a faculty member in the Statistics Department. She served as department chair for the Statistics Department from 1990-96 and as associate dean for the past 13 years. Peck is a recipient of Founders Award from the American Statistical Association in recognition of service to the profession, particularly in area of statistics education, and has been named a fellow by the American Statistical Association and the International Statistical Association.

## Nancy Reynolds to Retire

After nearly 27 years of service to the campus, Nancy Reynolds is retiring from her position as assistant director of Fiscal Services. Reynolds began her career with the Cal Poly Corporation in 1983, later moving to work in Fiscal Services. During her career, Reynolds was instrumental in the successful conversion and implementation of several large-scale administrative systems on the campus and has been a key player in transitioning the university's Student Financial Services area from paper to electronic and Web processes. The Fiscal Services Department staff invites the campus community to a retirement reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 129. Join us in wishing Nancy well in her new adventures.

## Joan Kunkler to Retire

Join Kennedy Library faculty and staff in honoring Library Assistant Joan Kunkler on her retirement. A reception will be held in her honor, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 3:15 p.m. on the second floor of the library in the Learning Commons Café. RSVP to ext. 6-2345 by Monday, Dec. 14. Kunkler began working in the library in 1979 as a bindery clerk when the library was located in the Dexter Building. She transferred to "Learning Resources and Curriculum" as a copy cataloger and took over running that department in 2000. She has served as the library representative for Week of Welcome, Open House and the Preface program. Currently, Joan works as a cataloger in the Collection Management unit and provides reference service through the library's online chat.

## Did You Know? Strange and Beautiful

Did you know that the campus has a plant conservatory that is home to some strange and unusual plant species? The Cal Poly Plant Conservatory houses succulents, orchids, native and aquatic plants. Visit the [Plant Conservatory Web site](#) to learn more about the unusual variety of plants and trees that live at Cal Poly.

## Campus Announcements

### New Draft of Strategic Plan Available for Review, Comment

Cal Poly faculty and staff members are invited to review and comment on the latest draft of the university's next Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan provides a road map for the university over the next half-decade, with values, decisions and a list of actions aimed at maintaining Cal Poly's standing as a premier, comprehensive polytechnic institution with emphasis on hands-on learning. The Provost's Office developed an initial draft Strategic Plan in Fall 2008 and distributed it for review and comment early this year. Feedback was collected from the campus community and from Cal Poly's external stakeholders. Several subsequent drafts have been prepared and presented to individual college leadership, university administrators and the President's Cabinet. The latest draft incorporates that combined feedback. Now, we need your input on this latest version. To read through the plan and offer your feedback, visit: <http://www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/StrategicPlan/index.html>. Comments on the latest

draft of the plan will be accepted through December.

### Read the WASC Self-Study

What are the distinguishing challenges of being a highly rated, comprehensive polytechnic university? Is learn-by-doing different at Cal Poly than at other institutions? How successful are we at implementing the teacher-scholar model? How do we more effectively integrate the educational experiences of our students? These are some of the questions posed by Cal Poly's self-study, a draft of which was made available to the campus in November. The first report has just been sent to WASC; read it online at <http://wasc.calpoly.edu/cpr/index.html>. The visiting team will be on campus Feb. 10-12.



### It's the Real Thing: Creamery's Annual Holiday Cheese Sale

The historic Cal Poly Creamery is once again offering gift packs of its student-made cheeses for the holidays. The seven varieties for sale are Gouda, Smoked Gouda, Mustang Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Chipotle Jack, San Luis Lace and reduced-fat Lace. The Gouda and San Luis Lace are award-winning cheeses. All are available for order through Dec. 12 at [www.calpolycheese.com](http://www.calpolycheese.com). [Read more about the cheese sale](#)

### 'Tis the Season for Cal Poly Eggnog

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Cal Poly is producing eggnog for the holiday season. The university will sell the sweet treat at all local Spencer's Markets and at Campus Market. Dairy Science Department Head Bruce Golden said the Cal Poly Creamery is trying to increase its overall dairy sales by offering new consumer products. "We're looking at creative ways to utilize and capitalize on milk produced by our dairy herd."

[Read more about Cal Poly Holiday Eggnog](#)

### Cal Poly Farm Hosts U-Pick Through December

The Cal Poly citrus, avocado and deciduous farm enterprise invites the public to come pick fresh and delicious Cal Poly mandarins every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 31. Other fruit is also available for purchase, such as Hachiya persimmons, Payne walnuts, and Lisbon lemons. To find us, follow U-Pick signs from the intersection of Santa Rosa Street and Highland Drive. The U-Pick and fruit sales will be held on the south side of Highland Drive. For more information about future U-Picks, call ext. 6-2224 and dial 2, or e-mail questions to [cpcitrusandavo@yahoo.com](mailto:cpcitrusandavo@yahoo.com).

### Cal Poly Corporation Board Meeting Set for Dec. 11

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

### Nominate Faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Visit the Distinguished Scholarship Award [Web site](#) for more information. Nominations are due by Jan. 15.

## Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2009-10 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 19. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, Corporation, or ASI who are in their third year of employment as of Dec. 31 and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Former recipients of the award are not eligible. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form can be found at: <http://outstandingstaff.calpoly.edu>

## Nominations Sought for Student Employee Award

Faculty and staff can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2009-10 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six months part-time student employment during the academic year – June 22, 2009 to June 12, 2010. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and CP Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

The winner will be announced in April and entered into the state competition with a chance to go to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced during National Student Employment Week which is the second week of April. To print the 2009-10 OSEY nomination form, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/forms.asp?form=20> Submit forms to Luann McDonald in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 10.

## Events

### Mid-Year Commencement Set for Dec. 12

On Saturday, Dec. 12, nearly 600 Cal Poly students are expected to graduate in three ceremonies at the university's annual Fall Commencement. Students from the Orfalea College of Business and the College of Engineering will graduate in a 9 a.m. ceremony. Students from the College of Liberal Arts and College of Architecture and Environmental Design will graduate in a 1 p.m. ceremony. And students from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics will graduate in the last ceremony of the afternoon, at 4 p.m. All ceremonies will be held in Mott Gym.

[Read more about the commencement](#)



### Civic Ballet's "The Nutcracker" Dances Dec. 12 & 13 at the PAC



The Civic Ballet presents everyone's favorite holiday tradition, "The Nutcracker," with afternoon and evening performances Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13, plus a Sugar Plum Tea Party both days, in the Cohan Center. Audiences of all ages will marvel at the magic and wonder of this spectacular, professional production that has delighted the Central Coast for more than 30 years.

[More on 'The Nutcracker'](#)

## Job Vacancies

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and

complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

**#101980 – Pharmacy Technician**, Student Affairs, Health Services, \$2,565-\$4,102/month. Anticipated hiring range: \$2,565-\$2,821/month. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 12.

**#101981 – Administrative Support Assistant II**, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, City & Regional Planning, temporary half-time through June 30, with possible extension, \$1,252.50-\$1,879/month. Closes: Dec. 18.

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